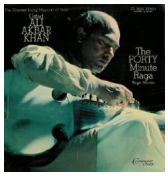
Ali Akbar Khan - The Forty Minute Raga (1968)



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Ali Akbar was born on 14th April, 1922 in the village of Shibpur, East Bengal. His father Baba Allauddin Khan was the greatest figure in North Indian music in 20th century and mother was Madina Begum. He was started learning the music from the age of three. He was learned the vocal music from his father and drums from his uncle, Fakir Aftabuddin. He was learned other musical instruments, but finally he was decided to fully concentrate on the Sarode and on vocal. He was married three times and has eleven children's. Khan's son Ustad Aashish Khan is also a sarod player. Ali Akbar Khan made his first stage performance in Allahabad at the age of thirteen. In his early twenties, Ali Akbar Khan made his first recording in Lucknow for the HMV label, and the next year, he became the court musician to the Maharaja of Jodhpur. He was worked there for seven years and the state of Jodhpur give him the title of 'Ustad'. Then he was received another great title of 'Hathi Saropo' and 'Dowari Tajeem' at the Jodhpur Palace's golden jubilee celebration. He was first visited the United States in 1955 on the request of violinist Yehudi Menuhin and gave a memorable concert at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Ustad Ali Akbar Khan was played a major role in popularizing Indian classical music in the US. He was founded the 'Ali Akbar College of music' in Calcutta in 1956 and also founded the same name of College in Marin County in california. The 'jugal bandi' between him and Pandit Ravi Shankar was a treat for the lovers of Indian classical music. Ustan Ali Aakbar Khan had given musics in several films, such as "Aandhiyan" by Chetan Anand in 1953, "House Holder" by Ivory Merchant,"Khudita Pashan" for which he won the "Best Musician of the Year" award, "Devi" by Satyajit Ray, and "Little Buddha" by Bernardo Bertolucci. His albums are "The Forty-Minute Raga" in 1968 and "Journey" in 1990. --- askmeany.com

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