

## **Gourisankar Karmakar**

**Gourisankar** a leading tabla maestro of the present generation, studied tabla under the able guidance of his father, Pandit Shib Sankar Karmakar. Since 1979, he has been under the tutelage of the tabla Maestro Pandit Sankha Chatterjee.

Gourisankar is an "A" grade Artist of All India Radio and Television. His talent and creativity are manifest in classical performances, experimental East-West World Music collaboration, and North-South musical interactions. He has performed with most of India's eminent artists like Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia, Pandit Jasraj, Pandit Birju Maharaj, Ustad Shahid Parvez Khan etc. In world music, performed with World famous Drummer Steve Smith, Grammy winner Mamadou Diabate (Kora Player), World famous Steel Pan player Liam Teague and many others.

In 2008, Gourisankar established the "School of Indian Percussion & Music" ([www.austinsipm.org](http://www.austinsipm.org)) in Austin, Texas. Many of his students have benefited from his teaching expertise, and perform regularly.