

PROFILE OF SIKKIL MALA CHANDRASEKHAR

Flautist Sikkil Mala Chandrasekhar continues in the tradition of her famous gurus, the Sikkil Sisters – Padmashri, Sangeetha Kalanidhi Kunjumani and Neela. In playing style, Mala combines the **strongest aspects** of both Kunjumani's clear classic lines with Neela's flair and expressiveness. **Other major influences** on Mala's playing are the expertise and repertoire of noted vocalist and teacher Radha Viswanathan and of Radha's mother and guru M.S.Subbulakshmi whose family Mala joined by marriage.

Mala concretizes throughout India and abroad (USA, Singapore, Middle East, Europe, London and Mauritius) Mala is recognized as the most gifted exponents of carnatic music in her generation and one of its top flautists. She is an "A TOP" artist of AIR. (All India Radio) and also an empanelled artiste of the ICCR.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Conferred by</u>
2015	Papanasam Sivan Award	Papanasam Sivan Karnataka Sangeetha Sabha, Madipakkam
2014	Lifetime Achievement Award	Shanthi Arts Foundation
2013	Maharajapuram Santhanam Meritorious Award	Maharajapuram Santhanam Foundation
2012	Nada Kala Vipanchee	Dr. Balamurali Krishna
	Madura Murali Puraskar	
2011	Lifetime Achievement Award	Sahara India Parivar, Lucknow
2008	The 2008 Excellence Award	United Nations & YCMA, U.S.A.
2006	Shanmukha Sangeetha Shiromani	Shanmukhananda Sangeetha Sabha, Mumbai
2003	Venu Gana Sironmani	Dubai Thamizh Sangam, Dubai
2000	Isai Peroli	Karthik Fine Arts
	Kalki Krishnamurthy Award	Kalki Memorial Trust, Chennai
1996	Yuva Kala Bharathi	Bharath Kalachar, Chennai
	Palladam Sanjeeva Rao Award	Sri Ragam Fine Arts, Chennai
1995	Kalaimamani	Govt. of Tamilnadu
1993	Flute Mali Award	Music Academy, Chennai

Besides the above, she has won honors from Music Academy, Narada Gana Sabha and other prestigious organizations for the "best senior flautist".

Mala has cut many albums – cassettes, CDs and VCDs under reputed companies like Saregama, Kosmic, Gita Cassettes etc. She can be accessed at www.flutemala.com.