

RI K. N. CHINNASWAMY IYER

The Akademi this year is presenting its Award for Instrumental Music of the Karnatak school to Karur Shri Chinnaswamy Iyer. We deeply regret his absence today.

Shri Chinnaswamy Iyer was born in 1882. He is one of the senior-most violinists of the Karnatak School today. Coming from a family of distinguished violinists, he was trained by his father in his earlier years, and later by his brother Vidwan Devudu Iyer. He is well-known for the purity of his traditional style of playing.

Shri Chinnaswamy Iyer has given solo recitals and accompanied leading vocalists not only in India but also abroad, and has presented Indian music to audiences in Malaya, Burma and Ceylon. He was honoured by the Maharaja of Mysore in 1904. He has also been honoured with the titles of 'Ghanarva' and 'Sangeetha Kalanidhi'.