

GURU PRASANNA GUNDAPPA

CARNATIC INSTRUMENTAL (KANJIRA)



Shri Guru Prasanna Gundappa was born on 24 December 1976 at Bangalore, Karnataka. He was initiated into the art of playing Kanjira by Shri R. Sathya Kumar. Prasanna also learnt the Mridangam from Shri Anoor R. Ananthakrishna Sharma. He is at present receiving advanced training in Kanjira under Shri C.P. Vyasa Vittala. He has distinguished himself as a soloist and has also accompanied veterans of Carnatic music. He has performed in many prestigious festivals in India and abroad. Guru Prasanna is a graded artist of All India Radio and Doordarshan, and is a recipient of the Karnataka State Scholarship. He has been awarded by many prestigious institutions including the Karnataka Gana Kala Parishad, and has also received the Khanjira Praveena title bestowed by the Shri Thyagaraja Aradhana Samithi, Karnataka. He already has many recordings to his credit.

Shri Guru Prasanna Gundappa is awarded the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar of Sangeet Natak Akademi for the year 2010 for his talent in the field of Carnatic Instrumental Music.