



V. RAJKUMAR BHARATHI
Akademi Award: Music for Dance

Born on 24 June 1958 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, Shri V. Rajkumar Bharathi received his initial training in music from his mother Shrimati Lalitha Bharathi. Advancing in his learning, he further trained under Shri Valliyur Gurumurthi, Dr M. Balamuralikrishna, and Professor T.V. Gopalakrishnan.

Shri V. Rajkumar Bharathi has carved out a niche for himself as a composer and singer. As a music composer for Dance, he has composed many Pushpanjalis, Varnams, Padams and Thillanas, and has worked with many leading dance exponents in India and abroad such as Alarmel Valli, Dr Saraswathi, Jayanthi Subramaniam, Hema Rajagopalan, Malathi Iyengar, Nina Rajarani, and Menaka Thakkar, besides participating in many seminars. Shri V. Rajkumar Bharathi has trained many prominent students and has many recordings to his credit.

For his long years of service in the field of dance music, Shri V. Rajkumar Bharathi has been honoured with many titles and awards. He is a recipient of the Asthana Vidwan title by Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham, Kanchi (2007); the Gowri Manohari by Guru Surajananda Trust, Chennai (2013); the Acharya Choodamani by Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Chennai (2014); and the Natyarangam Award by Narada Gana Sabha, Chennai (2014).

Shri V. Rajkumar Bharathi receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to dance music.