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## YUVA KALA RATNA AWARD - 2023

to

## Smt. Aishwarya Shankar

Smt. Aishwarya Shankar, a senior disciple of Guru Smt. Suguna Varadachari, is a renowned Carnatic musician who has performed in prestigious concerts worldwide. She is also an accomplished academic and research scholar, having published several ISBN research papers and delivered lecture demonstrations on music.

She actively organizes concerts, workshops, and masterclasses for 'Sunaadalahari'. She showcases her versatility in the arts as she is not only a musician but also a Bharathanatyam Dancer with 14 plus years of training.

She is an 'A' Grade artist at the All India Radio – Chennai. Her talent and dedication have earned her numerous prizes, awards & accolades. She has been recognized as the Best Outstanding Vocalist and received the Best Concert Awards from Madras Music Academy in 2020 and 2021 respectively. She was honoured as the 'Most Promising Musician of the Year' by Brahma Gana Sabha in 2019. She has awarded the prestigious 'Kala Ratna' title from the Cleveland Thyagaraja Committee in 2018.

Aishwarya is also the recipient of 'Kalavanta' Award for Best Vocalist at the International Level Karnataka Music Youth Festival in Bangalore (May 2016), 'Yuva Kalakaar Puraskar' from Sri Shanmukhananda Fine Arts in Mumbai, 'Kalaateet Samman' Award from Chinmaya Naada Bindu and the title 'Sangeetha Sri' from Rasika Ranjana Sabha in Trichy.

One of her remarkable achievements includes winning twenty-one prizes out of twenty-two sections at the competitions conducted by the Music Academy, Chennai in August 2008. She was also awarded a scholarship by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India for advanced training in Carnatic Music.

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 Smt. AISHWARYA SHANKAR

on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.