



DANDAMUDI SUMATHI RAMA MOHAN RAO

Akademi Award: Carnatic Instrumental Music (Mridangam)

Born in 1950 in Eluru in Andhra Pradesh, Shrimati Dandamudi Sumathi Rama Mohan Rao received her initial training in music from her father Shri Nidumolu Raghavaiah and was further groomed by her husband Shri Dandamudi Rama Mohan Rao in the manner of the Pudukkotai sampradayam.

An outstanding teacher of Mridangam, Shrimati Sumathi Rama Mohan Rao is a top-grade artist of All India Radio. She has participated in many prestigious music festivals both in India and other countries, accompanying a number of eminent Carnatic musicians, both vocalists and players of instruments. She has also distinguished herself as a solo musician.

As a teacher of percussion, she has trained a number of students in the Mridangam. She has several published recordings to her credit. She is the founder-President of Laya Vedika, an organization promoting young artists of percussion music.

Shrimati Sumathi has thrice been honoured with the Best Mridangist Award of the Music Academy, Madras.

Shrimati Sumathi Rama Mohan Rao receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for her contribution to Carnatic instrumental music.