



**S.C.R. BHAT**

**Akademi Award: Hindustani Vocal Music**

*Shri Shukl Chandrashekhar Ramkrishna Bhat was born in 1919 in Sbirali town of Karnataka. He received his initial training in Hindustani vocal music under Krishnarao Honnawar and was subsequently a student of S.N. Ratanjankar. Rajabhaiya Poonchwale also taught him for some time. Shri Bhat had the good fortune of attending the Marris College of Hindustani Music in Lucknow, now Bhatkhande Music Institute, in its best years in the 1930s.*

*He went on to teach at Marris College from 1939 to 1942, and was subsequently a teacher at Vanasthali Vidyapith, Rajasthan, and Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mumbai. From 1961 till date Shri Bhat has taught at Sree Vallabh Sangeetalaya in Mumbai. Many reputed musicians have enjoyed the benefit of his instruction, K.G. Ginde, Dinkar Kaikini, Zarin Daruwala, and the late Talat Mahmood; to name only a few. Shri Bhat's music has reached his listeners through a steady stream of audio-cassettes and CDs besides live performances over a long and illustrious career.*

*For his service to music, Shri Bhat has been honoured with the Tansen Samman (1993) conferred by the Government of Madhya Pradesh, and with the Karnataka Sangeet Nritya Award (2000) given by the Government of Karnataka.*

*Shri S.C.R. Bhat receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Hindustani vocal music.*