

Ravi Chary – The Sitarist

Ravi Chary is the **first sitarist** to have emerged from the **Goan** landscape. He is a sought after performing artiste, both as a soloist and in collaboration with artistes from diverse musical backgrounds.

Details of his ongoing journey to **sitardom**:

Lineage – Ravi Chary is the son of the late **Pt. Prabhakar Chari**, a noted tabla player, academician & musicologist of Goa.

Music Gurus - His father was undoubtedly his first guru who encouraged him to learn the **tabla** and **harmonium** as proficiently as the **sitar**. His foray into learning the nuances of the sitar began with the renowned **Ustad Abdul Karim Khan** in Goa, following which he came to Mumbai to learn from the illustrious **Ustad Abdul Halim Jaffer Khan**. He continues his journey in sitardom under the tutelage of the Sitar Supremo - **Ustad Shahid Parvez Khan**.

Gharana – Ravi's training is varied, but a large extent of it is in the **Etawah** Gharana.

Memorable Performances - Ravi has had the privilege of performing with some of the best Indian musicians - **Ustad Allarakha Khan, Gaan Saraswati Kishori Amonkar, Vidwan Vikku Vinayakram, Ustad Zakir Hussain, Sri Umayalpuram Sivaraman, Pt. Suresh Talwalkar, Ustad Sultan Khan, Louiz Banks, Ranjit Barot, Fazal Qureshi, Taufiq Qureshi, Sivamani** to name a few.

Collaborations – Ravi has performed alongside artistes with different musical styles globally. These include the virtuoso percussionist - **Trilok Gurtu** and established foreign artistes like **Salif Keita, Kai Eckhardt, Angélique Kidjo, Ben Watkins, Pacco Sairre, Kudsi Eulgnr & Robert Miles**.

His musical synergies have translated well in various mediums - live performances, music albums, festivals and television.

Ravi featured on the Grammy nominated album "**Miles from India**" along with an ensemble of over 30 musicians. **Louiz Banks, Wallace Roney, Jimmy Cobb, Chick Corea, John McLaughlin** amongst others paid tribute to the world renowned jazz legend **Miles Davis**.

Ravi has recorded with Trilok Gurtu for his fusion and contemporary jazz albums - **The Glimpse, African Fantasy, Beat of Love, Broken Rhythm, Moving Images**.

He featured on a number of songs produced by Leslie Lewis & Karsh Kale for **MTV Coke Studio** and also performed with the rock band Zero for the television series – **The Dewarists**.

His affinity for collaborating on jazz projects showed when Ravi recorded with the famed spanish jazz band - **Jaume Vilaseca Quartet** on their albums - **Mumbai & Coming Home** and toured with them across various festivals spanning 5 countries.

International Festivals – Ravi has toured extensively with various groups and foreign artistes and performed at the following festivals –

World of Music, Arts & Dance (WOMAD)
Rhythm Sticks Festival
Glastonbury Festival
Bumbershoot - Seattle's Music & Arts Festival
San Javier International Jazz Festival
Festival Mas i Mas
Festival de Jazz, ALCÚDIA
Festival de Jazz - Spanish Sound Fest
Jarasum International Jazz Festival
Barranquijazz Festival
Cali Jazz Festival
Bogota Festival
ISCMS Istanbul Festival

Crossover to World Music - Ravi's debut world music album is **Ravi Chary Crossing**.

The title conceived by the **Tabla Maestro Ustad Zakir Hussain** aptly describes Ravi's initiation in the genre of Indo Jazz Fusion, after having established himself as a sitarist of international repute.

The GIMA nominated album features an eclectic mix of Indian musicians - Louiz Banks, Ranjit Barot, Sivamani, Fazal Qureshi, Taufiq Qureshi, Sridhar Parthasarthy, Gino Banks, Satyajit Talwalkar, Sheldon D'Silva, Aditya Kalyanpur, Mukul Dongre, Dhruv Ghanekar, Harmit Manseta, Sangeet Haldipur, Amit Heri, Merlin D'Souza & Rhys Sebastian.

Global Footprint – Ravi has travelled the world with his music. He has made his musical mark in the following places - Australia, Austria, Bangkok, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Dubai, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK & USA

Awards & Recognition – For his musical pursuits, Ravi has received a fellowship from the ministry of HRD - Government of India, a Naad Chintamani award from the Kerala state government and a Surmani award.