



**RUDRAPATTANAM KRISHNA
SHASTRI SREEKANTHAN**

I present to you, Sir, Rudrapattanam Shri Krishna Shastri Sreekanthan

□ Born in 1922 in a traditional family of musicians of Rudrapatna, Shri Sreekanthan had his early musical training from his father Shri Krishna Shastri, a noted Sanskrit scholar, a poet and a Harikatha Vidwan. Later he had extensive training from his brother Shri R.K. Venkatarama Shastri, a well-known violinist in the Karnataka tradition. Besides this he has also received able guidance from great musicians of the Karnataka tradition, such as, Ariyakudi, Semmankudi, Maharajapuram, Chowdiah, Chembai and G N. Balasubramaniam. A frequent performer on All India Radio, he has participated in its National and Sangeet Sammelan programmes and continues to serve music as a staff artist in All India Radio, Bangalore. Shri Sreekanthan has trained many young and talented artistes in the Karnatak vocal tradition. He has been instrumental in popularising Purandara

Dasa's Devarnamas. In recognition of his services to music Shri Sreekanthan was honoured by the Corporation to the City of Bangalore in 1973 and received the title "Gana Bhaskara" from Annavasathi Sangam in 1947. Guruseva Samiti honoured him in 1976, the Shri Parthasarathi Gana Sabha and Forum of Music Lovers jointly in 1978, and the Shri Maruthi Sangeeta Samaj of Mysore also in 1978.

Shri Sreekanthan serves the cause of music as a member of Karnatak State Sangeet Nritya Akademi, the Experts Committee of Music Akademi, Madras, and as the Chairman of the Council of Experts of Gana Kala Parishad, Bangalore.

For his eminence in vocal music and his contribution to its enrichment Shri Krishna Shastri Sreekanthan receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Karnatak Vocal Music for 1979.