



S.V. PARTHASARATHY
Akademi Award: Carnatic Vocal Music

Shri Sevilimedu Veeravalli Parthasarathy was born in 1917 at Thiruwannamalai in Tamil Nadu. He received his training in Carnatic vocal music under T.S. Sabesa Iyer, K. Ponniab Pillai, Tiger K. Varadachariar, and Krishna Iyengar during the 1930s and subsequently learnt to play the Veena. Shri Parthasarathy started his professional career as a Lecturer in music at Annamalai University in 1954, but for the better part of his working life was Producer of Carnatic and Light Music at All India Radio, Trichy. He resumed teaching at Annamalai University as Professor of Music in 1985 and rose to be Dean of the Fine Arts Department in 1988.

Shri Parthasarathy has performed vocal music since the late 1930s and has besides distinguished himself as a composer of light music and a music broadcaster. While at AIR, he produced new feature programmes such as Keerthananjali and Raga Vilakkam introducing Carnatic compositions to lay listeners, and explaining to them the characters of ragas in detail. For twenty years at AIR, he covered the Thyagaraja festival in Tiruvaiyaru and, he continues to perform over radio even today. Shri Parthasarathy has written on music in The Hindu and has produced recordings of songs sung by himself and of songs he has set to music. He has been bestowed several honours for his work by sabbas in Tamil Nadu.

Shri S.V. Parthasarathy receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Carnatic vocal music.