



**K.P. UDAYABHANU**  
**Akademi Award : Creative Music**

*Born in 1936 in Palakkad, Kerala, Shri K.P. Udayabhanu received his training in vocal music under M.D. Ramanathan, Viswanatha Iyer, Palakkad Ramabhagavathar and other eminent teachers.*

*Shri Udayabhanu is acknowledged as one of the finest music composers of the country. He has been prolific in his output over a career spanning thirty-eight years, composing light classical music for documentary films as well as music for a variety of stage productions. The Kerala Kalmandalam, the Kerala Sahitya Akademi, and the Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi are some of the notable institutions which have commissioned his music for their productions. He is also one of the foremost singers of contemporary Malayalam songs, and has travelled with his group of musicians to the U.S.A., Canada, Singapore, and several countries in Europe and the Gulf on performance tours.*

*For his work in music, Shri K.P. Udayabhanu has received the Kerala State Award as best music director in 1982, the Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi Award in 1987, the National Award for music direction in 1995, and the All India Radio Broadcasting Award in 1999. In 2003, he has been honoured with the Dr B.R. Ambedkar Award.*

*Shri K.P. Udayabhanu receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution in creative music.*