



KALAPINI KOMKALI

Akademi Award: Hindustani Vocal Music

Born on 12 March 1966 at Dewas in Madhya Pradesh, Shrimati Kalapini Komkali is the daughter and disciple of Kumar Gandharva and her illustrious mother Vasundhara Komkali.

Shrimati Kalapini Komkali is widely recognized as one of the finest classical vocalists of India. Her performances are marked by youthful imagination, artistic thoughtfulness and a mature command over various aspects of classical vocalism. Her musical lineage is most manifested in the emphasis laid on the rendition of the bandish, its bhava, and in the studied restraint which does not allow the notes, or laya, to overwhelm the lyrics. The improvisations made by her are generally rooted in the Gwalior gharana gayaki, but carry her own distinct identity. Shrimati Kalapini Komkali's wide repertoire of ragas and compositions is further supplemented by the presentation of the traditional songs of Malwa representing the folklore and ethnic essence of the region. The Sagun-Nirgun bhajans of the various saint poets rendered in her inimitable style provide the ascetic flavour to her music. Shrimati Kalapini Komkali has recorded for numerous top music labels including HMV, Times Music and Venus Records. She has performed extensively throughout India and abroad.

Shrimati Kalapini Komkali receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2023 for her contribution to Hindustani vocal music.