



SUMA SUDHINDRA

Akademi Award: Carnatic Instrumental Music – Veena

Born on 1 May 1952 at Bangalore (now Bengaluru) in Karnataka, Shrimati Suma Sudhindra received her training in Veena from Shri Veena L. Raja Rao, and later groomed her art under the tutelage of Shri Chittiababu.

A recipient of the Senior Fellowship from the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, she has performed in many prestigious music festivals in India and abroad.

Shrimati Suma Sudhindra has been associated with many prestigious cultural institutions such as the Academy of Music–Chowdiah Memorial Hall; and as Director, Outreach, Indian Music Experience. She has established the Tarangini Art Foundation at Bengaluru for the promotion of Carnatic Music. She has many recordings to her credit.

For her contribution to Carnatic Music, she has been honoured by various eminent titles and awards including the Kalaimamani conferred by the Government of Tamil Nadu (1980); the Rajyotsava Award given by the Government of Karnataka (2001); the Ganakala Bhushana bestowed by the Karnataka Gana Kala Parishad (2014); and the Honorary Citizenship of U.S.A. conferred by the Mayor of Baltimore in 1985.

Shrimati Suma Sudhindra receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for 2017 for her contribution to Carnatic instrumental music - Veena.