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PRESS RELEASE

At its meeting held today, 16th July 2017, the Executive Committee of the Music Academy has unanimously chosen Chitravina maestro, **Shri N.Ravikiran**, for its coveted "**Sangita Kalanidhi**" Award and for presiding over the **91st** Annual Conference of the Music Academy to be held from 15th December 2017 to 1st January 2018. Shri Ravikiran has fully lived up to his promise as a child prodigy and has risen to great heights of musicianship over an illustrious career. The Award will be conferred on him at the **Sadas** on 1st January 2018. The Committee also chose the following persons for the other awards to be conferred at the **91st** Annual Conference and Concerts.

1. **Sangita Kala Acharya : 2 Awards**

Shri V. Kamalakar Rao (Mridangam Vidvan)

Smt. Radha Namboodiri (Vocalist and Guru)

2. **T.T.K. Awards: 2**

Smt. Sukanya Ramgopal (Ghatam exponent)

Shri Muthu Kandasamy Desikar (Leading representative of the Oduvar tradition)

3. **Musicologist Award:** Dr. T.S.Sathyavathi

The Pappa Venkataramiah Award for violin will be given to Tiruvallur Shri Parthasarathy.

The above awards will also be conferred at the **Sadas** on 1st January 2018.

4. **DANCE FESTIVAL: Nritya Kalanidhi Award (formerly Natya Kalacharya award)**

The Nritya Kalanidhi Award for Dance, would go to the eminent Bharatanatyam Exponent, choreographer and writer, Kum. Lakshmi Viswanathan. This award will be conferred at the Inaugural function of the **Dance Festival** on 3rd January 2018.

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