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YUVA KALA RATNA AWARD – 2023

to

Shri. Bharat Sundar

Shri. Bharat Sundar is a Chennai-based Carnatic singer and composer. His tryst with music began when he was 5 years old. His talent in singing was first recognized when he bagged the first prize in a singing competition conducted at his father's workplace. At the age of 6, he began his formal training under his maternal aunt, Gayatri Mahesh & then learnt under G.Srikanth's tutelage for a short tenure before he moved to learn under Smt.Leelavathi Gopalakrishnan's guidance. During his decade-long tutelage under her, Bharat actively participated in film shows, music competitions and workshops.

For the year 2004, for close to 7 years, he actively toured with Abaswaram Ramjhi's association and sang in over thousand film shows. After performing in so many shows, he began to feel more comfortable on stage than off stage. While his foremost concert dates back to February 1999 at VDS Arts Academy and more formal full-fledged concerts starting from 2005, it was not until the year 2007 that he found his true-calling for Carnatic music.

In 2010, Bharat participated in the first ever exclusive reality show for Carnatic vocalists, called Carnatic Idol, adjudged by the most eminent panel of Carnatic experts. With the most competent vocalists as his competitors, he went on to be unanimously chosen as the winner of the entire series after multiple rounds of selection, that involved thorough scrutiny of manodharmam and other technical skills.

Bharat started to train under the stalwart Late. Sri. P.S.Narayanaswamy and he has also been closely mentored by Sangeetha Kalanidhi Vidushi Dr.S.Sowmya.

He holds an undergraduate degree in B.com from D.G.Vaishnav College, Chennai and a Masters Degree in Indian Music from University of Madras where he graduated as a Gold Medalist. He is also an "A Grade" artist at the All India Radio and a recipient of the CCRT Scholarship.

He is a recipient of numerous awards like Yuva Purandara Award by Indiranagar Sangeetha Sabha, Best Concert Award in Senior Category (2019 & 2018), Best Vocalist – Sub Senior Category (2016) and Outstanding Vocalist Award in Sub Senior Category (2015) by The Music Academy, Kalki Sri.Krishnamurthy Award by Kalki Krishnamurthy Memorial Trust, Yuva Puraskar by Sri Rama Seva Mandali, Maharajapuram Viswanathan Iyer Youth Excellence Award by Sangeeth Natak Akademi, Dr.M.L.Vasanthakumari Award by Sri Parthasarathy Swamy Sabha, Isai Chudar by Karthik Fine Arts, Bru Carnatic Music Idol by Jaya TV, Yuvakala Bharati by Bharat Kalachar, Balakalaratna by Balakalasagaram Trust, Yuva Kala Vipanchee by Vipanchi Institution and Bala Bhaskara by VDS Arts Academy. He is also the recipient of MS Subbalakshmi Birth Centenary Scholarship for 3 years from Sri Shanmukhananda Fine Arts & Sangeetha Sabha.

The Award Committee of Rasika Ranjani Sabha takes great pleasure in conferring the

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for EXCELLENCE IN CARNATIC CLASSICAL MUSIC - VOCAL to Shri. BHARAT SUNDAR

on this 18th day of August 2023.

A.R.Santhanakrishnan
President

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R.Vaithiyanathan**
Secretaries