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An exciting Carnatic vocalist with a golden voice, Nisha Rajagopalan commenced her training with her mother Smt. Vasundhra Rajagopal while residing in Toronto, Canada. Realizing her inclination and talent for music, her parents moved to Delhi, India in 1992 in order for Nisha to receive advanced training with Sangita Kala Acharya Shri T. R. Subrahmanyam. After relocating to Chennai, Nisha continued her musical training with Sangita Kala Acharya Shri P. S. Narayanaswamy and Sangita Kala Acharya Smt. Suguna Varadachari.

Nisha holds a B.E. degree in Electronics and Communications Engineering from the University of Madras. She is an 'A' graded artist of the All India Radio and an accredited artist of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).

Nisha is permanently settled in Chennai and lives there with her husband, son and daughter. She is committed to the cause of Carnatic music.

Major Performances

Performed in many of the Sabhas such as:

- Music Academy, Kartik Fine Arts, Narada Gana Sabha, Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Mylapore Fine Arts, Sri Parthasarathy Swami Sabha, Hamsadhwani, Sri Kapali Fine Arts, Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Brahma Gana Sabha, Rasika Ranjani Sabha, Bharat Kalachar, Sri Thyagaraja Seva Samithi, Naada Inbam, Nadopasana, Saraswathi, Asthika Samajam, Shanthi Arts Foundation and Endowments, Sarvani Sangeetha Sabha, Kalarasana, Sri Thyagaraja Vidwath Samajam, Youth Association of Classical Music, and many others.
- Has performed in Sabhas in all the major cities in India.
- She has provided live vocals for the theatre productions of Dr. Gowri Ramnarayan's "JustUs Repertory" for 'Miradasi', 'Aham Sita', 'Yashodhara' and 'Sarpa Sutra', written and directed by Dr. Gowri Ramnarayan, which have been staged at many cities all over India.

Overseas performances:

- Performed at the prestigious Salzburg Music Festival with Smt Alarmel Valli in July 2015
- Was invited as a faculty member / performer for Music India (conducted by Milapfest, UK), a week-long workshop at Liverpool, UK in July/Aug 2013

- Completed a tour of the US in Feb-April 2009 under the sponsorship of Carnatic Music Association of North America (CMANA), giving concerts in 17 cities. Also completed two short tours of the US and Canada in 2003 and 2004.
- Performed at the Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana in 2011, 2009, 2004 and 2003.
- Performed in the UK (2008 & 2009), Singapore (2010 & 2013), Canada (2011) and Australia (2010)

Prizes and Awards

- **Sangeet Natak Akademi** – Conferred the **Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar** (for the year 2015) - August 2016.
- **Kartik Fine Arts** – Conferred the title '**Isai Peroli**' – December 2013
- **Sigaram Thotta Pengal - Woman of Excellence Award** - Vijay TV Women's Day Awards - April 2013
- **Kalki Krishnamurthy Memorial Trust** - Kalki Krishnamurthy Memorial Award – Sept 2012
- **Sri Shanmukhananda Fine Arts and Sangeetha Sabha** - Shanmukha Sangeetha Shiromani Award - Dec 2011
- **TAG Group & Ramu Endowments** - Ramabhadran Centenary Musical Award for "Most Promising Young Musician of the Year" – Nov 2011
- **The Hindu Saregama M S Subbulakshmi Award** (first ever recipient of the award) - April 2011
- **Music Academy** – Outstanding Lady Vocalist, Sub-Senior Category - Dec 2009
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- **Bharat Kalachar** – Conferred the title Yuva Kala Bharathi – Dec 2007
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- **Kalakruthi** – Sri A M Venugopal Award for talented young musician – Apr 2007
- **Vipanchee**– Conferred the title 'Gana Kala Vipanchee' – Jan 2007
- **Music Academy** – Shri H. Natarajan Endowment Award – Dec 2006
- **Narada Gana Sabha** – The Carnatic Music Association of North America, Inc. NJ (USA) Dr. M.L Vasanthakumari Endowment (CMANA Award) – Dec 2005
- **Kartik Fine Arts** – D. K. Pattammal Award of Excellence – Dec 2004
- **Music Academy** –Award for Carnatic Vocalist under the age of 25 – Dec 2003
- **Shri Parthasarathy Swami Sabha**– Best Performer (Vocal) - Dec 2002