



ANNAVARAPU RAMASWAMY

Akademi Award: Carnatic Instrumental Music (Violin)

Born in 1926 in Somavarapupadu village, Andhra Pradesh, in a family of traditional musicians, Shri Annavarapu Ramaswamy received his training in music initially under M. Jagannatham Chowdary and later under P. Ramakrishnaiah Pantulu.

A well-known violinist, Annavarapu Ramaswamy is proficient both as solo performer and accompanist. He has performed widely, and has accompanied most of the eminent artists of his time. He worked as a Staff Artiste with All India Radio for nearly forty years before retiring in 1986. He has trained a number of students in various instruments including the violin, flute and Veena.

Among other honours, he received the Fellowship of Andhra Pradesh Sangeet Akademi in 1983.

Shri Annavarapu Ramaswamy receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Carnatic instrumental music.



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