

Short biography (English)

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji · ~150 words

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji is an Indian classical musician and composer from Mysuru. Born in 1942, he founded his ashram in 1966, which today includes a music hall and recording studio at the centre of his artistic work.

He performs music for meditation on a synthesiser programmed with over a thousand sounds he has personally selected, accompanied by the Celestial Message Troupe of master Indian musicians. His first international concert took place in Amsterdam in July 1987. In the four decades since, he has performed 377 concerts across 33 countries, in venues including the Royal Albert Hall, Carnegie Hall, the Sydney Opera House, Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center, and Dubai Opera.

His research into ragas and healing music has been recognised with four honorary doctorates, most recently a 2026 doctorate in Nada Yoga from Vedic Wellness University (Florida), conferred together with the title “Nada Yoga Sarvabhauma”. He also holds thirteen Guinness World Records, including the largest music therapy lesson, set at the Sydney Opera House in April 2015 with 1,814 participants.