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Sri Rama Lalitha Kala Mandira
Presents



G. VEDANTHA IYENGAR MEMORIAL AWARD

(Educationist, Public Service Medalist, Founder: Sri Rama Lalitha Kala Mandira)

"SANGITA VEDANTHA DHUREENA"

To:



VIDUSHI Smt. VISHAKA HARI

We can start to write about Smt.Vishaka Hari by using the word she often says in her katha keerthanam – "HIS WILL".

It is not very often one comes across a person who is outstandingly brilliant and successful in whatever they choose to do, and yet heed to the inner calling to walk in the path of spirituality and Serve the Divine. Smt.Vishaka Hari is one such individual, who is very proud of our ancient culture, tradition and wisdom and in all earnestness propagates and creates an awareness of our rich culture by doing what she has come to be very well known for, her musical discourses.

Smt.Vishakha Hari is a practitioner of the ancient beautiful art form called Harikatha. Blessed with parents who are very passionate about Indian art and culture, Smt. Vishaka Hari was initiated into music right from her childhood.

Her Gurus are Shri Laigudi G.Jayaraman, the great violin maestro for music, her father-in-law Shri Krishnapremi Swamigal, a great vidwan in shastras and author of several books on them, who initiated her to the art of harikatha and her husband Shri R. Hari for katha. Together, they spread valuable messages of love and peace throughout the world.

Kathakalakshepam often conjures up the image of serious religious discourse attended normally by a gathering of elderly people. This is where the musical discourses conducted by Smt.Vishaka Hari differs. With her magnetic presence on stage and vibrant style, she delves deep into the treasure house of our culture and comes up with gems, wherein with sheer joy and remarkable capability captivates the audience, transporting them to that realm and spell binds them. Her discourses are an amalgamation of music, drama, story, philosophy and devotion. Overflowing audiences, both young and old is a testimony to her capabilities. Her repertoire of Harikathas speak volumes of the reading and research work done for each of the topics.

As an accomplished musician, Smt.Vishaka hari has given music concerts in all the prestigious sabhas both in India as well as abroad. She has given many thematic concerts and has given performances for fund raising for many social causes. She has also tuned many of the compositions of the saints like Purandaaradasa, Sadashiva Brahmendra, Subramanya Bharathiar and also abhangs.

As a brilliant academician, she has secured third rank in Final Chartered Accountancy examination along with an All India First in Direct Taxes.

Presently, she is guiding children, teenagers and youngsters to look up to Indian culture and arts for which she has been honoured as the distinguished professor of Oriental studies and Arts.

Smt.Vishaka hari has been honoured with many titles and awards for her brilliant work.

Now, Sri Rama Lalitha Kala Mandira is proud to bestow on her the award,

"SANGITA VEDANTHA DHUREENA "

on Saturday the 29th April, 2017

As the Bhagvat Geeta saying goes,
A man is made by his belief. As he believes, so is he.

Your faith and belief in our tradition, arts & culture and your untiring striving to uphold and propagate them and as an ambassador of the message of peace and love has truly made you "a citizen of the world". Again it goes without saying - **HIS WILL**

G. V. NEELA
Chief Founder

Bengaluru
29th April, 2017

G. V. KRISHNA PRASAD
Hon.Secretary