

A fifth generation musician of the illustrious Lalgudi bani, Lalgudi Vijayalakshmi, daughter and disciple of legendary musician, (late) Lalgudi G Jayaraman, is an artiste who engages both deeply and variedly with her music. As a violinist, she performs solo, duet and collaborates with artistes across genres. She is also an accomplished vocalist, a composer, and a teacher. More recently, as founder of Kruthagnya (a Sanskrit word for gratitude), Vijayalakshmi has been conceiving and realizing initiatives and projects that help create awareness about music and its many aspects among the general public and the lesser privileged in society. With a sparkling four-decade-long journey in music, Vijayalakshmi has been recognized for her music that is both through a sling of awards and accolades. But personally, a compliment she holds as particularly special is one that Pandit Ravi Shankar ji, legendary sitar maestro showered on her, following her performance in the United States a few years ago. “You have your father’s fingers,” he said to her.