



## GURU: Smt. Shruthi Ranjani Kanchana



Vidushi. Kanchana S. Shruthiranjani, along with her sister Vidushi. Kanchana S. Shriranjani, are famously known as the "Kanchana Sisters". They are amongst the most sought-after duet vocalists in the carnatic music world. She was initiated into music at the tender age of 3 by her parents and gurus, "Karnataka Kalasri" Kanchana V. Subbarathnam and Vidushi Kanchana Rohini Subbarathnam, and started performing at the age of four. Her guru and maternal uncle Dr. R. S. Nandakumar introduced her to the art of Avadhana Pallavis – a complex art form which calls for the presentation of different talas and nadais on both hands, simultaneously, while also presenting complex compositions. This is a very rare and difficult art form to master and has enthralled people all over the world by its beauty, elegance and complexity. She is an 'A' Grade artiste of All India Radio (AIR), and holds many awards, titles, accolades and scholarships from prestigious institutions including the Central Government of India. She is also an empanelled artist at the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).

#### GURU: Sri. Padmanabhan Kumar



Sri. Padmanabhan Kumar (aka Mukesh), hails from a musical family. He was initiated into music by his mother, Mrs. Rajeswari Kumar, at the age of 3. At age 6, he along with his brother, started taking initial carnatic music lessons with their school music teacher, Mrs. S.Venkatalakshmi. Both brothers took advanced training under the tutelage of Vidwan Sri. Thiruvengadu A Jayaraman, who was an ardent and pradhana disciple of the great Vidwan Madurai Mani lyer. Jayaraman mama imparted great musical wisdom by instilling the importance of swarams and bhavam in songs along with valuable life lessons till he attained the lotus feet of the gods to sing for them eternally. Padmanabhan currently pursues music along with his career as a mechanical/robotics engineer in Silicon Valley. Padmanabhan insists that music and math go together in life. Padmanabhan is a playback singer and is a regular performer at QFR, a Ragamalika TV show. He is also the winner of Ragamalika and Sapthaswarangal TV music game shows.

### GURU: Smt. Sumanasa Ranjani Kanchana



Vidushi. Sumanasa Ranjani S.Kanchana hails from a family of musicians, famously known as 'Kanchana'. She was initiated into the music world by her parents and gurus "Karnataka Kalasri" Kanchana V Subbarathnam and Mother Vidushi Rohini Subbarathnam and her elder sisters popularly known as "Kanchana Sisters". Her maternal grandfather Dr. R Sathyanarayana is a great musicologist and a Padmashree Awardee. Sumanasa is a software professional and a musician, and is well versed in violin, flute and vocal. She is currently a disciple of violin maestro Sri TKV Ramanujacharlu from Srirangam, Trichy. She took initial lessons for flute from Vidwan Sri K. U. Raghavendra Rao in Udupi and self learnt the instrument. She graduated with a Vidwath degree in Carnatic music and has performed with many well known musicians in India and USA. She was awarded the 'Prathibha Puraskar' by Suddi Bidugade – a Kannada newspaper group. She is also a freelance writer and has composed songs in English and Kannada.







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