

Dr. Duddu Radhikka

(Brief Profile)

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I come from a family where music is life. The seeds of music were sown right in my childhood and my concert playing career began in my teens. I am a Post Graduate in Music (Carnatic Classical -Vocal) from Andhra University & won Gold Medal for being a topper. I have acquired the Doctoral degree in Music from Sri Padmavathi Mahila Visva Vidyalayam (Women's University), Tirupathi. I am an 'A Grade' Artiste of the AIR and Doordarshan, Hyderabad. Apart from solo singing, I also sing vocal duet along with my sister from AIR, Hyderabad. I am also married into a family where Music runs in the blood and the heritage is being carried over for three generations.

I have taken my initial training from Smt. Saraswathi Vidyarthi, Visakhapatnam and later under the able guidance of Smt. B. Indira Kameswara Rao, Visakhapatnam. I have also undergone advanced training from Sri D. Raghavachari (The elder one of the Hyderabad Brothers)

I have performed at all the prestigious venues across all the major cities/towns of India viz., Music Academy, Narada Gana Sabha, Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Brahma Gana Sabha, Mylapore Fine Arts Club, Hamsadhwani etc at Chennai, Bangalore Gayana Samaja, Bengaluru, Sri Rama Seva Mandali, Bengaluru, Sri Swati Tirunal Sangeeta Sabha, Tiruvanathapuram, Sri Shanmukhananda Fine Arts, Mumbai, SICA, Kalasagaram, Vignana Samithi, Sujanaranjani, Vijayanagar Fine Arts etc., Hyderabad to name a few & regularly feature in the Chennai December Music Festival and received appreciation for my music. Traditional style of singing assorted with richness and creativity in the swarakalpana coupled with a fine mix of melody & Sahitya Bhava are my greatest assets, which have proved me as a fine performer and brought much laurels and accolades. My concerts have been reviewed favourably by the media and received appreciation from music critics and rasikas alike.

Apart from receiving the Young Talent Merit Scholarship in the field of Carnatic Classical Music (Vocal) by the Ministry of Culture, Youth Affairs and Sports, Department of Culture, Government of India, I have many awards to my credit and to name a few are "Best Lady Vocalist" in Sub-Senior Section by M/s Indian Fine Arts Society, Chennai for the performance in the December Music Festival, 2008; Sri Govindarajan memorial Award for a meritorious concert at Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Chennai during their annual Gokulashtami Festival, 2005; LSRK Memorial Award for "Young Artiste of the year 2007" through the divine hands of Sadguru Sri Sivananda Murthy garu at Bhimilipatnam, Visakhapatnam on 10.07.2007; Best Concert Award from Sangeetha Vidwat Sabha, Kaninada for the years 1999, 2001 & 2002 etc.

I have made 3 Thematic Audio CDs of various Pancharatnas composed by Sadguru Thyagaraja & were launched under the title "Pancharatna Maalika" viz., Sriranga Pancharatnas, Tiruvottiyur Pancharatnas and Naarada Pancharatnas. I spread this great ocean of knowledge to students through my institution "Upaasana", through the modes of Classroom and Online teaching.

In an effort to preserve and propagate this divine art, I have formed a trust by the name "Sri Kartikeya Gana Sabha Trust" (SKGS) in August 2009. The trust, among many other activities, endeavours to provide opportunities to young musicians, organize workshops, Lec-dems etc. Visit www.srikartikeyaganasabha.org.