

Vishaal R Sapuram

Bio

Vishaal R Sapuram, a prodigious young chitravina (fretless lute) artiste from the Indian classical (Carnatic) tradition, is the disciple of the renowned chitravina maestro Shri N Ravikiran. Recognised as a child prodigy, Vishaal gave his first vocal concert at the age of nine, and soon thereafter began performing on the rare chitravina. He has performed at many prestigious venues across India, as well as abroad in Malaysia, Sri Lanka, France, Sweden, Norway, and the USA. He has also performed with his guru Shri Ravikiran, Shri Abhishek Raghuram, and many other respected musicians, including in jugalbandis and fusion ensembles.

An A-grade artiste for All India Radio, Vishaal's laurels include the Best Instrumentalist Award (Music Academy Madras, 2015 & 2017), the Gottuvadyam Narayana Iyengar Award (Sri Krishna Gana Sabha), a music scholarship from India Fine Arts (Austin, USA), and so on. He has been teaching music from the age of ten, and has given lecture-demonstrations and workshops at prestigious institutes. He has also developed a system for notating Carnatic music on the computer that has been used for many books. He holds Bachelor's degrees in economics and Sanskrit and certificates in Tamil and business from the University of Texas (Austin, USA).