



AKADEMI AWARDS 1972

T.S. Natarajasundaram Pillai

I present to you, Sir, Shri T.S. Natarajasundaram Pillai.

Born on 14th July, 1898 of a well-known family of nagaswaram players, Shri Natarajasundaram is a renowned instrumentalist of the Karnatak system of music.

Shri Natarajasundaram was trained by stalwarts like A.R. Swaminatha Pillai, Konerirajapuram Vaidyanatha Iyer and Kancheepuram Naina Pillai.

Shri Pillai has been performing on the concert platform with his brother, T.S. Subramania Pillai, who was also a recipient of the Akademi Award.

Shri Natarajasundaram is known for the chaste rendering of *ragas* and his knowledge of Shri Tyagaraja's *kritis*. He has been honoured by various *maths* and also by the Tamilnadu Sangeeta Nataka Sangam. He has been associated with the Tamil Isai Sangam in its research programmes.

At present he is the Secretary, Sri Tyagabrahma Mahotsava Sabha, Tiruvayaru.

For his eminence in the field of music and his contribution to its enrichment, Shri T.S. Natarajasundaram Pillai receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Karnatak Instrumental Music.