

I present to you, Madam, Namagiripettai Sri K. Krishnan.

Born in 1924, in a family with a rich musical heritage, Sri Krishnan had his training in Nagaswaram from his grand-father Sri Chinnappa Mudaliar and Aruppukottai Sri Ganesa Pillai.

Sri Krishnan has performed before many distinguished audience; his performance is noted for his purity of style, softness of tone and sweetness of melody. He has received many honours from various cultural institutions, among them being 'Kalaimamani' from Tamilnadu Eyal Isai Nataka Manram in 1972; he was made the 'Asthana Vidwan' by Tirumalai Tirupathi Devasthanam in 1974 and 'State Artist' by the Government of Tamilnadu in 1977. He was awarded the Padma Sree in 1981.

He has been featured in the National Programme of Music of All India Radio and has, to his credit, many disc recordings. He serves the cause of Karnatak Music as the Vice-President, Thyagaraja Festival Committee, Thiruvaiyaru.

For his eminence in the field of music and his contribution to its enrichment, Namagiripettai Sri K. Krishnan receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Karnatak Instrumental Music for 1981.