



NEYVELI R. NARAYANAN

Akademi Award: Carnatic Instrumental Music (Mridangam)

Born on 21 July 1967 in Neyveli, Tamil Nadu, Shri Neyveli Narayanan received his training in Mridangam from Neyveli Shri Ganesa Pillai and Thanjavur Shri Upendran of Thanjavur School of Mridangam.

Shri Neyveli Narayanan is a distinguished Mridangam artist hailing from the illustrious Thanjavur School of Mridangam. Recognized as a Top-grade artist by the All India Radio, he has conducted various workshops on music in many prestigious cultural institutions in India and abroad. Known for his impeccable technique and deep understanding of rhythm, Shri Neyveli Narayanan has performed extensively across the globe, captivating audiences with his mastery of the Mridangam.

Shri Neyveli Narayanan has received many prestigious titles and awards including the Asthana Vidwan by Kanchi Kamakoi Peetam in 2006, the Vani Kala Sudhakara by Sri Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha in 2010, the Laya Vadya Chathura by Sri Sathguru Sangeeta Vidyalaya in 2014, and the Nada Vallabha by Nada Sudha in 2019. He was honoured with the Palghat Mani Iyer Puraskar bestowed by the Chennai Fine Arts in 2023.

Shri Neyveli Narayanan receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2023 for his contribution to Carnatic instrumental music.