

# KASARAVALLI SISTERS

## ROOPA & DEEPA

### BIO

Carnatic Classical Vocalists, Roopa and Deepa, popularly known as **Kasaravalli Sisters** are based out of Bangalore. They originally hail from Kasaravalli which is close to Thirthahalli near Shivamogga.

The sisters are both post-graduates of Music from Bangalore University, sharing the top two ranks for the year. They are "A" grade artiste with the All India Radio and frequently record programs for Radio and Television. They have cut many records and the latest being " *Dasara Padagalu* and " *Sri. Lakshmi Sahasranama*".

Kasaravalli Sisters have performed all over the country in India for prestigious festivals and reputed *sabhas* including successive years of performances at the December Music festival at Chennai. In Bangalore, they have performed at the Seshadripuram and Fort High School *Ramanavami* Concerts.

The sisters have performed at the UK, UAE and Singapore. They recently concluded a successful visit to the United States with performances in Sunnyvale CA, AKKA Conference at Chicago, Buffalo, New York, New Jersey, Dallas and Atlanta.

### Awards

The sisters are recipients of various awards and prizes. The following are a few awards

1989 - Tirumalamba Award at the inter-collage Music Competition held in Bangalore.

1992 - State Level Award instituted by Department of Kannada and Culture, Government of Karnataka.

1994 - Suramani Award instituted by the Sursingar Samsad, Mumbai at the Kal Ki Kalakar National Level Competition.

### Gurus

Their basic training in music started at the age of seven with their mother Smt. Shakuntala Rao and later on under the tutelage of various gurus like Vidwan Madoor Balasubramanya, Vidwan K G Ramaswamy, Vidushi Seethalakshmi Venkateshan and advanced music under Sangeetha Kalaratna Vidushi Neela Ramgopal at Bangalore.

In Chennai, they spent two years for advanced music training under the guidance of Vidwan Lalgudi G Jayaraman.