

Akkarai S Sornalatha

Indian Classical Musician

Akkarai S Sornalatha is a Indian classical (Carnatic) violinist and vocalist whose soulful music has captivated the hearts of music lovers worldwide. She and her sister Akkarai S Subhalakshmi, renowned as 'Akkarai Sisters', hold the unique distinction of being amongst the foremost artistes in the field as both vocal and violin duettists, as well as accompanists for many leading musicians. She is the disciple of her father Akkarai Shri S Swamynathan, and has also received training from Shri O V Subramaniam and Padmabhushan Shri P S Narayanaswamy. Her acclaimed style of playing, characterised by a sweet tone and sensitive fingering, is a confluence of intellect and aesthetics. And as an accompanist, she is known for her skill in blending with the music and enhancing it skilfully.

Sornalatha has toured the world over and been featured at prestigious venues like Kalman Sultanik Confederation House (Israel), Umeå Jazzfestival (Sweden), and so on. Sornalatha is also a composer with several creatively crafted compositions in Tamil, Telugu, Hindi and Sanskrit to her credit. An A-Grade artiste in both vocal and violin for All India Radio and Doordarshan, and an MA gold medalist from the University of Madras, Sornalatha has been honoured with awards like Kalaimamani (the Government of Tamil Nadu's prestigious arts award, 2019), Shanmukha Sangeeta Shiromani (2009), and so on. A highly-sought-after teacher, she has benefited many disciples around the world with her knowledge and experience, and given lectures on Carnatic music at Trivandrum Music College, Royal Music College in Stockholm (Sweden), and many more. Sornalatha attributes all her success to her gurus, especially her father Akkarai Shri S Swamynathan.