

Ravindra Jain



Sightless music composer, late Ravindra Jain's name has forever been etched in the hearts of Indian music lovers for his soulful musical scores that continue to enthral generations. Blessed with a meticulous voice the versatile composer, musician and singer, left his audience in complete awe with the ease in which he rendered the most melodious songs.

Born blind to a Sanskrit scholar in Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh, in 1944, Ravindra was the third among seven brothers and one sister. He was quick to come to terms with his handicap and decided very early in life to substitute music for academics for sustenance and from a very young age, he started singing 'bhajans' in local temples.

The Padmashri awardee got his first break when he met renowned producer Shri Radheyshyam Jhunjhunwala while recording a song at All India Radio in Kolkata. There was no looking back for him after that, as he soon moved to Mumbai and started composing songs for the Hindi film industry in no time. He was soon a reputed name in the music world. He not only composed music but also penned and sang songs for several movies.

Some of his most renowned work include *Saudagar*, *Chor Machaye Shor*, *Chitchor*, *Geet Gaata Chal*, *Fakira*, *Ankhiyon Ke Jharokhon Se*, *Nadiya Ke Paar*, and *Ram Teri Ganga Maili*, the highest grossing Hindi film of 1985, produced and directed by the legendary Raj Kapoor.

Jain's career reached its zenith when he teamed up with legendary singer K. J. Yesudas. The duo went on to produce several chartbusters. Ravindra Jain also produced a number of religious albums in different Indian languages. His compositions for the mega television serial *Ramayana* is still considered both iconic and outstanding.

The Musical genius breathed his last in 2015, leaving behind a vast array of work that will keep him alive in the hearts of his fans for ages to come.