



Name	Venkatesh Kumar
Date	13 th April 2017
Time	8:30 pm to 10:00 pm
Performing	Vocal
Gharana	Kirana & Gwalior
Place	Dharwad
Early Training	He was initiated into music at the age of 12, Venkatesh Kumar was taken by his uncle Belagalluveeranna to the Veereshwara Punyashrama in Gadag. Kumar lived and learned at the ashram for the next 12 years.
Gurus	Puttaraj Gawai
Music Career	He has performed in various prestigious concerts all over India to name a few, Sawai Gandharva Sangeet Mahostav (Pune), D. V. Paluskar Sangeet Samaroh at Delhi and has performed at all major music festivals in India and abroad. He is a 'A' graded artist of All India Radio, and has featured in many National musical programs. He also has multiple Devotional and Classical CD albums to his credit. He also received a postgraduate degree in music from Gandharva Mahavidyalaya. At present Venkatesh Kumar is serving as a faculty member at Music College, Dharwad.
Achievements	He is a recipient of Padma Shri Award by the Government of India(2016) and several others such as Sangeet Ratna, Honorary Doctorate from The Karnataka University, Dharwad (2014), Karnataka Sangeet Natya Academy Award (2007), ITC's Ustad Niaz Ahmed Khan and Ustad Faiyyaz Ahmed Khan Memorial Award - 2011
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