



Lund International Tagore Choir

The Lund International Tagore Choir was launched in 2012 and is led by Bubu Munshi Eklund, trained at Rabindra Bharati University in Kolkata but living in Sweden since 1983. The choir sings songs composed by the Bengali poet Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941), the first non-European author who received the Nobel Prize in Literature, the year was 1913. The choir sing in the original Bengali language, even though a majority of its members are ethnic Swedes.

The choir has performed frequently in their home town Lund with Scandinavia's largest university, but also in Uppsala in connection with the erection of a Tagore statue at the university there in May 2014. The choir has also made a concert tour to India in 2013, giving seven concerts in West Bengal and Odisha, The highlight was a performance at the music institution Sangeet Bhavan at the Viswa Bharati University in Shantiniketan.

Rabindranath Tagore was born in Kolkata in an artistically prominent family. He became something of a multi-artist; besides poetry and authorship for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize, he was a philosopher, freedom fighter, educator, painter and composer. He himself composed more than 2,300 of their own poems, which deal with everything from love, joy and sorrow to religion and freedom struggle. Both India's and Bangladesh's national songs are Tagore's work. Together, Tagore's songs are a genre of their own is called *Rabindrasangheet*. Tagore's works are still well known and popular across today's South Asia, and the Lund International Tagore Choir hopes to convey that greatness over language barriers.