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CITATION

KALA RATNA AWARD – 2023

to

Shri. R.K. Shriramkumar

Shri. R.K. Shriramkumar belongs to the Rudrapatnam family, a family of musicians with glorious musical tradition. He is the grandson of the much respected Vidvan Shri. R.K. Venkatarama Shastri under whom he trained in violin and vocal music as well. He had his initial lessons in violin from Vidushi Smt. Savitri Satyamurthy and later received guidance in violin from Vidvan Shri V.V. Subrahmanyam and vocal music from Sangita Kalanidhi Shri D.K. Jayaraman.

His skills were further honed through the association with and knowledge that he gained by accompanying the doyens of Carnatic music like Shri Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer, Smt M.S. Subbulakshmi, Smt. D.K. Pattammal, Shri. D.K. Jayaraman, Shri Palghat K.V. Narayanaswamy, Smt. T. Brinda, Smt. T. Muktam, Shri. M. Balamuralikrishna, to name a few.

Shriramkumar's discography includes, in addition to his solo recordings, his violin accompaniment with reputed artists. He has had the blessed opportunity of participating in a very unique recording titled 'Divine Unison' featuring the veterans Shri. Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer and Smt. M.S. Subbulakshmi.

He is not only the recipient of many awards, but has also traveled far and wide across the globe for concert tours. His solo performances, lecture demonstrations and workshops have also been greatly received and appreciated by the world-wide audiences.

His musical creations include many of his compositions, his music for many a lyric and several dance productions as well. 'Sri Sharada Stuti Manjari' – a recording rendered by Smt. Bombay Jayashree that contains the compositions of the Jagadgurus of Sri Sringeri Sharada Peetham, 'Sita Vishlesha Trayam' – a dance production by Dr. Vyjayantimala Bali and 'Sarasvati Antarvahini' – a dance production by Kalakshetra, are a few notable works, amongst many, that feature Shriramkumar's musical creations.

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

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for EXCELLENCE IN VIOLIN to Shri. R.K. SHRIRAMKUMAR

on this 18th day of August 2023.

A.R. Santhanakrishnan
President

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