

Award 1955

Music: Carnatic Vocal

(Maharajapuram)  
VISHWANATHA IYER

b 15 Sept-1896

d. April 1970

Sir,

I have the honour to present to you/Shri Maharajapuram Vishwanatha Iyer, a foremost exponent of vocal music of the Karnatic School.

Born at Maharajapuram in Tanjore District, his merits as a musician were recognised very early. He belongs to the Shishya parampara of Shri Thyagaraja, and is a pupil of Uruyalpuram Swaminatha Iyer and Palani Shri Rangappa Iyer.

While maintaining the purity of the Raga, he exhibits remarkable originality. His Alapanas and Kalpana Swaras have always been a treat. He was awarded the title of "Sangeet Bhoopathy" in 1939 and "Sangeet Kalanidhi" by the Madras Academy in 1945. He has also distinguished himself as a great teacher and contributed a lot for the revival of Karnatic music, and has been honoured as Asthan Vidwan by the Travancore, Mysore and Pudukottah States.

For his pre-eminence in Karnatic music and for his life long devotion and service to its cause I pray, Sir, that you may be pleased to grant him recognition as musician of the year, in the field of vocal music of the Karnatic School and to award to him a Shawl, a gold Shrinkhal and a Sanad in token of that recognition,

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