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Rishabh is a senior Carnatic vocal disciple of Vid. K. N. Shashikiran for the last 10 years and also receives advanced training from Vid. Sikkil Gurucharan. He is also a senior disciple for Carnatic Keyboard with Vid. Srivaralaxmi Maya Abhishek.

PROFILE

- Musical lineage from **family of eminent performing musicians**
- **Maiden Vocal and Keyboard Performance at age 9** in Margazhi Festival, Chennai India
- **9 years of performing** Carnatic Vocal and Carnatic Keyboard including Ragam Tanam Pallavi
- **International performer** in numerous prestigious venues in **India, USA, Malaysia, Belgium, Australia, New Zealand**
- **Co-recipient of \$10,000 research grant** for advancing immersion and accessibility in the performing arts from **India Arts Foundation**
- Lead Innovator of initiative, “Hearing and Listening: Sravanum Sruthiyum”: A tour of the USA presented by KMR school of Mridangam
- Western Vocalist and pianist
- **Performances** in prominent venues
 - **INDIA:** Narada Gana Sabha (monthly), Sri Parthasarathy Swami Sabha, Bhartiya Vidya, Bhavan, Karthik Fine Arts, Mylapore Fine Arts, Brahma Gana Sabha, Carnatica, Nadha Sudha, Madhuradhwani, Raj Bhavan to Honourable Governor Shri R.N. Ravi, Chembur Fine Arts, Carnatica
 - **USA:** Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana, CMANA, SciArtsRUs, UC-Berkeley, Minneapolis Hindu Temple, Aria University, Pallavi Darbar, Sivakameswari Temple, YADA, Trimurthi Gana Sabha, Arohana Arts Academy, Nadotsavam (MN)
 - **MALAYSIA:** Sugam Culture and Heritage Foundation and iCan Network Malaysia,
 - **BELGIUM:** Amritavarshini
 - **AUSTRALIA:** In Concert Music, Evergreen Festival
 - **New Zealand:** New Zealand Carnatic Music Association
- **Performed with senior, eminent stalwarts** of Carnatic music in USA and India
- **Performed as a duo with Vid. K.N. Shashikiran** in workshops and in short “Katha-Kutcheri” format
- “Best Vocalist” Winner for the Intercontinental Music Awards (2026) for “Enna Thavam Seidhane”
- **Youth Cultural Ambassador Awardee** from the **International Consortium of**

Performing Arts Organizations, December 2024

- **Bronze medal honors award** from **Global Music Awards** for **Best Male Vocalist** for **Indian Classical Carnatic Music** several 100 professional world musicians, **June 2024**
- **Youngest Inductee and Awardee at 13** received from Shri N. Murali of Music received from Shri N. Murali of Music out of Academy for the **Live4You Hall of Fame 2022** for Carnatic Keyboard
- **Winner in several international competitions** for **Carnatic vocal and keyboard** in Cleveland Aradhana and Sugam Culture and Heritage Foundation
- **Gold Medal Winner** for **Advanced Contemporary Piano Recital**, Thousand Oaks California, USA
- **Branch and State Honors Recipient** for Music Teacher's Association of California for **Certificate of Piano Merit for 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023**
- **Recognized for musical accomplishments and social service thru music** by Mayor of Thousand Oaks and Mayor of Simi Valley, California, USA
- **Recognized by the Board of Education of Conejo Valley School District** for **exceptional achievement in academics and music**, USA
- **Published in several eminent newspapers and magazines** in India and USA

EDUCATION

- High School (12th grade), Newbury Park High School, Newbury Park, California, US
- Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) student of the Conejo Valley School District
- President of USA Outstanding Academic Achievement Award in Middle School
- Principal's Honor Roll Student for the past 3 years for maintaining a perfect GPA of unweighted 4.0 (100%) and weighted 4.9 (on a scale of 4.0)

REPRESENTATIVE PERFORMANCES

(over 120 performances with representative performances below with most recent)

2026

1. **Vocal, InConcert and Tala Vadya Center**, Melbourne, Australia (April 2026)
2. **Vocal, New Zealand Carnatic Music Association**, Auckland, New Zealand (April 2026)
3. **Vocal, SciArtsRUs, Los Angeles**, (April 2026)
4. **Vocal, Laya, UC Berkeley, Berkeley**, (March 2026)
5. **Vocal, Margazhi Matram, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan**, Chennai, India, (December 2025)
6. **Vocal, Gayatri Fine Arts Global**, Chennai, India, (December 2025)
7. **Vocal, Carnatica**, Chennai, India, (December 2025)

2025

8. **Vocal, Sri Parthasarathy Swami Sabha**, Chennai, India, (December 2025)
9. **Vocal, Margazhi Matram, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan**, Chennai, India, (December 2025)
10. **Vocal, Gayatri Fine Arts Global**, Chennai, India, (December 2025)
11. **Vocal, Carnatica**, Chennai, India, (December 2025)
12. **Vocal, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan**, Chennai, India, (December 2025)
13. **Keyboard, Mylapore Fine Arts Chennai**, India, (December 2025)
14. **Vocal, CMANA, Pallavi Darbar (NJ)**, (September 2025)

15. Vocal, Amrithavarshini (Belgium), (July, 2025)
16. Vocal, Trimurthy Gana Sabha, (April 5, 2025)
17. Vocal, Sivakameswari Temple, (March 30, 2025)
18. Vocal, YADA, AZ (March 22, 2025)
19. Vocal, UC Berkeley, LAYA, (March 16, 2025)
20. Vocal and Keys, IIT Madras, (January 7, 2025)
21. Vocal, Carnatica “Paddathi” (January 6, 2025)
22. Vocal, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan Annual Festival, (January 1, 2025)

2024

23. Keyboard, Nadha Sudha, Chennai, India (December 31, 2024)
24. Keyboard Sax Duo with Shishir Kumar, Awards Performance, Hamsadhwani Sabha, Chennai, India (December 30, 2024)
25. Vocal, Margazhi Matram, SciArtsRUs and BVB, Chennai, India (December 29, 2024)
26. Vocal, Brahma Gana Sabha, Chennai, India (December 28, 2024)
27. Vocal, Mylapore Fine Arts, Chennai, India (December 26, 2024)
28. Keyboard, Youth Artists Development Association, Awards Performance, Chennai, India (December 24, 2024)
29. Vocal, Sri Parthasarathi Swamy Sabha, Chennai, India (December 23, 2024)
30. Vocal and Keyboard Concert, Ojai Retreat Inn, Ojai CA, USA (September, 2024)
31. Vocal, Pallavi Darbar, Carnatica and University of Silicon Andhra, Milpitas, CA, USA (September, 2024)
32. Vocal, Narada Gana Sabha, Chennai, India (July 10, upcoming)
33. Vocal, SciArtsRUs, “Harmony”, Thousand Oaks, California, USA (May)
34. Vocal, “Ragathon” Laya Berkeley/SciArtsRUs, UC Berkeley, California, USA (April)
35. Keyboard, Isai Payanam with Dr. Charulatha Mani, UC Berkeley, California, USA (April)
36. Vocal, Thirumurthi Gana Sabha, North Carolina, USA (April)
37. Vocal, Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana, Cleveland, Ohio USA (April)
38. Vocal, Simi Valley Temple, California, USA (March)
39. Vocal, Simi Valley Temple, California, USA (March)
40. Vocal, HCL Concerts and Gurukulam Foundation, Delhi, India (January)
41. Vocal, Karthik Fine Arts, Chennai, India (January)
42. Vocal, Global Carnatic Music Association, Chennai, India (January)

2023

43. Vocal, Nanganallur Margazhi Kala Sangamam, Live4You Chennai, India (January)
44. Keyboard Duo, Margazhi Matram, SciArtsRUs, Chennai, India (January)
45. Keyboard-Saxophone Duo, Taj Coramandel Hotel, Chennai, India (January)
46. Vocal, Brahma Gana Sabha, Chennai, India (January)
47. Vocal, Margazhi Music Mela, TTTV Trust. Chennai, India (January)
48. Vocal, Carnatica Paddathi, Chennai, India (January)
49. Vocal, Hamsadhwani, Chennai, India (January)
50. Vocal, Raj Bhavan to Honorable Governor Shri R.N. Ravi, Chennai, India (January)
51. Vocal, Nadhasudha, Chennai, India (January)
52. Vocal, Navaratri Sivakameswari Temple, Costa Mesa, California-USA, (October)
53. Vocal, 26th Oxnard Multicultural Festival, California-USA, (October)
54. Vocal, Thaka Dhimi Thakita, Kalaanjali Dance Company, California-USA, (September)
55. Vocal, Arohana Arts Academy, Wisconsin, Madison, USA, (September)

56. **Vocal, Carnatica's Founder's Day**, San Jose, **USA**, (September)
57. **Vocal, Carnatica's Pallavi Darbar**, San Jose, **USA**, (August)
58. **Vocal, Sri Mahaperiyava Mani Mandapam**, New Jersey, **USA**, (August)
59. **Vocal, Madhuradhwani**, Arkay Convention, Chennai, **India**, (July)
60. **Vocal and Keyboard, Invited performer at the Sugam Culture and Heritage Foundation**, Ipoh Perak, **Malaysia**, (July)
61. **Vocal Explanatory Concert, Invited performer at Sugam Carnatica and ICAN.my members**, **Kuala Lumpur Malaysia**, (July)
62. **Carnatic Workshop presentation with Carnatica Brothers Vid. K.N. Shashikiran and Vid. Chitravina Ganesh at the Sugam Culture and Heritage International Carnatic Music Festival**, (July)
63. **Vocal, Carnatic and Cross-Culture Concerts (4C) by SciArtsRUs**, Thousand Oaks, **California-USA**, (May)
64. **Role of Bhakthi in Carnatic Music" with Vidwan K.N. Shashikiran, SciArtsRUs**, **California-USA**, (May 27)
65. **Vocal at Nadotsavam 2023 at Balaji Temple**, Minneapolis **USA**, (May)
66. **Vocal, Bharat Sangeeth Kala Utsav 2023 San Jose- California USA**, (May)
67. **Vocal at Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana**, Cleveland Ohio, **USA**, (April)

2022

68. **Vocal, Global Carnatic Music Association (GCMA)**, Chennai-India, (December)
69. **Keyboard, Anusham Fine Arts at Rasika Ranjani Sabha**, Chennai-India, (December)
70. **Keyboard, Mel-Rhythms for Connemara Chronicles at the Taj Connemara Hotel**, Chennai-India, (December)
71. **Vocal, Hamsadhwani Sabha**, Chennai-India, (December)
72. **Carnatic Keyboard Duet, Marghazhi Sangeeth Sammelan, Live4You** Chennai-India, (December)
73. **Vocal, Brahma Gana Sabha**, Chennai-India, (December)
74. **Vocal, Chembur Fine Arts**, Mumbai-India, (December)
75. **Vocal, Tamil Nadu Government Music College**, Music and Art Department **Madurai- India**, (December)
76. **Vocal, Marghazhi Matram**, Chennai-India (December)
77. **Keyboard, Shakthi Sangeeta Sabha**, Chennai-India (December)
78. **Vocal, Carnatic Mela by University of Silicon Andhra**, Milpitas **USA**, (September)
79. **Vocal, 7/5-Melody Meets Rhythm with Ragam Tanam Pallavi in Panchamukhi Talam (age 13)**, by SciArtsRUs accompanied by Stalwart Musicians (Vid. Raghavendra Rao on Violin, Vid. Thanjavur Murugaboopathi on Mridangam and Vid. S.V. Ramani on Ghatam), Janet and Ray Scherr Forum, **California-USA** (September)
80. **Violin-KeyBoard Duo**, with eminent violinist Vid. Mullaivasal Chandramouli, senior percussionists, Vid. Srinivasan Govindarajan on Mridangam and Leonice Shinemann on Tabla at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center, **USA**, (August)
81. **Vocal Double Header Inclusive Concert with Raagam Taanam Pallavi in Panchamukhi Talam (age 13)** by SciArtsRUs accompanied by Stalwart Musicians (Vid. VVS Murari on Violin, Vid. Thanjavur Murugaboopathi on Mridangam and Vid.S.V. Ramani on Ghatam), Chennai, **India**, (July)
82. **Keyboard Double Header Inclusive Concert with Raagam Taanam Krithi (age**

- 13) by SciArtsRUs accompanied by Stalwart Musicians, Che(Vid. VVS Mullaivasal Chandramouli on Violin, Vid. Valangiman Thyagarajan on Mridangam and Vid. Dr. Nerkunam Shankar on Ghanjira and Vid. Nerkunam Manigandan on Morsing) Chennai, India, (July)

2021

83. Vocal and Keyboard, Paddathi by Carnatica and Sri Parthasarathy Swami Sabha, Chennai, India, (December)
84. Vocal, Rasika Ranjani Sabha and Anusham Fine Arts, Chennai, India, (December). Vocal, Arkay Convention Center-Madhuradhwani, Chennai, India,
85. Keyboard, Rasika Ranjani Sabha and Anusham Fine Arts, Chennai, India, (December)
86. Keyboard, Mani Krishnaswami Academy, (September)
87. Vocal and Keyboard, Gayatri Fine Arts, (July)
88. Keyboard, Paravur Mookambika Mandapam, (June)
89. Vocal and Keyboard, Shreyomaya Thyagaraja Vaibhavam, Special Invitation (February)
90. Vocal and Keyboard, Sankar Nethralaya Om Trust, (January)
91. Vocal and Keyboard, 3M festival by Carnatica Global/SciArtsRUs/IMPL Marghazhi Music Mela, (January)

2020

92. Vocal, Arkay Convention Center Madhuradhwani and Carnatica, (December)
93. Vocal, Spirit of Bharatam, (November)
94. Keyboard, Suswara Whatapps, (October)
95. Vocal, Kala Poshakam, Giri Fine Arts, (September)
96. Vocal, Shreyomaya, (September)
97. Vocal, Suswara WhatsApp, (September)
98. Vocal, PlaytooMe, (July)

2019

99. Vocal, Paddathi Music Festival by Carnatica and Sri Parthasarathy Swami Sabha, Chennai, India, (December)
100. Keyboard, Giri Fine Arts, Chennai, India, (December)
101. Vocal, Gayatri Fine Arts Chennai, India (December)
102. Vocal, Global Heritage Festival by Carnatica, Chennai, India, (December)
103. Keyboard, Panchamukhi Anjaneyar Temple, Chennai, India, (December)

2018

104. Vocal and Keyboard, Paddathi Music Festival by Carnatica and Sri Parthasarathy Swami Sabha, Chennai, India, (December)

AWARDS & HONORS

1. Recipient of \$10,000 research grant for advancing immersion and accessibility in the performing arts from India Arts Foundation
2. Youth Cultural Ambassador at Hamsadhwani Sabha from the International Consortium of Performing Arts Organisations (December 31, 2024)
3. Youngest Inductee and Awardee at 13 by Shri N.Murali for the Live4You Hall of Fame for Carnatic Keyboard, July 2022

4. **Branch and State Honors 4 year in a row** for perfect score for the Certificate of Merit tests for **Piano** for years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.
5. **Gold Medal Award** for the Advanced Contemporary Piano Performance organized by the Music Teacher's Association of California (MTAC), 2021
6. **Gifted and Talented Education** student and Principal's Honor Roll for years 2020, 2021 and 2022
7. **President of USA award** for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Middle School
8. **Recognition of musical excellence and service to society** from the **Mayor Bob Engler** of Thousand Oaks, California-USA, 2022
9. **Recognition of musical excellence and service to society** from **Mayor Keith Mashburn** of Simi Valley, California-USA, 2022
8. **Academic and Musical Excellence recognition** by **Board of Education**, Conejo Valley School District- California- USA, 2022
10. **Won prizes in over 13 categories** for Carnatic Vocal and Keyboard in International Contests (Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana and Sugam Culture and Heritage Foundation).

MEDIA/PUBLICATIONS

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6. **The Hindu**, December (2022) <https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/chennai/december-music-season-teen-from-california-pulls-down-walls/article66269782.ece>
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<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chennai/live4you-young-talent-awarded-mentorship-opportunities-in-chennai/articleshow/92763376.cms>

Social Media Handles

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References

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Google drive link to some performances, awards, pictures, and other links

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