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YUVA KALA RATNA AWARD – 2023

to

Smt. Charumathi Raghuraman

Smt. Charumathi Raghuraman is a young and vibrant violin virtuoso gifted with a refreshing candour of combining elements of traditional music from India's exalted Carnatic tradition, with modern performance. She belongs to a special pedigree of artists who search for the beauty in creating and sharing the art as a live experience.

A precocious talent, she started learning first from her mother Smt. Rama Raghuraman, then continued formalized training with the respected Guru Smt. T.R.Balamani in Mumbai, and soon thereafter, at the suggestion of iconic violinist of South India, Padma Bhushan Prof.T.N. Krishnan, Charumathi became his ardent disciple in 1995. She has also studied Carnatic vocal music with renowned teacher Padma Bhushan Sri.P.S.Narayanaswami. She played her debut concert alongside Prof.T.N.Krishnan in 1998 and since then has been performing regularly both as a soloist and accompanist.

The salient features of her musicianship include the rare combination of a pure sound and erudite content. She not only excels in the instrumental technique of the violin but is equally adept in reproduction vocal nuances mellifluously.

She has been awarded the CCRT, Government of India scholarship from the age of ten. She is the recipient of many awards; some of the notable ones include the 'Kalki Krishnamurthy Memorial Award' for the year 2016,'Ramabhadhran Centenary award' for the most promising Young Musician of the year in 2013 from Tag corporation, India; 'Young Achiever Award' from Rotary Club; 'Best violinist awards for the years 2001,2002,2004 and 2006 and the 'Outstanding Young Violinist' award in 2007-08 from the Music Academy(Madras); and 'Best Violinist' awards for various institutions like Narada Gana Sabha, Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Indian Fine Arts Society etc.

She is an 'A Grade' artist at the All India Radio and Doordarshan.

She has traveled widely across India and abroad to perform in prestigious music festivals and institutions over the last 15 years. In 2011, She was invited to participate in The Woodford Folk Festival, an annual music festival held in Brisbane, Australia. A year later, she was part of a cultural delegation organized by ICCR (New Delhi) to tour Brazil. She also participated in a collaborative concert with the Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra, USA. In May 2016, she was invited to perform a solo concert at The Bhavan, London, as a part of their Mandolin Shrinivas Memorial Concert Series. She has traveled widely for other performances in USA, UK, Europe Australia, New Zealand, Middle East Singapore etc.

Academically, she holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Xavier Institute.

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

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for excellence in CARNATIC CLASSICAL MUSIC – VIOLIN to Smt. CHARUMATHI RAGHURAMAN

on this 18th day of August 2023.

A.R.Santhanakrishnan
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