

## NARI UDAY KUMAR

N. Uday Kumar born in the year 1983, from his fourth he started learning Tabla Under the guidance of his grandfather V.C.Williams at Vijayawada. A.I.R. staff artist. At the tender age of six he played Tabla solo at A.I.R. Vijayawada also at A.I.R. Hyderabad. He also performed at Doordarshan, Hyderabad Kendra at Hyderabad and Kottagudem A.I.R. Stations.

Mr. V.C.Williams his grandfather keeping his future in view approached “USTAD SHABIR NISAR”, son of well known great Maestro Tabla Nawaz “USTAD SHAIK DAWOOD SAHEB”, an ocean on the subject, a professor of Tabla at Government College of Music and Dance, Hyderabad and he kindly accepted to take Uday Kumar as his “Shisya (Disciple)” his kind and generous coaching molded him a master on his own.



Uday Kumar is under rigorous training form 1992 as per “Guru Shisya Parampara”, USTAD SHABBIR NISAR offered Uday to stay at his home with a view to make Uday an accomplished Tabla Player by keeping an eye on his practice and study of Tabla.

Uday Kumar was honoured with the super kid Award in 1994 by Talent Academy, Vijawada. He participated in the “National Youth Festivals” conducted by Government of India at Lucknow. Utter Pradesh on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 1999 and stood first at National level. He also stood first in the National Tabla Festivals at Pandarpur in Maharashtra in 2000. He was awarded “Chitra Bhanu Puraskar” by Andhra Pradesh Government at Ugadi festivals in 2002, award presented by Hon’ble Chief Minister of A.P. Sri Nara Chandra Babu Naidu.

Uday Kumar has been chosen for “National Scholarship Award” from Cultural Department of India, New Delhi for two years 2001-2002.

Uday Kumar is a “B High” grade artist from All India Radio, Hyderabad and he continues to perform for All India Radio and TV in Hyderabad. He regularly performs with Kathak dance troupes throughout India and has toured Malaysia, Myanmar and Philippines with the support of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Cultural Department of India. New Delhi. Uday has also accompanied by internationally known distinguished artist such as Ustad Shahid Parvez, in a Sitar concert.