



J. VENKATRAMAN

Akademi Award: Carnatic Vocal Music

Born on 5 July 1934 in Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu, Shri J. Venkatraman received his initial training in Carnatic music from his father K.V. Jayarama Iyengar. He was further groomed in the art by Alathur Venkatesa Iyer and M.A. Venugopalan.

Over a long career, Shri Venkatraman has established himself as a leading Carnatic vocalist and has performed extensively in major music festivals both in India and overseas. A regular performer on All India Radio and Doordarshan, he has served as a staff artist at AIR's Tiruchirapalli station. Shri Venkatraman is also an eminent teacher, and has been visiting faculty at several institutions. These include the Seethalakshmi Ramaswamy College at Tiruchirapalli. He has participated in workshops on Carnatic music organized by prestigious institutions, and has many recordings to his credit.

For his service in the field of music, Shri J. Venkatraman has been honoured by a number of music institutions in southern India. He is the recipient of titles including the Sangeetha Sreshta conferred by the Narada Gana Sabha, Chennai, and the Sangeetha Samrat bestowed by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Coimbatore.

Shri J. Venkatraman receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Carnatic vocal music.