



Indira Sivasailam Foundation hosts “Anwasha – Bala Vidwan” a contest for young artistes to showcase their talent in Carnatic music

25th September 2019 | Chennai: The Indira Sivasailam Foundation hosted the 7th year of Anwasha – ‘Quest for the Best’, as a precursor to the annual Indira Sivasailam Endowment Concert at the Music Academy, Madras. Introduced in 2018, Anwasha – ‘**Bala Vidwan**’ Contest provides a platform for budding artistes to showcase their talent in Carnatic music in presence of the recipient of the Indira Sivasailam Endowment Medal and an eminent jury from The Music Academy Advanced School of Carnatic Music.

“Anwasha- Bala Vidwan” contest invited participants to upload their performances in a video format on its Facebook page. This year, the contest received around 100 entries with participation from young artistes across Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka and Kerala and a few from USA and Middle East. The jury comprised of Prof. Ritha Rajan, Dr. R. S. Jayalakshmi, faculty members at The Music Academy Advanced School of Carnatic Music and the winner of this year’s Indira Sivasailam Endowment Medal, Dr. Pantula Rama.

This year, apart from the vocal and instrumental (flute and violin) categories for children in the age group of 10-15, an open category was introduced for artistes in the age group of 16-20. The event saw commendable performances from young participants in all three categories.

The following artistes were announced as winners of Anwasha 2019:

Age Group: 10-15

Vocal: 1) V Ranjani Radha 2) S Swarathmika 3) Dhruv S Pathangi
Instrumental: 1) Kamakshi Ambatipudi 2) Aprameya Sheshadri

Age Group: 16-20

Open Category: 1) R D Shyam Raghav

Dr. Pantula Rama, Prof. Ritha Rajan, Dr. R. S. Jayalakshmi and Ms. Sunitha Subramaniyan from The Indira Sivasailam Foundation- the Anwasha jury members conferred the awards. The audience and the participants appreciated The Indira Sivasailam Foundation’s initiative for promoting Carnatic music amongst budding artistes to perpetuate and preserve the art form.



About The Indira Sivasailam Foundation:

The Indira Sivasailam Foundation has been contributing towards perpetuating and promoting our rich culture and tradition, preserving and propagating various art forms. The foundation was established by Ms. Mallika Srinivasan, Chairman, TAFE – Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited, in the year 2010, in memory of her mother, the Late Smt. Indira Sivasailam. The foundation is constantly involved in activities such as care and welfare of senior citizens, women's empowerment, Hindu philosophy and Sanskrit literature.

Through the Indira Sivasailam Endowment Fund, under the auspices of The Music Academy, Madras, the foundation organizes The Indira Sivasailam Endowment Concert during the Navaratri season every year, recognizing an outstanding Carnatic musician with The Indira Sivasailam Endowment Medal and Citation. Since 2010, renowned and coveted Carnatic musicians like Smt. Sudha Ragunathan,

Sri. Sanjay Subrahmanyam, Smt. Aruna Sairam, Smt. Bombay Jayashri Ramnath, Sri. T. M. Krishna, the Malladi Brothers – Sri. Malladi Sreeramprasad and Sri. Malladi Ravikumar, the Violin duo Sri. Lalgudi Krishnan and Smt. Lalgudi Vijayalakshmi, the RaGa Sisters – Smt. Ranjani and Smt. Gayatri and Dr. Jayanthi Kumaresh have been conferred this honor. With the noble aim of promulgating South Indian classical music, the foundation ensures that the concert is open to all, without any fee.

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