

## BIODATA

**NAME** Smt. YOGA VANDANA . J  
**DATE OF BIRTH** 03<sup>rd</sup> December 1965  
**FIELD OF CULTURAL ACTIVITY** Karnatic Classical Music **INSTRUMENTAL- VEENA**

### **DETAILS OF TRAINING**

After a brief training under Smt. Subhashini Sastri, continued training under the guidance of Late Vidwan Shri. V.S. Anantha Rao, who belonged to the Vasa Sampradayam.

### **ALL INDIA RADIO GRADING - TOP GRADE VEENA ARTIST**

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- ❖ **DIPLOMA in Music** - Govt of Andhra Pradesh, (St.Thyagaraja College of Music, Hyderabad) in **HONOURS DIVISION**.
- ❖ **ALANKAR in Music** - Akhila Bharathiya Gandharva Maha Vidyalaya, Miraj in **I DIVISION**
- ❖ **Empanelled Artiste** of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi

### **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION**

Post Graduate in Zoology, from Osmania University.

### **AWARDS**

- ❖ **FIRST PRIZE** in the Music Competition held by the Maharajapuram Vishwanatha Iyer Trust, C/o The Bangalore Gayana Samaja, March 1990.
- ❖ **FIRST PRIZE & GOLD MEDAL** for the best musician in the Sri Sudharshanacharya Memorial Gold Medal Competition (State Level) organized by Samskara Bharathi, Hyderabad, June 1995.
- ❖ **SMT. RUKMINI JAGANNATHAN PURASKAR** for the performance in the Alankar Exams, Feb 97.

### **PERFORMANCES & ACTIVITIES (Some Notable Ones)**

- ❖ National Program of Music on DD (National Channel) – November 2014
- ❖ National Program of Music on A I R, DD (CHANDANA), UDAYA TV
- ❖ 'Naadaneerajanam' on the Sri Venkateswara Bhakti Channel
- ❖ Southern Regional Satellite Network (SRSN) Program of Doordarshan
- ❖ Released an Audio CD in 2006
- ❖ Compiled a book on rare Annamacharya Krithis in Telugu – Sankeerthana Ganamrutham

### **Various Sangeetha Sabhas in Karnataka**

- ❖ Cultural Programs sponsored by the Dept. of Kannada & Culture and ICCR
- ❖ Sri Rama Lalitha Kala Mandira, Bangalore
- ❖ Percussive Arts Centre, Bangalore
- ❖ Nada Surabhi Cultural Association, Bangalore
- ❖ Gana Bharathi Sangeetha Sabha, Mysore
- ❖ Vinayaka Samskruthi Seva Samithi Trust (Regd.), Bangalore
- ❖ Kartika Veena Mahotsava Saptaha – Guruguha Vaggeya Prathishtana Trust (Regd.), Shimoga
- ❖ Keshava Samskriti Sabha, ISRO Layout, Bangalore

- ❖ Sree Gurusmruthi Kalakendra (Regd.), Bangalore
- ❖ M.S. Ramaiah Trust, Bangalore
- ❖ The Navarathri Festival, Marikamba Devathana, Sirsi
- ❖ The Navarathri Festival, Sringeri
- ❖ Cultural Programs sponsored by Karnataka Sangeetha Nritya Academy, Gulbarga
- ❖ Veena Festival organized by Karnataka Sangeetha Nritya Academy
- ❖ Rajarajeshwari Cultural Association, Bangalore – Jugalbandi with Sitar
- ❖ Gana Sudha Sabha, Hubli
- ❖ Naada Jyothi, Thyagaraja Swamy Bhajana Sabha, Bangalore
- ❖ Sri Krishna Kalakshetra, Bangalore
- ❖ Girinagar Sangeeth Sabha, Bangalore
- ❖ 'Ananya', Malleswaram, Bangalore
- ❖ Shruthimanjari Foundation, Mysore
- ❖ Krishna Kala Kendra, Bangalore
- ❖ Narada Gana Sabha, Chennai
- ❖ Dasara Celebrations, Sri Mahalingeshwara Temple, Puttur, Dakshina Kannada
- ❖ Kalasagaram, Secunderabad January 2015
- ❖ Indian Institute of World Culture, Feb 2015
- ❖ Bangalore Lalitha Kala Parishath, March 2015
- ❖ Bangalore Gayana Samaja, April 2015

#### **Other Centres**

- ❖ Cultural Programs sponsored by ICCR, New Delhi
- ❖ Various Sabhas in Chennai
- ❖ The Annual Thyagaraja Aradhana Festival at Thiruvayaru
- ❖ At Tirupathy under the auspices of the Dharma Prachara Parishad and during annual Brahmotsavam celebrations
- ❖ Sangeetha Vidwatmani Sabha, Kakinada
- ❖ At the Ukkunagaram Sangeetha Sabha, Vishakapatnam during the Navarathri Celebrations of 2003
- ❖ The Veena Festival at Hyderabad in 2004
- ❖ Chembai Festival, 2005 at Guruvayoor
- ❖ Involved in teaching students

#### **Performances Abroad**

- ❖ Temple of Fine Arts, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, May 2011
- ❖ Indian Cultural Centre, Indian Embassy, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, May 2011

#### **Part of an All Women Ensemble – Sthree Taal Tarang**

Performed in India and in Cyprus, Singapore and China, Dubai, Switzerland, Denmark.

#### **PERSONAL DETAILS**

**Husband's Name:** J.V.KAMESH  
**Father's Name:** PROF. VETURI ANANDA MURTHY

#### **PRESENT ADDRESS**

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