Teejan Bai

India
Pandavani Performer
Born August 8, 1956 (aged 61)

Biography

1956  Born in Atari Village (Patan), Durga District, Chhattisgarh State, India
      Was raised in Ganiyari Village
1968  Married at the age of 12 (divorced without going to her husband’s home)
      Learnt the traditional art of Pandavani from her maternal grandfather, and later received
      informal training under Mr. Umed Singh Deshmukh
1969  Gave her first public performance in a neighboring village, Chandrakhuri (Durg), singing
      in the Kapalik shaili [style] of ‘Pandavani’, the first time for a woman
      Became known in neighboring villages and invitations poured to perform at special
      occasions and festivals
1970  Was ousted by the community for singing Pandavani as a woman
1982  Performed at a concert organized by Bharat Bhavan in Bhopal
      Performed for then Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi
1985-86  Performed for Indian festival in Poland, her first performance abroad
         Travelled all over the world as a cultural ambassador to countries including France,
         Germany, and the UK
1986-  Worked at the Bhilai Steel Plant
2001-  Established a troupe to give performances and train pupils
2003  Honorary Doctorate in Literature, Guru Ghasidas University in Bilaspur, Raipur University,
      Jabalpur University

Major Awards

1988  Padma Shri, Government of India
1996  Sangeet Natak Akademi Award
1998  Devi Ahilya Sammaan Award
1999  Isri Award
2003  Aditya Vikaram Birla Kala Shikhar Sammaan Award
      Padma Bhushan, Government of India
2008  Chandrasekarendra Saraswati National Eminence Award
2012  Was selected as one of the 10 Indian music maestros for ‘People of the Year’ 2012 in the Limca
      Book of Records
2013  Radio Top Listener Award
      Alvas Nudisiri World Heritage Award
      Chhattisgarh Award
2014  Mahira Nau Ratna Award
2015  H.L.Nagegaura Rashtriya [National] Award
2016  M.S.Subbulakshmi National (Centenary)Award
Major Performances

2010  International Women's Day concert, India
2011  Teejan Bai: The Pandavani Festival, Vadodara, India
       East Central Railway Women Welfare Association (ECRWWA), Patna, India
2015  The 33th Foundation Day of Bharat Bhavan, Bhopal, India
       Sahaj Parab, Kolkata, India
2016  Bengaluru Poetry Festival, Bengaluru, India
2017  Meet the Masters Series: Teejan Bai, New Delhi, India

To add these, many other performances in India including programmes by the Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music And Culture Amongst Youth (SPIC MACAY) and abroad such as in France, Switzerland, Germany, the UK, Italy, Malta, Cyprus, Turkey, Yemen, Bangladesh, and Mauritius.