

# MAHESHRAJ SALUNKE

T A B L A & D H A M A - J O R I  
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## ABOUT:

**Maheshraj Salunke** is a distinguished Tabla and Dhama Jori artist, recognized as the only musician to perform both instruments simultaneously in Solo and Accompaniment settings. His exceptional command over rhythm and deep-rooted training under the guidance of **Pt. Shankar Kumbhar (Panjab Gharana)**, **Pt. Umeshji Moghe (Delhi Gharana)** and **Pt. Nayan Ghosh (Farukhabad Gharana)** have shaped him into a versatile and sought-after percussionist in the Indian classical music fraternity.

Maheshraj Salunke is a dedicated and versatile musician actively engaged in the Indian classical music circuit.

With a deep-rooted commitment to classical music and an extensive performance history, Maheshraj continues to contribute to the propagation and enrichment of **India's rich musical heritage.**

## **ACCOMPANIED EMINENT ARTISTS:**

### **Vocalists:**

Pt. Babanrao Haldankar, Pt. kedar bodas, Pt. Hemant Pendse, Pt. Vijay Koparkar, Pt. Balasaheb Waikar, Pt. Raghunath Khandalkar, Pt. Shankarao Vairagkar, Pt. Rajendra Kandalgaokar, Pt. kumar Mardur, Pt. Sanjay Garud, Vidushi Manali Bose, Vidhushi Sangita Bandopadhyay, Vidushi Kaber Dhar Basu (Drupad) , Vidushi Sandhya kathgote , Pt Ram Deshpande, Pt. Mohan Kumar Darekar, Pt. Rattan Mohan Sharma , Pt. Suresh Patki, Vidushi Saniya Patankar, Vidushi Urvashi Shah, Pt.Sant Kumar

### **Instrumental:**

Ustad Shahid Pervej, Pt. Ken Zukerman, Pt Nayan Ghosh, vidushi Sahana Banerjee, Pt. Keshav Ginde, Pt. Ajay Prasann, Pt. Atul Kumar Upadhyay , Pt. Vikas Babu, Pt. Kalyan Apar Pt. Rupak Kulkarni, Pt. Rajendra Kulkarni, Pt. Suvir Mishra, Pt. Prakash Hegde, Anupam Joshi, Nitish Purohit, Prashekh Borkar, Abhishek Borkar, Shakir Khan, Nikhil Patvardhan, Nikhil Ghivlikar, Kalyani Deshpande , Ninad Daithankar, Apurva Petkar, Chintan Katti, Tejas Upadhyay SatyendraSingh Solanki, Azharuddin Shaikh, Sarang Kulkarni, Malvika Chopra, Omkar Agnihotri

### **Ghazal & Light Music:**

Ustad Anwar Qureshi, Dattprasad Ranade (Ghazal Shuda), Bhavik Rathod, Prajakta Savarkar, Nagesh Adgaokar, Umeshraj Salunke, Narsing & Asavari Desai, Ramankat & Gayatri Gaikwad, Anjali & Nandini Gaikwad, Kalyanji, Kaustubh Kartiki Gaikwad, Suranjan Shubham Khandalkar, Swarali Joshi, Shankar Giri

### **Tabla Jugalbandi:**

Pt. Ravishankar Upadhyay, Sukhad Munde, Omkar Dalvi, Deepak Dhasvadkar, Gaurav & Saurav Upadhyay Amol mali, Shubham Ugale

## NOTABLE CONCERTS & ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Dwarka Krishna Mandir (2018)
- Ustad Shahid Parvez Khan (2019) – Performed in Pondicherry, Chennai, and Bangalore (5 concerts).
- Pandit Nayan Ghosh (2023) – Pune & Hyderabad.
- Maluha Band (2023) – Dubai.
- Ambabai Mahotsav, Miraj (2024) – Featured artist.
- Ayodhya Ram Mandir (2024)
- Sawai Gandharva Mahotsav, Kundgol (2024)
- Sarod Maestro Pt. Ken Zuckerman (2025)
- Pandit Rupak Kulkarni (2025) – Rithwik Foundation for Performing Arts, Pune
- Udapi Krishna Mandir (2025)
- Tabla Symphony with Ishan Ghosh – Special collaborative performance.
- Bhajan Recordings – Recorded around 100 devotional songs.
- Maluha Band Studio Recordings – Contributed to multiple recordings.

## CONTRIBUTIONS:

- Dedicated performances for mentally challenged individuals, differently-abled audiences, and cancer patients as part of his social outreach.
- Expertise in accompanying all forms of Indian music and dance, including Vocal, Instrumental, and Kathak dance.
- The **Swar Milap Sangeet Sabha** has been running successfully for the past 8 years by Maheshraj featuring performances by approximately 90 artists from across India.
- **Vrundavane Music Academy** trains 80+ students worldwide, with 6 completing Tabla Visharad under Maheshraj's guidance.

## AWARDS:

- Pt.Pannalal Ghosh Scholarship - (2013)
- Bharatratna Pt.Bhimsen Joshi Scholarship - (2014)
- MA Gold Medallist from Pune University - (2015)
- Sangeet Milan Award - (2015)
- TABLA NAWAJ Of INDIA - (2016) –LUCKNOW
- Zee Yuva Sangeet Samrat Fame - (2017)
- Tabla Alankar - (2018)
- Pandit Chigari Guruji Tabla Award (2020) – Latur
- Percussion Prodigy Award (2025) – Bengaluru
- Naad Kanak Award (2025) – Sirsi

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