

Nikhil Pandya is a well known figure in the Bay Area Indian music community. He has accompanied many musicians of different genre including devotional, gazal, classical as well as western music. Nikhil started learning tabla at the age of 8 in Valsad, India from Shri Prem Shankar Nayak. After moving to United States in 1985, he learned from several musicians from different 'gharanas'. Nikhil had an opportunity to sit with Pandit Swapan Chaudhuri in 1990 and has been his student since.