

The Recipients of the Awards

Kalai Mamani Thiruthani Shri N. Swaminathan

Thiruthani Shri Swaminathan was born in Alathaur near Thirukkarugavur in Thanjavur district, to Shri Nagarathinam and Smt. Sampooranam. Born in a Vaishnava family, he was named Sarangapani at birth. A chance listening to Madurai Shri Somu's concert in his early teens, scripted his destiny. He was so impressed by Madurai Somu's emotion-filled rendering of krithis that he wanted to learn music. He was taken to Shri Somu, who gave his hearty blessings to the young lad. Swaminathan joined the Thevara Pada Salai, conducted by Pichai Kattalai at Thirukkadavur and received training in music for five years under Chidambaram M.Rathinampillai. He received further training at Dharumapuram Adheenam's Thevara Pada Salai for two more years.

Swaminathan began his career of devotional singing at Ilaythankudi in 1959. Later, he served at Piranmalai, Kundrakkudi, Devakottai, Thirumangalam and Dharumapuram Adheenam before settling at Thiruthani Murugan temple. He served there for twenty six years. He continued to serve there even after retirement and he earned fame as 'Thiruthani' Swaminathan. Presently he is teaching at the Thevara Pada Salai conducted by the Ve. Sa. Arakkattalai at Chidambaram. He has trained innumerable students in music. He has been spreading the singing of 'Thirumurai' in other countries too.

A few of the titles he has received are : 'Thirumurai Kalanidhi' from Dharumapuram Adheenam, 'Pannisai Perarignar' from Thamizhisai Sangam, Chennai and 'Kalai Mamani' from the Government of Tamil Nadu.

He has published more than 50 CD's that have been well-received by the music lovers.

Shri K.S.Ragunath

Son of Vidushi Smt. Nirmala Srinivasan, a recipient Kovai Subri Muruga Gana Award in the year 2012 and a veteran Vocalist (disciple of Sangeetha Kalanidhi Dr. M.L.Vasantha Kumari) Shri K.S.Ragunath hails from a family of musicians. He started learning Mridangam at the age of 10, from Late Kovai Shri R.Ganapathi, a renowned Mridangam artiste.

A graded artiste of All India Radio, Ragunath has accompanied highly reputed Carnatic Vocalists and Harikatha exponents of yester years and present day, at various Sabhas.

He performed at the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the 'Art of Living' at Bangalore in 2006, on the World's largest stage, with the South Indian Symphony of 3800 musicians and at the prestigious Art theatre premises of Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, in 2007, in the presence of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, the then president of India.

The title Asthana Vidwan was conferred on him by Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam, Kanchipuram in the year 2007. He serves as a Mridangam Faculty at Shivanjali's Temple of Fine Arts, a prestigious Music School of Coimbatore.

Shri K.S.Ragunath takes active participation in organizing annual music festivals of Sri Purandaradasar, Sadguru Sri Thyagaraja Swamigal, Sri Shyama Sastrigal, Sri Muthuswamy Dikshitar and Tamizhisai.



आ नो भद्रः क्रतवो यन्तु विश्वतः ।
Aa No Bhadrah Kratavo Yantu Viswataha
Let noble thoughts come to us from every side
Rigveda 1-89-i

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PROGRAMME

12.01.2020 - Sunday

9.30 a.m. **Sadguru Sri Thyagaraja Aradhana Celebration**
5.15 p.m. Students of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan School, R.S. Puram - Bhajan
5.45 p.m. Conferment of the title "**Sangeeth Samrat**" on **Thiruthani Shri N. Swaminathan**
Presentation of "**Kovai Subri Muruga Gana Award**" to **Shri K.S. Ragunath**

6.30 p.m. **Dr. R. Ganesh** - Vocal
Shri V.V. Srinivasa Rao - Violin
Shri K. R. Ganesh - Mridangam
Papanasam Shri S. Sethuraman - Kanjira

13.01.2020 - Monday

4.45 p.m. Kum. Rethika Saravanakumar - Vocal
Guru : Shri K. Sivaramakrishnan

6.00 p.m. **Palakkad Dr. R. Ramprasad** - Vocal
Trivandram Shri N. Sampath - Violin
Shri Anantha R. Krishnan - Mridangam
Vellattanjur Shri Sreejith - Ghatam

14.01.2020 - Tuesday

4.45 p.m. Selvan Sreejith Ravi - Vocal
Guru : Shri Ka. Mani

6.00 p.m. **Smt. Vasudha Ravi** - Vocal
Trivandram Shri N. Sampath - Violin
Shri S.V. Ramani - Mridangam
Vellattanjur Shri Sreejith - Ghatam

15.01.2020 - Wednesday

4.45 p.m. Vadasithur Smt. Sriranjani Ramkumar - Vocal
Guru : Smt. Meena Subramaniam

6.00 p.m. **Udupi Sisters**
Kum. Archana & Kum. Samanvi - Vocal Duet
Shri B. Vittal Rangan - Violin
Shri Nikshit T. Puttur - Mridangam
Kottayam Shri Unnikrishnan - Ghatam

16.01.2020 - Thursday

4.45 p.m. Students, PSG Arts & Science College - Vocal
Guru : Smt. S. Vijaya Jaya

6.00 p.m. **Smt. Aishwarya Vidya Raghunath** - Vocal
Shri R. K. Shriramkumar - Violin
Shri K. Arun Prakash - Mridangam



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Thirumurai Isaivanar, Thiruthani

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