

Trivandrum Krishnakumar and Binni Krishnakumar



Krishnakumar Born in 1973 to Prof.Y.Kalyanasundaram and vocal musician Smt.Sarada Kalyanasundaram at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala in India, Krishnakumar started learning Carnatic music (vocal) from his mother at the age of eight..After receiving the award of the National talent scholarship, Krishnakumar continued the learning in a very systematic manner from late Prof Neyyattinkara. M. K. Mohanachandran, former Head of Department of Music at Government Women's College, Thiruvananthapuram. By then he also visited Chennai yearly during academic vacations and had advanced training from Padmavibhushan Dr.M.Balamuralikrishna and this bond of Guru - Sishya became very strong as Krishnakumar moved his residence to Chennai Now a popular musician in the Carnatic classical and film music circles, he is also famous as Trivandrum Krishnakumar .

Krishnakumar is a First-class graduate in Mathematics (1994), a First Rank with first class in both BA (1996) and MA (1998) in Music from the University of Kerala. He is also qualified to be a lecturer in Carnaticmusic according to the norms of the University Grants Commission of India. He is currently doing his Ph.D. in music at the Department of Music, University of Kerala. Krishnakumar is an 'A' Grade artist of All India Radio and performs music concerts regularly at AIR, Doordarsan and other private television channels in Classical music, Light classical music and Light music. He has performed many National, South-zone hook- up programmes and many 'invited audience' special programmes of All India Radio and Doordarsan. Krishnakumar has sung in many Fusion music concerts and Jugalbandi with Hindustani classical music.

As a PLAYBACK SINGER - Krishnakumaar has sung in the Malayalam films '*Swaham*' directed by Shaji.N.Karun '*Kaalachakram*' directed by Sonu Sisupal '*Kalabham*' music directed by late Ravindran '*Nivedyam*', '*Anthipponvettom*'

'Gomati Nayakam' (Tamil) music directed by Sri.M.Jayachandran. He has sung in many professional dramas in Malayalam and various television serials - 'Melappadam', 'Swantham Malootty', 'Sri Ayyappan' etc...for the Doordarsan, Soorya and Asianet television channels.

The famous Malayalam film music director of the yester years - late G.Devarajan selected Krishnakumaar to present his new format of Ragam Thanam Pallavi, which is sung in six tempos - SHADKAALA PALLAVI. Krishnakumaar performed this unique classical musical form many times in the public, in the august presence of the composer himself and has won the appreciation of the connoisseurs of music. He was specially felicitated by the MACTA - Malayalam Cine Technicians Association - for the successful and impressive presentation of *Shadkaala pallavi*. Krishnakumaar and his wife, *Mrs.Binni Krishnakumar* - a famous playback and classical singer, together perform duo vocal concerts and theme oriented special concerts Born to K.N.Ramachandran Nair and Smt.Santha Ramachandran at Thodupuzha in Kerala.

Binni Krishankumar began learning Carnatic Music (Vocal) at the age of seven under Vidwan Sri.Thiruvizha Surendran and came under the tutelage of Sri.Tamarakkad Govindan Namboodiri. During her graduation and post graduation in music, she learnt from Violin Vidwan Sri.B.Sasikumar and Prof. Neyyattinkara Mohanachandran at Trivandrum. Now under the musical guidance of Padmavibhushan Dr.M.Balamuralikrishna.

Binni was awarded direct B-High grade by the All India Radio and sings regularly for the AIR, Doordarsan and other private television channels. She has been featured in the South Zone Hookup programmes of the AIR. BINNI KRISHNAKUMAAR was introduced to playback singing by the popular music director Sri.VIDYASAGAR by making her sing her debut song Rā rā sarasaku rārā in the super hit Rajinikant movie - CHANDRAMUKHI. Since then, she has sung in more than 35 feature films, television serials & music albums in Tamil, Malayalam, Telugu, Kannada, Bengali etc for prominent music directors. A popular musician of Kerala through the Asianet TV Channel, Binni Has successfully presented the Classical Music based weekly magazine, "NaadaMaadhuri" along with the popular lyricist of the Malayalam cinema, Sri.Kaithapram Damodaran Namboodiri.