



**S. RAJARAM**  
**Akademi Award : Creative Music**

*Born in 1925 in Mysore, Shri S. Rajaram received his training in Mridangam music under D. Seshappa and Yella Somanna, in Jaltarang from Devendrappa, and in vocal music from his grandfather Mysore Vasudevacharya.*

*Shri Rajaram served in the All India Radio for over three decades, and was subsequently Principal of the Rukminidevi College of Fine Arts. He has been Director of the Kalakshetra Foundation, Chennai, since 1995. A prolific composer, he has created the music for several dance-dramas produced by Kalakshetra including Choodamani Pradanam, Maha Pattabhishekam, Bhakti Vijayam, and Akka Mahadevi. He has also composed a number of Varnams and Thillanas for the solo Bharatanatyam dance.*

*For his service in the field of music, he has been honoured by various Sabbhas and other institutions in southern India. He has travelled widely, leading the Kalakshetra troupe to festivals in Europe, the Far East, and the former Soviet Union.*

*Shri S. Rajaram receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution as a music composer.*