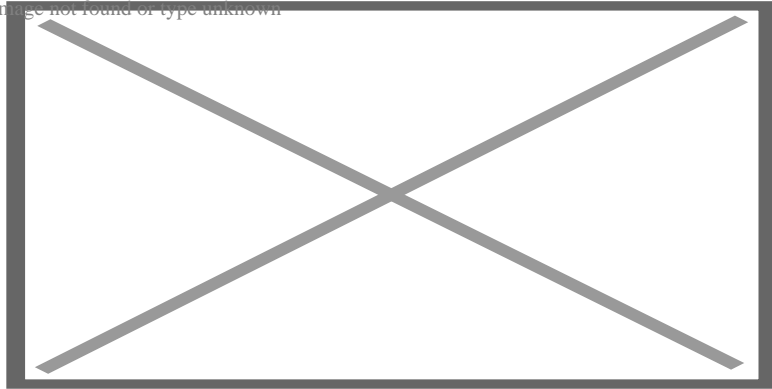


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Description

Recorded on May 19, 1992, as part of the San Francisco Exploratorium's Speaking of Music series, Charles Amirkhanian interviews the famous classical Indian musician, Ustad Ali Akbar Khan. Born to a family of musicians in Bangladesh in 1922, Khan began performing when he was three years old, and by his twenties he had become the court musician to the Maharaja of Jodhpur, in Rajasthan, India. In 1956 he formed the Ali Akbar College of Music in Calcutta (Kolkata), India. In 1967, recognizing the expanding interest in Indian music in the West he opened up a branch of his College in Northern California. Topics covered in this interview include the various instruments of classical Indian music, the sarod, tabla, and tambura, as well as the typical forms such as the Raga. The last hour of the program is devoted to a live concert of classical Indian music.

Musical Selections

[an evening raga] -- [unidentified raga] -- Anticipation / Ustad Ali Akbar Khan

Artists

Amirkhanian, Charles (features)
Khan, Ali Akbar, 1922- (features)
Chaudhuri, Swapan (features)
Pomerantz, James (features)
Miner, Allyn (features)