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d. 9.12.89

Madurai S. Somasundaram

I present to you, Sir, Madurai Shri Sachidanandam Soma-  
sundaram, one of the foremost vocalists of Karnatak classical  
music today.

Born in 1919 into a musical family, he started his musical  
training at a very young age and gave his first performance at  
the age of 15.

Shri Somasundaram studied vocal music with Chittoor  
Subramania Pillai. His style is known for command over *laya*  
and *tala* and the great vitality that he imparts to his performance.

Shri Somasundaram has been widely honoured by various  
religious institutions such as Kanchi Kamakoti Pitha and  
Thiruvaduthurai Adhinam. He received the titles of Isai  
Perarignar from the Tamil Isai Sangam and Kalaimamani from  
Tamil Nadu Eyal Isai Nataka Manram. He has been appointed  
by the Government of Tamil Nadu as a State Artiste.

He has toured Sri Lanka and Singapore on concert assignments.

Shri Somasundaram is now Professor and Head of the Depart-  
ment of Music and Dean, Faculty of Fine Arts, Annamalai  
University.

For his eminence in the field of music and his contribution to  
its enrichment, Madurai Shri Sachidanandam Somasundaram  
received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Karnatak Vocal  
Music for 1978.