

**Bengali Association  
of  
Western Australia (BAWA)**

Proudly Presents

*A Solo Live Concert of the Renowned Artist*

**DR ANUP GHOSAL**

From Kolkata, India



**Saturday 17th June, 2006 at 7pm**

**Nexus Theatre  
Murdoch University  
Western Australia**

## PROGRAMME

Your compere for the evening :  
Smt Bithika Kastha

### ACCOMPANIST MUSICIAN

**PARTHA MUKHOPADHYAY** (from Kolkata)

Mr Partha Mukhopadhyay is an eminent musician of Kolkata. Partha has been awarded 'Sangeet Bivakar' title by 'Bangaiya Sangeet Parishad'. He plays Tabla, Sree Khol, Bangla Dhol, Pakhwaj, etc. with eminent vocal artistes and musicians of Kolkata and tours India and abroad participating in various cultural programmes and at many music conferences.

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| 7.00PM  | WELCOME           |
| 7.05PM  | CONCERT – PART I  |
| 8.15PM  | INTERVAL          |
| 8.45PM  | CONCERT – PART II |
| 10.15PM | CLOSING           |

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## Dr ANUP GHOSAL – AN INTRODUCTION

On his journey to perform at the court of the Diamond King, Goopi devours the beauty of nature and sings in glee, "Aha ki anondo akashe batashe", there is so much happiness in the world around. This happiness doubles in volume for Perthites today, when the voice behind the scene comes live on stage at the gathering twilight of 17th June'06. As the first stroke of dawn sweep the permeating darkness off the face of earth, Dr. Ghosal's voice comes streaming through our conscious memory of "Goopi Gayne Bagha Bayne". He has travelled far from his debut in Satyajit Ray's trilogy, yet he is remembered fondly as the melodious Goopi Gayne blessed with the magic power of the dark forest.

Born to Lt. Amulya Chandra Ghosal and Lt. Labanya Ghosal, Anup always had music around him. There may have been little money in the Ghosal household but there was plenty of love and sing-a-longs. His mother Labanya could strike a tune on almost any instrument and his two elder sisters had been the main source of inspiration for little Anup. His career began to pick up with his successful playback singing at a tender age of 19 yrs, in Satyajit Ray's children movie - 'Goopi Gyne Bagha Byne'. His association with Ray continued which made him the rightful recipient of National Award "Rajat Kamal" (President's award) in 1981 for 'Hirak Rajar Deshe'. As a reward of his versatile artistry and musical talent he has been awarded a "Top Grade" in the category of light music by All India Radio and Doordarshan, which is considered the most prestigious recognition of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

He gave his golden voice for movies like '**Hirak Rajar Deshe**', '**Goopi Bagha Phire Elo**', '**Shasti**', '**Atattatar Din Pare**', '**Naikar Bhumikaye**', '**Kabi**', '**Chhadabesi**', '**Jiban Jerakam**', '**Nimantran**', '**Phuleswari**', '**Biraj Bou**', '**Mohan Baganer Maye**', '**Subarnagolak**', '**Bancharamer Bagan**', '**Harmonium**', '**Ek Je Chilo Desh**', '**Aajab Gayer Aajab Katha**' & '**Sagina Mahato**' in Bengali. '**Tujhse naraz nahi**' of **Masoom** was one in particular that won him both critical and popular acclaim. This song created waves in the world of music and suddenly exposed Anup Ghosal outside Bengal, bringing him national acclaim. Just everybody was talking about his deep and resonant voice.

Dr. Ghosal has been successfully participating in the Bangla Sammelans organized in various parts of USA (Chicago in 1994, Philadelphia – 1997 and Atlanta – 2002). He performed at Chicago National Art Institute during Vivekananda Dedication program (11 Sept'1995) and was awarded the prestigious recognition - Honorary Citizen of Chicago by the city mayor (1994).

For Dr. Ghosal music is not just a profession but a way of life. Earning money is necessary but not the sole aim of life if it has to come at the cost of art. Dr. Ghosal is a widely travelled singer who has given concerts in many countries of Europe and travelled across the continent. We're glad to have him performing in Australia for the first time.



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