

RAMYA THIYAGARAJAN

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- Composer, Ethnomusicologist
- Vocalist, Lyricist with performing experience
- Researcher. Interested in researching the links between music (creation and listening), healing, and the revelation of consciousness and the Self, and the emotive power of music

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Degrees

2025	MA Music Composition and Ethnomusicology; Hunter College, New York City <i>(anticipated)</i> <i>Alda Artist; Pocket Opera Scholarship to write Opera</i>
2015	BA Music (Hons); Middlesex University with KM Music Conservatory; London & Chennai <i>Awarded Dr AR Rahman Scholarship, Merit based from Middlesex University</i>

Other Certifications and Residencies

2023	Wildflower Composer Labs, Philadelphia
2021	Close reading of Plato's Republic; Jnanapravaha Institute, Mumbai
2019	Academic study of Yoga and Tantra; Jnanapravaha Institute, Mumbai
2011-2018	South Indian Classical Vocals with Kalaimamani Yogam Santhanam; Dr MLV School of Music, Chennai
2017	SAMUR Music Residency; Chennai

COMMISSIONS/PREMIERS/OTHER

Year	Name of Work, Performers	Instrumentation	Location
2024	'Mohini: Layers of Illusions' (Opera)	Soprano, Mezzo Soprano, Bass, Tenor and Harp, String Quartet, Double Bass	The Black Box, NYC
2024	'Ākāśa' Premiered by Talea Ensemble	Fl,Cl,Ob, Bsn,Hn,Vl,Vn,Vc,DB, Pno	Elebash Hall, NYC
2023	'Gurdjieff's Mischief'; Premiered by Joshua Modney	Solo Violin	Lang Recital Hall, NYC
2023	'Whirlwinds of our Soul'; Premiered by Talea Ensemble	Fl,Cl,Vl,Vc,Pno	Elebash Hall, NYC
2023	'Emily Dickinson Collection'; Workshopped by Jessica Beebe and Hanchien Lee	Voice and Piano	Rock Hall, Philadelphia
2022	'I Shall Know Why'; Read by Hunter College Choir	SATB Choir	Appel Room, NYC
2016	'Dhyaanam'	SATB Choir and Piano	-

2016	'A Dream'	Voice and Piano	-
2018	'In the Bedroom' Commissioned by Dancer Yuteka Tripathi; Realised Digitally	VI, Vc, Perc	Raah, Pune
2018	' Break Free ' Commissioned by Dancer Yuteka Tripathi; Ramya Thiyagarajan (Voice)	Carnatic Classical Voice, Electronics, Tanpura	Raah, Pune
2017	'Don't just do something- Sit there'; Premiered by Ramya Thiyagarajan (Voice) and Yuteka Tripathi (Dance)	Electronics and Improvised Live Voice. Improvisatory Staged Performance with singer and dancer.	Gyaanadab, Pune, India
2015	"On the Brink" Allegri Quartet and Ramya Thiyagarajan (Voice)	String Quartet, Mezzo Soprano	Middlesex University, London
2015	"Baalavat" Elaine Tee (Cello), Ramya Thiyagarajan (Voice)	Vc, Voice, Tanpura	Middlesex University, London

COMMERCIAL RECORDINGS (Self-Released)

Technical Skills: Production/Arrangement, Recording, Mixing on Logic Pro X
Other Roles: Composed, Performed voice and keys, Lyricist/Songwriter

International Digital Release	Name of Work	
<i>February 27, 2021</i>	<i><u>Dheere Dheere Re Mana</u></i> (Single)	Under Artist Name 'Mukura'
<i>January 30, 2020</i>	<i><u>Onward and Backward</u></i> (EP, 4 tracks)	Under Artist Name 'Mukura'
<i>February 7, 2018</i>	<i><u>Thillana Harmonised</u></i> (Single)	Under Artist Name 'Ramya Thiyagarajan'

RESEARCH PAPERS/TOPICS

2023	The Soul and the Politics of Musical Creativity
2022	'Aalap' in Indian Classical Music and its link to the philosophical idea of 'Self' and 'Brahman'
2022	Salome: Of Femme Fatale, Gaze and Rejection of the Feminine <i>Winner of Millenson Library Research Award</i>
2022	'Rasa' Theory and the Subject and Function of Music
2021	Understanding Indian Classical Music through Vedanta Philosophy
2015	Cross-Cultural Music

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Private Studio: Individual and Group lessons. Vocal Techniques, South Indian Classical Voice, South Indian Classical Choir, Music Theory.

- 2023, New Jersey, USA
- 2016-2019, Maharashtra, India
- 2015, London, UK

Furtados School of Music, Pune, India, 2016-2017

- Instructed individual and group vocal lessons, and music theory
- Trained students for choral performances for yearly festival

SOUTH INDIAN CLASSICAL PERFORMANCES- SOLO VOCALS (Highlights)

Recordings of some performances [here](#)

2017	‘Sannidhiyil Sangeetham’, Kapaliswarar Temple	Chennai
2016	Gaanamukunda Priya Sabha, Kapaliswarar Temple	Chennai
2016	Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan	Chennai
2016	MLV Tribute Concert	Chennai
2016	Balaji Temple	Pune
2015	Severndroog Castle	London
2013	Poniamman temple	Chennai
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2011	MLM Hall	Chennai

OTHER PERFORMANCES- Solo/Choir (Highlights)

2019	World Music Day Performance (Original Work)	Mumbai
2016	‘Planets Suite’ with Symphony Orchestra of India	Mumbai
2015	Lead Vocals with my band Anahat	London
2015	Solo Vocals ‘Ephemeral Fantasies’	London
2015	Role “Evil” in new opera, Mumukshutva	London
2014	Chamber Choir with BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra (Celtic Connections)	Glasgow
2014	Hindustani Choir (Kelvingrove Art Gallery- Celtic Connections)	Glasgow
2014	Orfeo in the opera “#ItsComplicated”	Chennai
2012	Chamber Choir in Jaya TV Thai Manne Vanakam- AR Rahman show	Chennai
2012	Chamber Choir in MTV Unplugged (with AR Rahman, Season 2)	Mumbai
2012	Chamber Choir with Babelsberg Orchestra	Germany and India
2010	Concert at Esplanade Theatres	Singapore