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Born in Jaipur, Sharmila Mathur received her Master of Music degree and was honored with a Gold Medal by the University of Rajasthan, India, for her outstanding achievements in Sitar. Being the foremost disciple of Grammy Award winner Pt. Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, Sharmila has been able to learn unique techniques of Bhatt's beautiful style. She has been an Assistant Professor in the University of Rajasthan, teaching Music to graduate and post-graduate students. Along with her stage performances Sharmila played for All India Radio and Television. While living in Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, United Arab Emirates, and Canada she taught music and performed with many musicians. This exposure allowed her to learn different stylistic elements from local cultures. Since 2005, she has been in Edmonton, teaching and Directing the Indian Music Ensemble at the University of Alberta which was brought to life by Dr. Regula Qureshi many years ago.

Her recent performances include Raga Mala Edmonton Concert, University of Alberta World Music Sampler, Concert of Afro Canadian Association, Concert for Ankur Association, Edmonton's Capital EX, Explorations Concerts Series by Glen Halls, Raga Mala Calgary, GWG Piece by Piece Series by Maria Dunn, World Music Concert at Winspear (a joint venture between the University of Alberta and the Ragamala Society of Edmonton).

Sharmila's Guru, Pt. Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, is a disciple of the Late Pt. Ravi Shankar, who pioneered the popularization of Indian Music in the West. It is with this inspiration and heritage that in 2014 she started the Indian Music Academy, which teaches Voice, Tabla, and Sitar in and around the city.