



**The 9th Indira Sivasailam Endowment Medal to be conferred upon
Vainika DR. JAYANTHI KUMARESH chosen as the recipient
of the Indira Sivasailam Endowment Medal**

Chennai, 11th September, 2018: The Indira Sivasailam Endowment Fund was established in the year 2010 by Ms. Mallika Srinivasan as a tribute to her mother Smt. Indira Sivasailam - an avid follower and patron of the traditional art forms, especially Carnatic music. The endowment fund, established in association with The Music Academy, Madras, aims to recognize and promote Carnatic musicians of distinction. Each year a winner is chosen by a panel comprising of members from the Endowments Committee of the Academy and Ms. Mallika Srinivasan, Chairman & CEO, TAFE. The award ceremony and a musical performance by the artist will be held at The Music Academy.

The recipient of the award for this year is Dr. Jayanthi Kumaresh, a legendary Saraswathi Veena player. A 6th generation musician, she hails from the illustrious Lalgudi family and commenced her veena training at the age of 3 under her mother Smt. R. Rajalakshmi. She came under the tutelage of her guru Vidushi Padmavathy Ananthagopalan and later she had the opportunity to seek guidance under Veena Virtuoso Padmabhushan Dr. S. Balachander. She has a PhD in Analytical Study of different *Banis* and playing techniques of Sarswathi Veena. Jayanthi's style truly brings out the voice of the Veena, in terms of originality in content, technique, virtuosity and expression that transcends the boundaries of language and region.

The selection was made on the basis of specific criteria which include excellence in performance, audience appeal, adherence to classical tradition while innovating within its framework, depth of knowledge and demonstrated efforts to disseminate knowledge and the ability to bring about a greater and deeper public appreciation of Carnatic Music.

The award ceremony will be held at the Music Academy, Madras, on the 12th of October 2018 at 6:00 pm.



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 & CEO, 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, Sanskrit literature and *annadana*.

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 and the RaGa Sisters – Smt. Ranjani and Smt. Gayatri 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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