Music Diplomacy

Introducing two young budding stars, Sweekar Katti and Avadhot Phadke who have devoted their life to music. Both Sweekar & Avadhoot are 22 yr old child prodigies in music field.

In the photo from left tabla player Mandar Pilwalkar, Avadhoot Phadke flute player, and Sweekar Katti Sitar Player

Born into a musical family, Sweekar started learning sitar at an early age from his father Dr. Sunil Katti, a well known sitar and santoor player & a music composer. He continues to do so till date. His mother Dr. Vandana Katti is a well known vocalist of the Jaipur atrauli gharana. Sweekar belongs to the *'Etawah gharana'* and hence follows the immensely appealing 'Gayaki ang' style of playing. Sweekar is a Commerce graduate.

As an upcoming artist of great promise he has bagged a number of prizes in inter collegiate and other competitions. Some of them being:

1. Swar Sadhana All India Music competitions.(2004) , 2. Sharda Sangeet Vidyalaya music competitions.(2005), 3. Enigma-Inter collegiate competitions (Podar college).(2006), 4. Aarohan (Ruia college).(2008), 5. Umang (NM college).(2009), 6. Mood Indigo (IIT Powai).(2009)

While Sweekar has family in music profession, Avadhoot started afresh through sheer interest in this field supported by his family ofcourse. Avadhoot has a Sangeet Visharad Degree from Akhil Bharatiya Gandharva Mahavidyalaya. He is trained in flute by 3 gurus

- Shree. Raghavendra Baliga (Flute)
- Dr. Rasika Phadke (Music Theory and Vocal)
- Pandit. Shankar Abhyankar

Like Sweekar Katti, Avadhoot is also blessed with awards and accolades, such as

- 1st ranker of Dombivli Lions club competition in year 2003& 2004.
- 3rd ranker of Sharda Sangeet Vidyalaya competition in Bandra, Mumbai.
- 1st ranker and Trophy winner of all India music & dance competition of Swar Sadhana Samiti Mumbai
- Best music composer award for Multi lingual drama and dance competition in Orissa.
- 1st prize with trophy & cash award from Sahara India parivar Jyoti Divas all India Bansuri competition.
- Kalashri award on 26-04-06 by KALASANSKAR of Dombivli.
- Silver medal in Mumbai university youth festival.
- 1st ranker n trophy holder of Indradhanushya 2011 state level inter university youth festival.
- 3rd prize in NATIONAL Youth Festival held by central govt. at Mangalore 2011.