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Profile Summary:

Manu Vyasa Rao is an accomplished Carnatic vocalist with several performances to his credit. Passionate about music, he has been pursuing Vidwat under the expert tutelage of Sangeetha Kala Rathna Vidwan S Shankar. He has completed Carnatic Junior and Senior under the guidance of Dr. Meenakshi Ravi.

An engineering professional with an MS from North Carolina State University, USA, Manu currently works with Qualcomm Technologies, Bangalore as an IC Design Engineer.

Achievements and Music Credentials:

- Prathibhakankshi Prize by Sri Rama Seva Mandali, Fort Highschool Grounds (April 2015)
- First place in State level music competition organized by Viswa Guru Sriram Shishya Vrinda Samsthanam at Nada Brahma Sangeetha Sabha, Mysore - "Carnatic Classical" and "Devaranama" categories (March 2014)
- First place in district level Carnatic Classical music competition organized by Karnataka Youth Services, a body of Government of Karnataka (Dec 2013)
- Represented Bangalore district for a State Level classical music competition held at Keelara, Mandya organized by Karnataka Youth Services, a body of Govt of Karnataka (Dec 2013)
- Carnatic Classical Vocal Vidwat - Currently pursuing under Vidwan. S. Shankar
- Carnatic Classical Vocal Senior (2002)
- Carnatic Classical Vocal Junior (1997)

Notable Concerts and Workshops:

- Nada Samarpana by Manollasini Trust – *Rama Lalitha Kala Mandira* – Nov 2018
- 125th Birth year of Sri Mayuram Vishwanatha Shastry – *Various places in Bangalore* - Aug to Nov 2018
- Annual Concert - *Vaishnavi Sangeetha Sabha - Jayanagar 4th Block* - January 2018
- Guruvaara Vishvesha concert - *Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mutt - Jayanagar 5th Block* - May 2017
- Raaga Taana Pallavi presentation - *Meera Centre for Music Therapy, Bangalore* - Nov 2016
- Dasara Concert - *Shankara Mutt, Kengeri* - October 2016
- Ugadi utsava - *Nava Mantralaya, Basavanagudi* – April 2016
- Yuva Sangeetotsava - *Bangalore Gayana Samaja* – July 2015
- Ramanavami Concert – *Sri Vani Education Center (Basaveshwar Nagar)* – April 2015
- Ramanavami Concert – *Shankarpuram Rama Seva Mandali, Bangalore* – April 2015
- Ramanavami Concert – *Sri Rama Seva Mandali, Fort Highschool Grounds, Bangalore* – March 2015
- Concert at *Indian institute of World Culture* – November 2014
- Concert for Ganesha Chaturthi - *Hosakere Halli and Hebbal, Bangalore* – August 2014
- Concert for Tyagaraja Aradhane - *Vipra Sangha, Banashankari* – February 2014
- Bhavageethe performance - *Sugama Sangeetha Sammelana 2014 in Bangalore* – February 2014
- Annual day Concert for Meera School of Music - *Gayana Samaja* - December 2013
- Bhavageethe performance - *Nayana, Bangalore as a Promising Artiste* – November 2013
- Private concert - *San Francisco, USA* – June 2013
- Devaranama rendition - *Dasa Sahitya Project at Tirumala, Tirupati* – 2012
- Concert for Dussera Utsav - *Sri Mutt, Hariharapura* – 2012

Recordings and Shows:

- Sarala Jeevana Channel – Bhavageethe rendition (2016)
- Hegiddiye Twinkle (2015) – Bhavageethe CD of B R Lakshman Rao
- Bhakti Sinchana (2013) – A Bhajan CD by Meera School of Music
- Samsaara Saara (2007) – A Music CD with Purandara Dasa kritis about family values.

Community Activities:

- Trustee at [Meera Center for music therapy and education](#) – An institute that employs music as a therapeutic tool for healing. Involved in several activities:
- Given short discourses about music as a tool for self-development at corporate companies.
- Thematic concert at Gayana Samaja - “Healing through music” (2011 and 2012)
- Several thematic concerts signifying the values preached by Saint Tyagaraja and Purandara Dasa.
- Started an in-house music band “Swaram” at Brocade Communications and gave several performances in Bangalore (2010)

Work Profile & Academics:

- Staff Engineer, Qualcomm Technologies – July 2018 to Present
- R&D Engineer, IC Design, Broadcom Corporation – 2014 to 2018
- ASIC Engineer, Brocade Communications - 2009 to 2014
- Systems Engineer, Tata Consultancy Services – 2004 to 2007
- MS (Computer Engineering) from North Carolina, USA - 2009
- BE (Electronics and communication) from VTU - 2004

Family:

- Father: Late Sri. M.N. Vyasa Rao (Renowned Poet of Karnataka)
- Mother: Smt. Savithri J (Retired Govt. Employee)
- Wife: Smt. Vidya Thayoor (An accomplished Bharatanatyam artiste)