



**R. R. KESHAVA MURTHY**  
**Akademi Award: Carnatic Instrumental Music (Violin)**

*Born in 1914 in Rudrapatnam, Karnataka, Shri Rudrapatnam Ramaswamaiah Keshava Murthy learnt Carnatic music from his father R. Ramaswamaiah, and developed his style under Chikka Rama Rao and Bidaram Krishnappa.*

*R. R. Keshava Murthy has performed on the concert platform for nearly six decades and has made a mark as an accomplished violin player. He has accompanied eminent vocalists of his time including Palladam Sanjeeva Rao, Chembai Vaidyanatha Bhagavathar, the Alathur Brothers, and Mysore Vasudevacharyar. He has to his credit a large number of books on music in Kannada. He has intensively researched on the technique of playing the seven-stringed violin.*

*Shri Murthy is the recipient of many awards including the Kanaka-Purandara Award of the Government of Karnataka, conferred on him in 1993.*

*Shri R. R. Keshava Murthy receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Carnatic instrumental music.*



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