



K.R. KUMARASWAMY IYER

AKADEMI AWARD: CARNATIC VOCAL MUSIC

Born in 1913 in Kettavaram Palayam, Tamil Nadu, Shri K.R. Kumaraswamy Iyer was a disciple of Shri Mecheri Sundaram Sastrigal in vocal music.

For several decades, Shri Kumaraswamy Iyer taught at the Swati Tirunal College of Music at Trivandrum, and later served as Principal of R.L.V. Music Academy, Tripunithura. He continues to teach regularly and has trained, among others, Shri K.J. Yesudas — who has also been honoured with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award this year — and Shri Tiruvizha R. Jayashankar.

Shri K.R. Kumaraswamy Iyer receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Carnatic vocal music.

