



## S. SEKHAR

### Akademi Award: Creative & Experimental Music

Born on 25 June 1952 at Trichur, Kerala. Shri Subramaniam Sekhar received his training in Mridangam from Shri L.V. Vaidyanathan of Thanjavur Bani. He is also trained in Konnakol.

Shri S. Sekhar is a renowned Mridangam maestro known for his incredibly relevant and expansive collaborative contemporary music. As a senior founder member of the first Indian fusion band by Ananda Shankar, his contributions are legendary. He has played for the background scores of films by Indian film icons such as Satyajit Ray, Salil Chowdhury, Tapan Sinha, and Goutam Ghosh. Pandit Sekhar's collaboration with guitarist Arthur Gracias in the 1970s were immensely popular.

Shri S. Sekhar has collaborated with tabla maestros like Kishan Maharaj, Shankar Ghosh, Swapan Chowdhuri, Anindo Chatterjee, Sabir Khan, Bickram Ghosh, Vijay Ghate, and Shubhankar Banerjee. He has also accompanied unique Jugalbandi concerts, including one with Ustad Rashid Khan and Shankar Mahadevan. He has performed in many prestigious music festivals and participated in many lec-dems in India and overseas.

Shri S. Sekhar has received many awards including the Isai Perarignar conferred by the Tamil Manram.

Shri S. Sekhar receives the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2023 for his contribution to Creative and Experimental music.