



BADAḲŠĪ SAMARQANDĪ

BADAḲŠĪ SAMARQANDĪ, the poet laureate (*malek-al-šo'arā'*) of the Timurid Mīrzā Uluḡ Beg (murdered 853/1449). Dawlatšāh Samarqandī, Ḳvāndamīr, and Āḍar Bigdelī all say that he was the foremost poet at Samarqand and that Uluḡ Beg and the courtiers held him in high esteem, particularly admiring his odes (*qaṣīdas*), but none of them gives his personal name or the date of his death. He may, however, be identical with Mawlānā Moḡammad BadaḲšī, whom Ḳvāndamīr (IV, p. 347) mentions as an associate of Mīr 'Alī-Šīr Navā'ī (d. 906/1500) for thirty years and as an expert and author of books on riddle composition. Since Mīr 'Alī Šīr Navā'ī spent several years in Transoxiana (Ṣafā, *Adabīyāt* IV, p. 283) before his move to Herat in 862/1457, it seems quite likely that his associate for thirty years was BadaḲšī, the *malek-al-šo'arā'*.

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