

Shri Tiruvizimazalai S. Subramania Pillai

Shri T. S. Subramania Pillai is a great exponent of Nathaswaram music. Born in 1893, this venerable Guru comes from a family where music has been a tradition. Initiated to it by his father, he was trained under the guidance of Nathaswara vidwans like S. Ramaswami Pillai, K. Vaithinatha Ayyar and K. Naina Pillai.

Receiving early recognition of his talent and devotion to the art the titles of "Sangeetha Kalanidhi" and "Adhina Vidwan" were bestowed upon him by the admirers of his music. A devotee of Thyagaraja's music, he has played a leading role in annual festivals held in the memory of the great composer. The duet performances on Nathaswaram with his brother Shri Natarajasundaram are remarkable for their artistic expression.

I present to you, Sir, Shri T. S. Subramania Pillai for the Akademi's Award in instrumental music of the Karnatak school.