

Sangeet Natak Akademi
National Academy of Music, Dance and Drama
New Delhi

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**Declaration of Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships (Akademi Ratna) and
Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) for the Year 2013**

The General Council of Sangeet Natak Akademi, the National Academy of Music, Dance and Drama, New Delhi at its meeting held on 21 November 2013 elected three (3) eminent personalities in the field of performing arts, namely Smt. Kanak Rele, Shri R Sathyanarayana and Shri Mahesh Elkunchwar as Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellows (Akademi Ratna). The Fellowship of the Akademi is the most prestigious and rare honour, which is restricted to a very limited number at a given time. Presently there are only 40 Fellows of the Sangeet Natak Akademi.

The General Council of the Akademi also selected thirty eight (38) artists (2 Joint Awards) from the fields of Music, Dance, Theatre and Puppetry for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) for the year 2013.

In the field of Music, nine eminent artists, namely Shri Ritwik Sanyal, Smt. Veena Sahasrabuddhe in Hindustani Vocal; Shri Hashmat Ali Khan, Hindustani Instrumental Music (Tabla); Shri Dhruba Ghosh, Hindustani Instrumental Music (Sarangi); Smt. Aruna Sairam, S/Shri D. Seshachari & D Raghavachari Hyderabad Brothers (Joint Award) in Carnatic Vocal; Shri Trichy Sankaran, Carnatic Instrumental Music (Mridangam); Shri Thiruvizha Jayashankar, Carnatic Instrumental Music (Nadaswaram) and Shri Bankim Sethi, Major Traditions of Music (Odissi Music) have been selected for the Akademi Awards 2013.

In the field of Dance, Smt. Jamuna Krishnan and Shri B Herambhanathan, (Bharatanatyam); Smt. Rajashree Shirke (Kathak); Shri Kalamandalam M P S Namboodiri, (Kathakali); Shri Chinta Seetha Ramanjaneyulu (Kuchipudi); Smt Sangeeta Dash (Odissi); Shri Jogen Dutta Bayan (Sattriya); Shri Srinivasa Rangachariar (Major Traditions of Dance

& Dance Theatre (Arayer Sevai) and Shri Dhaneswar Swain, Music for Dance have been selected for the Akademi Awards 2013.

In the field of Theatre, eight eminent persons have been selected for Akademi Awards 2013. They include Shri Rameshwar Prem, Shri Pundalik Narayan Naik in Playwriting; Shri Kamalakar Muralidhar Sontakke, Shri Kewal Dhaliwal, Smt. Prasanna Ramaswamy in the field of Direction; Shri Vasant Josalkar, Smt Kusum Haidar in Acting and Shri Krishna Borkar in the field of Allied Theatre Arts (Make-up).

For their contribution to Traditional/Folk/ Tribal Music/ Dance/ Theatre and Puppetry, eight artists have been selected for the Akademi Awards. They are Smt. Raj Begum, Traditional, Folk Music/Dance & Theatre (Jammu & Kashmir); S/Shri T.A.R. Nadi Rao & N Jeeva Rao (Joint Award), Folk Music (Tamilnadu); Shri Gurdial Singh, Instrument Making (Punjab); Shri Mohan Singh Khangura, Rabindra Sangeet (West Bengal); Shri Umakanta Gogoi (Bairagi), Tokari Geet and Dehbichar Geet, (Assam), Smt Lilavati M Kavi (Bajaj), Puppetry; Smt Meenakshi, Instrument Making - Ghatam (Tamilnadu) and Shri Sheikh Riyajuddin alias Rajubaba, Folk Theatre (Maharashtra).

Shri Mysore V Subramanya (Performing Arts) and Shri N Ramanathan (Music) will receive the Akademi Awards 2013 for Overall Contribution/Scholarship to Performing Arts.

The honour of Akademi Fellow has been conferred since 1954 and Akademi Award since 1952. They not only symbolize the highest standard of excellence and achievements on a national basis, but also recognize sustained individual work and contribution to the practice and appreciation of the arts through performance, teaching and scholarship. The honour of Akademi Fellow carries a purse money of Rs 3,00,000/- (Rupees three lacs) and Akademi Awards carry Rs 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lac), besides Tamrapatra and Angavastram.

The list of Akademi Fellows and Akademi Awardees for the year 2013 is enclosed.

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**SANGEET NATAK AKADEMI
NEW DELHI**

SANGEET NATAK AKADEMI FELLOWSHIPS AND AKADEMI AWARDS 2013

AKADEMI FELLOW (RATNA)

SMT KANAK RELE

SHRI R SATHYANARAYANA

SHRI MAHESH ELKUNCHWAR

AKADEMI AWARDS (PURASKAR)FOR THE YEAR 2013

FIELD OF ACTIVITY - MUSIC

SHRI RITWIK SANYAL	HINDUSTANI VOCAL
SMT. VEENA SAHASRABUDDHE	HINDUSTANI VOCAL
SHRI HASHMAT ALI KHAN	HINDUSTANI INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (TABLA)
SHRI DHRUBA GHOSH	HINDUSTANI INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (SARANGI)
SMT. ARUNA SAIRAM	CARNATIC VOCAL
S/SHRI D. SESHACHARI& D RAGHAVACHARI (HYDERABAD BROTHERS)	CARNATIC VOCAL
SHRI TRICHY SANKARAN	CARNATIC INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (MRIDANGAM)
SHRI THIRUVIZHA JAYASHANKAR	CARNATIC INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC (NADASWARAM)
SHRI BANKIM SETHI	MAJOR TRADITIONS OF MUSIC (ODISSI MUSIC)

FIELD OF ACTIVITY - DANCE

SMT. JAMUNA KRISHNAN	BHARATANATYAM
SHRI B HERAMBHANATHAN	BHARATANATYAM
SMT RAJASHREE SHIRKE	KATHAK

SHRI KALAMANDALAM M P S NAMBOODIRI	KATHAKALI
SHRI CHINTA SEETHA RAMANJANEYULU	KUCHIPUDI
SMT SANGEETA DASH	ODISSI
SHRI JOGEN DUTTA BAYAN	SATTRIYA
SHRI SRINIVASA RANGACHARIAR	MAJOR TRADITIONS OF DANCE & DANCE THEATRE (ARAYER SEVAI)
SHRI DHANESWAR SWAIN	MUSIC FOR DANCE

FIELD OF ACTIVITY –THEATRE

SHRI RAMESHWAR PREM	PLAYWRITING
SHRI PUNDALIK NARAYAN NAIK	PLAYWRITING
SHRI KAMALAKAR MURALIDHAR SONTAKKE	DIRECTION
SHRI KEWAL DHALIWAL	DIRECTION
SMT. PRASANNA RAMASWAMY	DIRECTION
SHRI VASANT JOSALKAR	ACTING
SMT KUSUM HAIDAR	ACTING
SHRI KRISHNA BORKAR	ALLIED THEATRE ARTS (MAKE-UP)

FIELD OF ACTIVITY: TRADITIONAL/FOLK/TRIBAL MUSIC/DANCE/THEATRE & PUPPETRY

SMT. RAJ BEGUM	TRADITIONAL, FOLK MUSIC/DANCE & THEATRE(JAMMU & KASHMIR)
S/SHRI T.A.R. NADI RAO & N JEEVA RAO (JOINT AWARD)	FOLK MUSIC (TAMILNADU)
SHRI GURDIAL SINGH	INSTRUMENT MAKING (PUNJAB)
SHRI MOHAN SINGH KHANGURA	RABINDRA SANGEET (WEST BENGAL)

SHRI UMAKANTA GOGOI (BAIRAGI)

TOKARI GEET AND DEHBICHAR GEET, (ASSAM)

SMT LILAVATI M KAVI (BAJAJ)

PUPPETRY

SMT MEENAKSHI

INSTRUMENT MAKING - GHATAM (TAMILNADU)

SHRI SHEIKH RIYAJUDDIN
(ALIAS RAJUBABA)

FOLK THEATRE (MAHARASHTRA)

FIELD OF ACTIVITY: OVERALL CONTRIBUTION / SCHOLARSHIP IN PERFORMING ARTS

SHRI MYSORE V SUBRAMANYA (PERFORMING ARTS)

SHRI N RAMANATHAN (MUSIC)