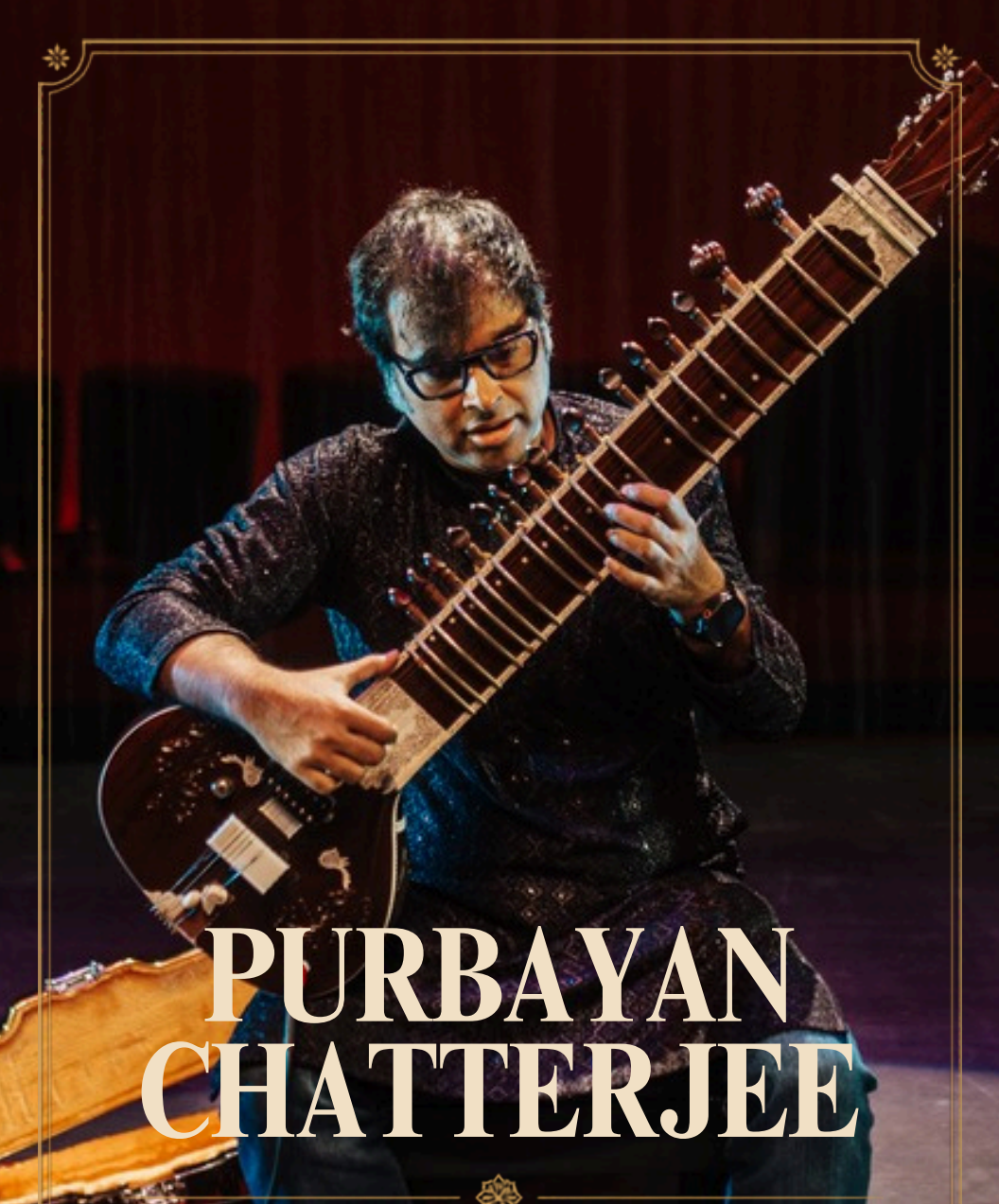
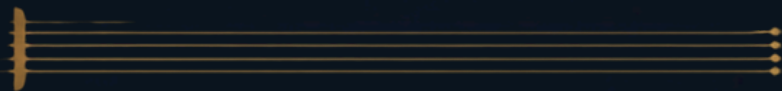




PURBAYAN CHATTERJEE

SITAR MAESTRO • COMPOSER • CULTURAL INNOVATOR



Artist Press Kit

India



THE ARTIST

President of India awardee, Purbayan Chatterjee is known as India's leading sitar maestro, building bridges between Indian classical music and global genres. Rooted in the Senia Maihar Gharana, he is the founder and musical force behind Classicool.

His artistic training began with his father and first guru, Pt. Parthapratim Chatterjee, and continued with the legendary sarod maestro Ustad Ali Akbar Khan. He has also trained in vocal music under Pt. Ajoy Chakrabarty and in tabla under Pt. Anindo Chatterjee.

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*Classical in
foundation.
Exploratory
in form.*

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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS & COLLABORATIONS

A GLOBAL MUSICAL VOICE



President of India Award for Best Instrumentalist, received at age 15



Founder and leader of Classiccool



Performances at Roskilde Festival, Denmark; OzAsia Festival, Australia; and Traumzeit Festival, Germany



International collaborations with Ustad Zakir Hussain, Bela Fleck, Antonio Sánchez, Michael League, Gary Husband, Selvaganesh, U. Rajesh, Shankar Mahadevan, Jordan Rudess, Herbie Hancock and Dianne Reeves.



A bridge between raga, rhythm, jazz, rock and world music.



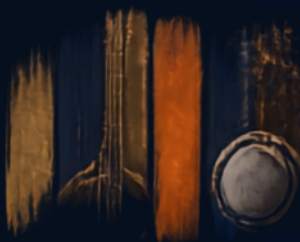
PURBAYAN CHATTERJEE
— SITAR MAESTRO —

PERFORMANCE FORMATS



◆ SOLO WITH TABLA

A raga-based concert experience led by Purbayan's sitar, moving from meditative alap and jod to dynamic rhythmic improvisation, with a refined duo format built around spontaneous musical conversation, rhythmic intensity and melodic depth.



INSTRUMENTS OF INDIA · 4-PIECE ENSEMBLE

- ◆ A concert that takes you on India's musical journey. A concert with Tabla, Flute and South Indian percussion Mridangam, offers mental and emotional well-being, fostering a sense of unity and connection, while the soothing instruments' sounds reduce stress and anxiety.



◆ CLASSICOOOL · 6-7-PIECE BAND

Purbayan's flagship ensemble, bringing Indian classical sensibilities into dialogue with jazz, rock, electronic and global contemporary sounds.

GLOBALLY ACCLAIMED WORK

**Unbounded ·**

2021 album exploring Indian classical, jazz and electronic influences

**Featured Creatures ·**

collaboration with Grammy-winning guitarist Mark Lettieri

**Garaj Garaj (Rock) ·**
featured in Bangash Bandits

Season 2, with sitar by Purbayan Chatterjee

**Sitar Stories ·**

collaborative project exploring new sonic possibilities for sitar

**Saath Saath - Kalyani Shailja Shankara ·**

recent official releases listed on purbayan.com.

His work continues to expand the vocabulary of the sitar across concert stages, recordings and screen music.





WATCH • LISTEN • BOOK



Solo with Tabla Showreel •

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Jwjl1xv4

Solo with Ojas •

https://youtu.be/GW_58wLpSo?feature=shared

Classicool Showreel •

<https://youtu.be/Bz7deoKJL5U?feature=shared>

Classicool at NMACC •

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjkEQxrvZBy>

Classicool with BC Sen, Calcutta •

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6vYNGdt3nvQ>

Instruments of India •

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1AkduASZ79Yxs2lY1U-35zuSXXn37zBUI>

Official website •

<https://purbayan.com>

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