

Akkarai S Sornalatha

Bio

Akkarai S Sornalatha is a prodigious Indian classical (Carnatic) violinist and vocalist whose soulful music has captivated the hearts of music lovers worldwide. She is the disciple of her father Akkarai Shri S Swamynathan, and the younger sister of the renowned violinist and vocalist Akkarai S Subhalakshmi. She has also trained under Shri O V Subramaniam, Padmabhushan Shri P S Narayanaswamy, and chitravina maestro Shri N Ravikiran. A child prodigy, Sornalatha began performing by the age of eight, and she and her sister, known together as 'Akkarai Sisters', hold the unique distinction of being highly sought-after as both vocalists and violinists worldwide. She has also played alongside stalwarts like Chitravina N Ravikiran, T M Krishna, Shrimushnam V Raja Rao, Hyderabad Sisters, P Unnikrishnan, and so on.

Sornalatha has toured all over India, as well as North America, Australia, Singapore, Europe, Sri Lanka, and so on. An MA gold medalist from the University of Madras, Sornalatha's accolades include Yuva Kala Bharathi, Isai Chemmal, the Best Violinist award from Indian Fine Arts Society (2007), and so on. She also received the Shanmukha Sangeeta Shiromani together with her sister in 2009. She is an A-grade artiste for All India Radio, and has released many duet albums with her sister, such as 'Inta Saukhyam', Charsur's 'December Season' 2012 & 2013, 'Double Bow', and so on. A highly-sought-after guru for both vocal and violin, she has benefited many disciples around the world with her knowledge and experience. Sornalatha attributes all her success to her gurus, especially her father Akkarai Shri S Swamynathan.