

REKESH CHAUHAN BEM - BIOGRAPHY*Short biography (100 words)*

Rekesh Chauhan BEM is an award-winning British pianist and composer. His performances have spanned from the Royal Albert Hall to prestigious venues across the world. Rekesh's collaborations range from Nobel Peace Prize performers to Grammy Award winners. Rekesh is the winner of numerous awards including the NIAA Young Musician of the Year 2018 awarded at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. He is an iTunes World Charts Top 3 artist and a TEDx speaker. Rekesh has been commended by the UK Prime Minister for raising awareness of mental health through arts. He is an Ambassador of the music charity Future Talent. Rekesh was awarded a British Empire Medal in His Majesty The King's 2023 Birthday Honours for services to music.

Full biography

Rekesh Chauhan BEM is a British Indian pianist and composer. Having studied western classical music on both the guitar and piano from an early age he went on to train in Indian classical music. Rekesh is the winner of numerous awards including the NIAA Young Musician of the Year 2018 awarded at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London. In 2019 he was awarded Alumnus of the Year by the University of Leicester and he is also the recipient of the Eastern Electronica Prize. Rekesh is a featured TEDx speaker. In 2020 the UK Prime Minister commended Rekesh personally for his award-winning arts production supporting the British Asian Trust charity. In 2022 Rekesh was appointed as an Ambassador of Future Talent, a music charity, founded by HRH The Duchess of Kent and Nicholas Robinson. Rekesh was awarded a British Empire Medal in His Majesty The King's 2023 Birthday Honours for Services to Music.

His knack for amalgamating both eastern and western styles has brought him much recognition and glittering invites to appear in concerts all over: including, Royal Albert Hall, Birmingham's Symphony Hall, Southbank Centre (venues in Queen Elizabeth Hall and Royal Festival Hall), Bridgewater Hall, Cadogan Hall and London's V&A museum to name just a handful of prestigious venues. Having begun his musical journey supporting artists including MOBO award-winning jazz pianist Zoe Rahman he went on to collaborate with Mercury Prize award-winner Talvin Singh OBE at Ronnie Scotts - within a few years he was a featured introducing artist on national BBC radio, performed with his own ensembles in arenas to over 60,000 people and scooped the Eastern Electronic Festival prize. With all of these feathers under his cap before reaching his twenties it is hardly surprising the young talent is today a highly sought after performer.

His latest release 'Live at Symphony Hall' was the first ever solo recital album to of classical ragas to be recorded on the piano at the prestigious Symphony Hall. Rekesh's release 'Avartan' in 2018 earned him a no.2 chart position on the iTunes World Music Charts. His critically acclaimed debut album, 'Beyond Roots', released under Milapfest in 2015, won him spectacular praise from tabloid press to prime-time radio play. The album followed a sold-out nationwide tour culminating in an exclusive live session for BBC Radio London. Beyond Roots features celebrated BBC Symphony Orchestra violinist virtuoso, John Garner, a regular collaborator with Chauhan.

As a 4th generation member of the Indian diaspora, his influence is considered pivotal in shaping and representing British Indians. Rekesh holds a first-class honours degree in Economics and is a published book co-author. He was selected as a 'rising millennial' to provide advisory assistance to the Government of India to strengthen bilateral relations and shape policy. He is also regularly invited as a guest columnist for newspapers and magazines. Rekesh was invited by the University of Oxford on a featured research production as part of the university's Hilary Term exploring the research and amalgamation of Hindustani Classical Music with other cultures. In 2018 Rekesh was selected as one of the 35 under 35 India-UK Young Leaders.

Rekesh is often seen with the most respected names of Indian music earning him a glittering credit list of performances including Bollywood singer Shankar Mahadevan to classical vocalists Pandits Rajan and Sajan Mishra. With his

audiences ranging from Bollywood A-list celebrities including Govinda to invitations from around including being invited by the Prime Minister of the UK to 10 Downing Street, it is hardly surprising that the versatility of Chauhan's talent is a testament to his sound.

His style defines the reverberation amongst the new generation of listeners of contemporary world music as his music mellifluously amalgamates both eastern and western flavours.

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