

Akkarai S Subhalakshmi

Bio

Akkarai S Subhalakshmi, Indian classical (Carnatic) violinist and vocalist, took the music world by storm at the age of eight, and is now amongst the most distinguished musicians of today. She is the disciple of her father, Akkarai Shri S Swamynathan, as well as Shri V Janakiraman, Shri O V Subramaniam, Padmabhushan Shri P S Narayanaswamy, and Chitravina Shri N Ravikiran. A multi-faceted musician, she is renowned for her rich and soulful music, be it her vocal and violin duets with her sister Akkarai S Sornalatha, her sensitive accompaniment for many legends of Indian classical music, or her innovative collaborations with Hindustani, Jazz, Pop, and other artistes from around the world.

Subhalakshmi has performed in countless prestigious venues worldwide, including the Théâtre de la Ville Festival (Paris), the Queen Elizabeth Hall and BBC Radio (London), Umeå Jazzfestival (Sweden), and so on. She has been honoured with numerous awards and titles like the Rajiv Gandhi Yuva Puraskar (awarded at age thirteen by the President of India) and the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar (2007), to name just a few, and was identified as one of India's 50 most promising individuals across all fields in The Week magazine's 2003 Independence Day special. She has released many albums, her very first an unprecedented feat in which she accompanied her own vocal on the violin at the age of fifteen. She has given lectures on Carnatic music at prestigious universities and institutes around the world, and benefited many students with her knowledge and experience.