

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

I am Prabin Rai, inhabitant of Barahakshetra-4, Sunsari, Nepal. I have been working for more than six years as a music teacher in different schools and also in composing, singing and arranging field. I have completed four years Bachelor's Level in Music from Lalitkala campus of Fine arts, Tribuvan University. So I would be pleased to study Postgraduate study in (XXXXXX) in your renowned University. Owing to the top ranking of the university and well framed course structures for the postgraduate study in (XXXXXXXX) balancing with proper practical and theoretical contents, I have chosen this University to pursue my further study.

Starting with my academic background, I have completed School Leaving Certificate from Shree Adarsha Higher Secondary School, HMG in the year 1999 A.D. scoring 53.57%. From this age I was irresistibly interested in Musical activities like singing, composing and playing instruments (guitar, keyboard, drum-kits) when I saw my friends learning these. soon I started participating in musical programs like cultural functions, small gigs that always motivated me to keep on with music.

After completion of my S.L.C., I was planning for my +2 studies in Education faculty in Dharan, a nearby city, and joining music classes side by side. But my family was forcing me to study Diploma in Civil Engineering. Opposite to my wish I had to join in Sushma Koirala Memorial Engineering College, CTEVT in civil faculty and continue my studies. In this period, my musical activities were less and I had to focus mostly in my studies. So I planned to start over my music career after the completion of my engineering course. My studies were not going satisfactory but however I finished my studies in 2006 A.D. scoring 57.41%. Then I started searching for jobs, though it was very difficult to get one, at the end I got a job as a sub engineer in a consultancy for a construction site where I worked for one and half year.

After that I planned to go to Kathmandu for further Bachelor's level studies having some new directions. I was searching colleges where I could study music in Bachelor's level. But then I couldn't get any of them. After some time of stay in Kathmandu I knew that there was much demand of Music teachers in the Schools of the valley. Since I had little bit of knowledge of playing instruments and singing songs I applied in the vacancies as they were advertised in the newspapers. Finally, VSN Secondary School hired me for a part time music teacher post where I worked for almost three years (from April 2009 to April 2012) besides that I was also learning Eastern classical vocals and instruments like guitar, keyboard in private institutes.

In the same period, I was searching for studios to gain experience of recording songs. I went to different studios, knew about their works, process of making and producing music. I also recorded two songs written and composed by myself for an experience. So I knew that I had to practice a lot, gain more knowledge and make good songs to record in the studios. After a year of making and practicing songs I started recording songs again. While I was visiting and recording songs I got practical knowledge of technical parts also. After recording some songs, I got suggestions for releasing a debut album from the seniors and my friends. So I started preparing songs, finding music arrangers and went to different studios to gain more knowledge while working with them.

I convinced my sister for financial matters since she knew my passion from the beginning she was ready to invest on the album work so it became easier for me to prepare the album. My album was released in

November 2013 and after some months of releasing my music videos from the debut album 'Pride-Nepali hun ma', one of the songs called 'Hridaya mero' gained popularity and was also nominated for 16<sup>th</sup> Tuborg Annual Image Award in the category of 'Best New Artist'. It gave me more inspiration in the music field. I also got memberships in Performers Society of Nepal (PSON) as a singer and Music Royalty Collection Society Nepal (MRCSN) as a composer respectively which works as a team for the collection of royalty around the country and for unity of singers and composers.

In the year 2012 A.D., I got information about getting chance for admission in Bachelor's level of Fine Arts (Music) in Lalitkala Campus of Fine Arts, Tribuvan University. Because from this year, T.U. had opened admission for students of all faculty from +2 so I gave entrance exam and was selected. Now I was very happy to get admission as I always dreamt of studying music academically. For my better studies I left the music teaching job but after first year, I started getting financial problems because my family was not happy with my decision at that time. So I started applying for music teaching job again.

After months of waiting, Premier International School, Khumaltar, Satdobato called me for full time teaching job, I had no options so I started both teaching and studying music simultaneously though it was difficult to manage my routines. I worked there for three years (From April 2014 to April 2017) and my bachelor's course was also completed in the end of 2016 A.D scoring 55.30%. Now I was thinking of doing part time job rather than being a full timer. I resigned from my job and started applying in other schools. Finally I got job in Learning Realm international (LRI) School, Kalanki and started teaching from April 2017 to till the date.

About my extra works, I have worked as a music scorer in an android game called 'Blasty- Master' and worked as a musician in an android app 'Lyrics and Chords- Nepali' which is collection of Nepali songs and chords released in 2016 and 2017 A.D. respectively. Recently, with my two partners we have started a youtube channel as a team where we are working for audio and video productions for singers with originals and cover songs and music videos also. I also have been working in extra projects such as composing songs, music arranging for covers and originals, performing gigs in some bars occasionally as offered.

Back then it was very difficult situation for me to convince my family that I wanted to be a musician but now, my family is also convinced from my musical works, they appreciate it and always wish me for good luck. But after working for years in music teaching field, extra projects and having mainstream experiences, I have realized that I have to learn more and since music learning process is infinite, now I feel the need to pursue refinement of the gained knowledge through a Master's degree at the prestigious university.

This university is one of the leading providers of innovative learning and positive university experience which offers excellent facilities and flexible learning. I am applying to your university because of the excellent reputation of your university and graduate from this University are high in demand globally. Moreover, splendid facilities in your university attracted me to apply in your university. In my experience as a student, I know that good facilities could make a difference in a student's life and learning experience.

Nepal is a developing country and it has much more to progress in every field. Nowadays, the market for music is being wide in Nepal and advanced technology is also being used in music field but still there are scarce of academically educated singers, musicians and technologists. Therefore, after completion of my post graduate study, I will come back to Nepal with a well recognized professional degree and better knowledge so that I can continue my music works and creativity in a more professional way. It will be a good opportunity to be enrolled in different projects and implement the attained knowledge at university and contribute my experience to develop my country in the field of music to take it globally. Thus, this course will help me to attain my career goal.

I am dedicated and hard working person towards my passion that is music. I will engage in different activities to develop skills along with university course study. I hope you will grant me the privilege of pursuing my Master's Degree in your prestigious University. I look forward to a long and fruitful association with your University.

Yours sincerely,

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