



UMAYALPURAM K. NARAYANASWAMY

Akademi Award: Carnatic Instrumental Music (Ghatam)

Born on 14 May 1929 in Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu, Shri Umayalpuram K. Narayanaswamy was taught to play the Ghatam by his father Shri Umayalpuram N. Kothandarama Iyer.

As a Ghatam accompanist, Shri Narayanaswamy has distinguished himself in the field of Carnatic music. He has performed widely, accompanying musicians including Shri Chitti Babu and Shrimati Mani Krishnaswamy on their tours abroad. In 1994, he lectured in various universities in the United States. He worked as a staff artist in All India Radio for many years, retiring in 1989.

Shri Narayanaswamy has been honoured by many institutions and Sabhas. The title Kalaimamani was conferred upon him by the Tamil Nadu Eyal Isai Nataka Manram in 1995.

Shri Umayalpuram K. Narayanaswamy receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to Carnatic instrumental music.



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