

# Akkarai Sisters

S Subhalakshmi & S Sornalatha

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Akkarai Sisters S Subhalakshmi and S Sornalatha are among India's most distinguished musicians today, renowned for their soulful music that has won the hearts of music lovers worldwide. They are the disciples of their father, Akkarai Shri S Swamynathan, as well as Shri V Janakiraman, Shri O V Subramanian, Padmabhushan Shri P S Narayaswamy, and Chitravina N Ravikiran. Having taken the music world by storm as child prodigies, the sisters have performed in countless prestigious venues around the world, and today hold the unique distinction of being highly sought-after for both vocal and violin duets, as well as accompaniment for many an eminent artiste. They have also featured in many acclaimed collaborations with Hindustani, Jazz, Western Classical, and other musicians from around the world.

The sisters have been honoured with numerous awards and titles, such as Subhalakshmi's Rajiv Gandhi Yuva Puraskar from the President of India and Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar (2007), and Sornalatha's gold medal from the University of Madras upon her graduation in MA music and gold medal from the 2005-06 national intercollegiate competition at Kurukshetra. In 2003, Subhalakshmi was identified as one of India's 50 most promising individuals across all fields by The Week magazine. The sisters together were awarded the Shanmukha Sangeetha Shiromani in 2009 and the Yuva Purandara Award in 2016. They are highly sought-after as teachers, and have benefited numerous students around the world with their knowledge and experience.