



M.K. KALYANAKRISHNA BHAGAVATHAR

AKADEMI AWARD: CARNATIC INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC: VEENA

Born in 1908 in Manjapra, Kerala, in a family of Veena players, Shri M.K. Kalyanakrishna Bhagavathar was trained in playing the Veena by his father Shri M.K. Krishna Bhagavathar, whom he accompanied in concerts from an early age.

Acknowledged as one of the foremost Veena players of his time for his chaste and traditional style, Shri Kalyanakrishna Bhagavathar was made the Asthana Vidwan of the Travancore Samsthanam and has been the guru of the members of the Travancore royal family.

He was honoured for his outstanding work by the Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi in 1985.

Shri M.K. Kalyanakrishna Bhagavathar receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Carnatic instrumental music.

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