## Brief resume of Dr.K.KRISHNAKUMAR & Smt.BINNI KRISHNAKUMAR

Carnatic Music - duo vocal

**Dr.K.KRISHNAKUMAR** and **Smt.BINNI KRISHNAKUMAR** has been a popular vocal musician couple in Carnatic music and the film music as well. They are **disciples** of late **Prof.Neyyattinkara M.K.MOHANACHANDRAN** and presently the prime disciples of the doyen of Indian Classical music, **PadmaVibhushan Dr.M.BALAMURALIKRISHNA.** 

The duo presents traditional music in a very trendy and scintillating style. They have widely traveled in India and abroad to USA, Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, UAE, Europe, Canada, etc to perform solo and duo vocal Carnatic concerts and theme-oriented special concerts. The Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Academi conferred the title "KALASRI" along with the Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Academy Award 2012 on Carnatic music on both Krishnakumar and Binni individually. An array of solo and duo vocal Classical Carnatic music albums sung by them is on sale at leading music stores.

<u>MA (Music)</u>, holds <u>PhD with the Doctorate in Music</u> and also a <u>First Class graduate in Mathematics</u> from the University of Kerala. He is also qualified to be a lecturer in music as per <u>University Grants Commission of india</u>. Among many awards and accolades received by Krishnakumar, the notable ones are the <u>National Award in All India Radio competition</u>, "<u>The Chembai Award</u>" - the Government of Kerala, '<u>Tamizh Isai Thendral</u>' - Saiva prakasa Sabha, Trivandrum, '<u>Padmasree Rajam Ramaswamy Award</u>' - <u>Best rendering in Sanskrit</u> -The Music Academy, Chennai. Apart from being a vocal musician performing for <u>more than 2000 Carnatic music concerts</u> world over and in <u>playback singing</u> in Malayalam films, he is also a <u>composer of music</u> by <u>composing music</u> for stage shows and for <u>more than 45 music albums</u> sung by <u>Padmasri K S Chithra</u>, produced and marketed by music companies of repute.

Smt.BINNI KRISHNAKUMAR is an M.A and a FIRST RANKER in Mphil in Music. She has won a lot of awards and titles as recognition to her music. Some of the remarkable ones are the title "Kalaathilakam" – Government of Kerala, Best Female Playback Singer – FILMFARE AWARD 2005 (South india) for the song "RA RA" in the film Chandramuki of the superstar Rajinikanth, music directed by Sri.Vidyasagar, Best Singer Award – for television – by Mylapore Academy and Maha fine arts – for the title song "azhagukku noorazhaku" of the tele-serial Lakshmi. Apart from being a Carnatic musician performing classical concerts, she has sung in more than 55 feature films, 20 television serials & 155 Music albums in Tamil, Malayalam, Telugu, Kannada, Bengali etc.

The male-female duo singing is unique in Carnatic music. And a wedded couple singing a Carnatic concert together is further more exceptional.

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Margazhi Utsavam - Episode 11 Krishnakumar & Binny On Wednesday,23/12/2015

Margazhi Utsavam - Episode 12 Krishnakumar & Binny On Thursday,24/12/2015

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