

SHANMUKHA SANGEETHA SHIROMANI AWARD



Music is a representation of divine beauty. It is the harmonious voice of creation positioned between the regions of the mind and of matter, a mediator between the spiritual and sensual life. It is a universal language of emotions and a vehicle of human feelings, answering to various moods of the mind. Indian music has a very long unbroken tradition and is an accumulated heritage of centuries.

Shanmukhananda Sabha was founded in 1952 to preserve, promote, propagate and popularise the rich traditional culture of our nation in the field of Performing Arts.

For over five decades, the Shanmukhananda Fine Arts & Sangeetha Sabha has held the center stage in the country for promotion of Music in its widest import. The Institution is a part of the living history; a monument to cultural synthesis, one singular object in its multi-faceted dimensions and secular nature epitomizes the nation itself. The Shanmukhananda Sabha is a living tradition.

In Fine Arts, we have the closest approach to universality. It brings peace which passeth understanding. Its immortal spirit ministers to human need for sweetness and light. Sri Shanmukhananda National Eminence Award provides an institutional framework for honouring legendary and lifetime contributions in the field of Fine Arts.

Nemmara Brothers (Shri N. R. Kannan & Shri N. R. Anand) Born to Smt. Yashoda and Shri K. Ramachandran, Nemmara Brothers Kannan and Anand hail from a well-known musical family in Pudukottai. Initially they learnt Nadaswaram from their grand father Shri Kunjappan Pillai. After three years of grooming under him, Shri Kannan and his elder sister Smt. Vasantha Nagaraj continued their study of Nadaswaram in Kalamandalam, Guruvayoor under Guru Shri Sakthivel. Shri Anand, the younger brother, also learnt under Guru Shri Sakthivel and now continues to learn from Shri Kannan, the elder brother.

Kannan's arangetram was done at Guruvayoor Temple when he was barely seven years of age. His first concert was at Thirumalai Temple, Kochi in Kerala State. As on date Shri Kannan has given above 2500 concerts with the younger brother Shri Anand joining him in later years.

They are recipients of several awards like Nadaswara Ilam Chakravarthi, Nadaswara Innisai Vendharkal, Kalai Ngana Sikaram, Divya Nada Kala Nava Manee, Swara Raga Ilam Chakravarthi, ITC Sangeetha Research Academy Award (Mumbai), Kanchi Kamakotipeetha Asthana Vidwan, 3 times First in Kerala Youth Festival, etc.

The Shanmukhananda Sabha is privileged to honour **Nemmara Brothers** with **Shanmukha Sangeetha Shiromani Award**.

Given on Wednesday, the 19th day of January 2011 at Mumbai

President