



# SRI RAMA LALITHA KALA MANDIRA (R)

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Sri Rama Lalitha Kala Mandira presents



## G. Vedantha Iyengar Memorial Award

(Educationist, Public Service Medallist and Visionary-Founder of Sri Rama Lalitha Kala Mandira)

" SANGEETHA  
VEDANTHA  
DHUREENA "



Prof. R. VISWESWARAN

There is a saying in English 'The world is as big as we make it. Begin imagining'.

It can be said that Prof. R. Visweswaran is an epitome to this saying. To him, the vast expanse of classical music is like a huge canvas waiting to be filled and like a true virtuoso has explored its fathomless depths and has conjured up myriad sounds of music in a very artistic tradition, enriching the classical music with his high calibre and indelibly leaving his mark in the field of classical music.

Born into a family of musicians with rich musical heritage, Prof. Visweswaran imbibed every aspect of music right from his young age. His music arises from his deep and intense effort and contemplation about practice and principles of music. He is a great scholar, an outstanding vainika with remarkable artistry and control over the instrument, a vocalist, guru, musicologist and a composer of high order making him one of the very few to have such accomplishments. He has more than 150 musical compositions to his credit and has conceived several new ragas and composed in them. He has also composed exquisite original music for over a hundred works of the haridasas. Apart from penning numerous articles on music and musicology, he has authored books such as - 'Facets of Music' and 'Vaggeya Visweswari'. The former is a collection of articles and the latter is a book containing his compositions. His book Sangeetha Sastra Chintana Rasayana in Kannada discusses topics of musicology.

As a highly renowned guru, he has taught several generations of students and has disciples all over the world who are carrying on his legacy.

As a musicologist, his lecture demonstrations are much sought after and he is known for his practise-oriented lec-dems on the intricacies in Karnatak music. Prof. Visweswaran holds a degree in Indology and has used his training in the study of Indian culture to illuminate his musical investigations.

Prof. Visweswaran has received countless honours and felicitations. Numerous state, national and international awards have come his way.

**Now Sri Rama Lalitha Kala Mandira is proud to bestow on Prof. R. Visweswaran  
The award, "Sangeetha Vedantha Dhureena" On Friday 24th November 2017.**

It is said that a man has to lead by example and Prof. Visweswaran has set lofty standards for all that a man can achieve in his lifetime. An example worth emulating.

We pray that God's benevolence always be on you and bless you with good health to continue your 'Naadopaasana'.

**G.V. Ranganayakamma &  
G.V. Neela**  
Chief Founders

**Mysuru**  
24th November 2017

**G.V. Krishna Prasad**  
Hon. Secretary