

Sebastian Dreyer



- Sitarist -



Sebastian Dreyer is one of few European instrumentalists who picked up Indian Raga music in its traditional form. He learned the art of playing sitar in Berlin, Jaipur and Kolkata. Through studies under renowned artists as well as regular visits to India he has become an accomplished musician.

His musical training started under the tutelage of Smt. Gisela Tarwitt, who had studied with Pt. Ghasi Lal Sharma in Jaipur. Since 2003 Sebastian is studying with Partha Chatterjee, a disciple of Nikhil Banerjee and Ali Akbar Khan. Besides he had complementary classes with renowned sitar artists and vocalists and thus developed his individual, lyrical style.

Sebastian Dreyer teaches at various musical institutions in Berlin. Furthermore he has participated in several TV, cinema and theater productions and cooperates with singers, instrumentalists, dancers, and music ensembles of all genres. Besides regular performances in Germany, his concerts took him to India, Switzerland, Russia, Poland, Czech Republic, Austria, Indonesia und Great Britain.

What the press says:

"Sebastian Dreyer gave a mesmerising rendition of madhuvanti raag on the sitar keeping listeners of Hindustani music engrossed with his subtle melodic line."

- **The Statesman, Kolkata**

"Sebastian Dreyer mesmerized the audience with the raga Puriya Dhanashree ... captured their hearts with his recital."

- **Hindustan Dainik, Gaya**

"Sebastian Dreyer with his Sitar made the air shimmer from heat, recreated the inertia and gravity of the hot and humid tropical air, let the contours blur [...] fascinated the audience with his excellent play on the sitar."

- **Märkische Allgemeine Zeitung**

"Dreyer here played a Raga Marwa, composed for the time of sunset, which found its virtuous and furious development in the Gat part. [...] An almost 45 minutes lasting musical celebration of the sunset."

- **Potsdamer Neueste Nachrichten**

In the Web:

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Recent performances:

- Indian Embassy (Berlin/GER)
- St. Petersburg Sitar Festival
- Lucknow Literary Festival (Lucknow/IND)
- Goethe-Institut (Chennai, Trivandrum, Cochin/IND)
- Rabindra Sadan (Kolkata/IND)
- Radialsystem V (Berlin/GER)
- Händelhaus (Halle/GER)
- GewandhausChor (Leipzig/GER)
- Deutsches Theater (Göttingen/GER)
- Nehru Centre (London/UK)
- several Festivals, TV and radio stations

