



## **KUNNAKUDI VAIDYANATHAN**

AKADEMI AWARD: CARNATIC INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC/VIOLIN

Born in 1935 in Kunnakudi, Tamil Nadu, Shri Kunnakudi Vaidyanathan received his training in violin from his father Shri Ramaswamy Sastri.

Shri Vaidyanathan has performed extensively as a soloist and has also accompanied many of the greatest Carnatic musicians. He joined HMV as a music director in 1963 and has to his credit nearly eight hundred compositions rendered by leading vocalists. He has also composed music for a large number of Tamil films including *Thirumalai Thenkumari* for which he won an award from the Government of Tamil Nadu. Among other honours, he received the title Kalaimamani in 1976 and Violin Isai Kalanidhi in 1992. He is at present Chairman of Tamil Nadu Eyal Isai Nataka Manram.

Shri Kunnakudi Vaidyanathan receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Carnatic instrumental music.

