

## **EMANI SANKARA SASTRI**

I present to you, Sir, Shri Emani Sankara Sastri.

Born in 1921, at Draksha Raman, in Andhra, Shri Sankara Sastri is one of the leading veena maestros today. He received training in the art from his father, Emani Achuta Rama Sastri, also a distinguished veena artiste.

Shri Sankara Sastri made his debut as a soloist at a very young age. Through the years he has developed a distinct style of his own on the veena.

Shri Sankara Sastri is also a renowned music director for films. He is presently Director of the Akashvani Vadya Vrinda, at Delhi.

Shri Sastri is associated with various learned bodies and he has been honoured and feted by numerous cultural organisations. He is Asthana Vidwan of Tirupati Devasthanam, a rare privilege.

For his eminence in the field of Music and his contribution to its enrichment, Shri Emani Sankara Sastri receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Karnatak Instrumental Music.

