

Pranav Swaroop

Pranav Swaroop learned Carnatic Violin initially under Vidwan. M E Nataraj and presently is under the tutelage of Vidwans. Karaikudi S Subramanian and Lalgudi GJR Krishnan.

As a national-level first-prize winner in the All India Radio competitions and a graded artist, Pranav has bagged several awards, and recognition such as Karnataka Sangeeta Nritya academy fellowship from Govt. of Karnataka consecutively for two years, State first-rank in the 'Vidwat' examinations in Carnatic Violin and among others. He is also an empaneled artist of the ICCR (Indian Council for Cultural Relations) having represented and performed Carnatic violin solo concerts at diplomatic missions of India in the UK, Netherlands, Austria, Germany, Sri Lanka, Iceland, and Japan.

He has been regularly performing Carnatic solo concerts and has had the privilege to accompany and collaborate with top artists in the field. He has also composed music and played for Bharatanatyam productions, one of which was recently presented at MIT Media Lab with the Anubhava Dance Company and garnered appreciation from Hollywood star actors including Robert Downey Jr.

Pranav is also one of the founding members of Project Mishram, a renowned progressive Carnatic fusion band from Bangalore. He has led his band into victory in over 35+ competitions across India including at the MTV-Colors of Youth- Season 7 winning a Vitara Brezza Car from Maruti Suzuki. In recent years, through his band, Pranav has had the privilege of bringing Carnatic music to global metal and rock festivals such as UK Tech Fest, ArcTangent Festival and the Louder than Life festival.

Pranav did his master's in Music Technology at Georgia Tech, Atlanta, and currently works in Boston, MA. He has been actively involved in advocacy for equitable access to resources and opportunities for artists of colors and underserved communities, including those practising Indian classical arts. He serves as an advisory board member for the City of Boston Cultural council where he is involved in reviewing grant applications from artists and organisations doing arts programming in the Greater Boston area and submitting recommendations for funding. He has also served as a panelist for the Cambridge Arts Council. For his efforts, Pranav has been honored as one of the ten 'Makers of the Year -2024' by WBUR, Boston's NPR station. He has also received 'Boston Media-Arts Empowerment Award' from the City of Boston and recognition from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture.