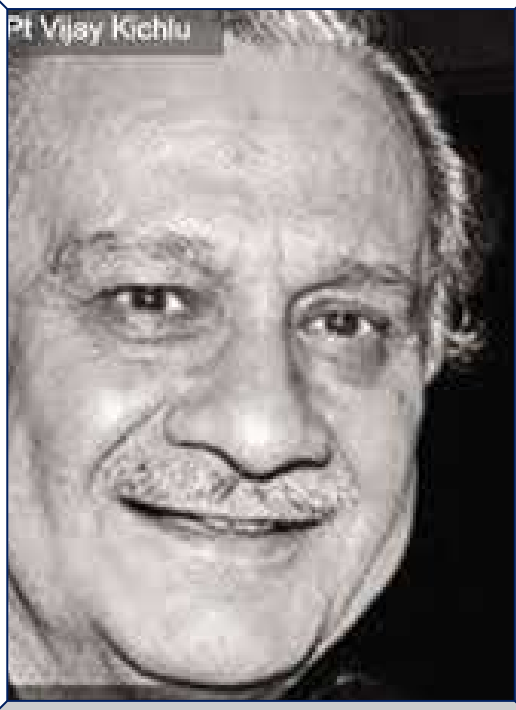


Bharatiya Kala Kendro of New Jersey

Presents Workshop on Hindusthani Classical Music, vocal
Conducted by :

Pandit Vijay Kumar Kichlu



Vijay Kichlu, a Master of Arts in History from the University of Allahabad is a unique combination of executive ability and artistry. As a mercantile executive, Vijay Kichlu had an impressive career in some of the best known British Commercial Houses of Calcutta like Turner Morrison Ltd and Jardine Henderson Ltd. Following his transition from a glittering career, Vijay Kichlu planned, set up and managed Sangeet Research Academy as its Executive Director for 24 years. A creation of the well-known Commercial House, I.T.C. Ltd, Sangeet Research Academy is a revolutionary institution in the field of Indian Classical Arts which was established in 1977; which to this day remains the one and the only residential institution in India that imparts intensive advanced training in "raga" music through the age old "Gurukul" system. Some of the vocalists produced by Sangeet Research Academy like Pandit Ajoy Chakraborty, Ustad Rashid Khan, Smt Kaushiki Chakraborty Deshikan remain at the top of the list of Indian Musicians in the field of Classical Music.

Born in 1930, Vijay Kichlu started initial training in music at the tender age of five from Pandit Nathuram Sharma. Later he was greatly influenced by the "gaikee" (style of singing) of Ustad Faiyyaz Khan, the colossus of the Agra Gharana. He had the good fortune of becoming a disciple of Ustad Moinuddin Dagar and Ustad Aminuddin Dagar, the famous "Dagar Brothers". Later he took guidance from Ustad Latafat Hussain Khan of the Agra Gharana. Vijay Kichlu follows the Agra gaikee and has been recognized as a leading vocalist of the same gharana in the country. His forte lies in "alapchhari" in the traditional Dhrupad style, compositions in the "madhya laya" and "boltaans" true to the character of the Gharana Gaikee.

Vijay Kichlu is an "A" grade artiste of All India Radio and Doordarshan (National Television). He has appeared several times in the National Program of Music of All India Radio, Radio Sangeet Sammelan and the National Programme of Television. The genuine old world charm of Agra gaikee is Vijay Kichlu's striking power. He has to his credit numerous successful concerts given all over the country not only solo but also with his late brother Ravi Kichlu, both of whom formed the famous vocal duo "Kichlu Brothers". For almost three decades he has been invited every year by his admirers in the U.S.A. and Canada, he has also been to countries like Italy, Holland, Germany, U.K., U.A.E., Pakistan & Thailand etc. He has also participated in the Festival of India held in the U.S.A. in 1985.

Member, Performing Arts Sub-Committee, Festival of India in USA -1985

Was in-charge of organizing classical music in the USA during the Festival of India 1985.

Member, General Assembly Indian Council of Cultural Relations - 1987 (ICCR)

Member, General Council "Parisar" - 1993

Appointed by Minister, Human Resources Development, Govt. of India.

Member, High Powered Committee - 1994

Set up by the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India

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