

Profile of Dr. Aruna Bhat Kanchana

Dental Surgeon, Carnatic and Hindustani Classical Musician

Dr. Aruna Bhat Kanchana, a dental surgeon by profession was born in a musically inclined family in Bangalore, India. Her parents Dr. Ishwar Bhat and Mrs. Geeta Bhat provided her with complete encouragement to pursue music at the



tender age of six. Beginning with Carnatic music (system of music associated with the southern part of India) vocal training under the tutelage of Mrs. Shanta Narasimhan, she soon developed immense interest and talent and went on to complete her senior proficiency exam. The quest to learn other forms of music grew strong and she briefly switched over to light music (Folk and contemporary semi classical music) under the guidance of Mr. Narahari Dixit. The thirst for knowledge grew deeper and she dared to explore Hindustani classical music (system of music associated with the northern part of India). She began grasping the rudiments of Hindustani music under Mrs. Geeta Hegde and began to imbibe a blend of Kirana and Gwalior Gharana (a form of Hindustani music). She gave music and academics prime importance and successfully completed her degree in dental surgery from M.S Ramaiah Dental College and Hospital, Bangalore.

Though a classical vocalist by temperament and training, she is equally at ease with lighter varieties like Bhajans (Indian devotional songs in Kannada, Hindi, Sanskrit and other Indian languages), Bollywood songs and English songs as well(Soft rock and Pop music). Her musicianship is characterized by a blend of tonal sweetness coupled with emotion.

She has several public performances to her credit, including All India Radio (Indian national radio broadcasting) and Doordarshan recordings (Indian National television).

She has also undergone a brief Guitar training under the expert guidance of Mr. J. I. Moses and plans to explore classical music in the western instrument.

In addition to music, she is also good at portrait sketching and poetry writing, for which she has received several awards at the University level.

Married to a young and promising engineer, entrepreneur and musician Mr. Adarsha Kanchana MSc, MBA, she plans to coalesce their mutual interests and create magic with the power of music from their new home at Würzburg, Germany.

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