

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.

Master Akashi - son of Sri MN Satish Kumar & Smt Vani Satish who started showing keen interest in music at the tender age of three and half years, hails from a family of musicians and music lovers. At the age of four, he was put under the tutelage of Pandit Venkatesh Godhikindi, a renowned flutist. At an early age itself, though not able to follow music notations in writing, he was able to grasp subtle intricacies of music. He is a student of 8th standard studying in S.V.M., Bangalore. Presently, he is under the tutelage of Shri Jayatheerth Mevundi and Pandit Ronu Majumdar.

He is the recipient of several awards important being, Child prodigal award at the age of 7, by his Excellency T. N. Chaturvedi, the then Governor of Karnataka, Pogo Amazing Kids Award, 2008 in Musician category, Exceptionally talent award by his Excellency Bharadwaj, the present Governor of Karnataka. Rising star in Idea India National Talent Hunt 2009.

His key stone performances have been at Girinagar Sangeetha Sabha, Delhi Sustainable Development Summit, Bangalore Society for Performing Arts, Music festival organized by Bangalore Gayana Sabha, Smrithi Nandan Yuva Sangeetha Utsav in September 2005, Youth Music Festival at Solapur, Music Festival in Dasara at Mysore, Infosys Foundation, Belgaum, Chalukya Utsav at Badami, Karnataka, Karavalli Utsav at Mangalore, Indo-American Society at Bangalore, Aarohi Festival by Pancham Nishad at Mumbai, Sawai Gandharva Festival at Hubli in memory of Smt. Krishna Hangal.

The Shanmukhananda Sabha is privileged to honour **Master Akashi** with **Shanmukha Sangeetha Shiromani Award**.

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

President