



ANU SHYAM

MELLIFLUOUS SINGER

Anu Shyam is a popular singer whose voice has mesmerised music lovers in Mumbai.

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Anu Shyam is a popular singer, part of several well - known South Indian music bands of Mumbai, Pune and occasionally Gujarat. She is a prominent light music and devotional singer performing during South Indian festivals and sings Malayalam, Tamil and Hindi songs. She is very active in every musical event organized by Kerala Samajam and Nair Samajam at Dombivili.

Anu Shyam was born and brought up in Kodakara Taluk in Thrissur District. Her parents are Tulasi and the Late Radhakrishnan. She completed her schooling and college at Don Bosco School in Kodakara and Sacred Heart College in Chalakudy.

She got married to Shyam Sukumar in 2007 and came to Mumbai after marriage with her husband. Currently they are living in Dombivili. Shyam Sukumar belongs to Puthenchira in Mala, Trissur. He is presently working

as Zonal Agency Manager , Mumbai and Goa at Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Co Ltd.

Anu's singing career began from 1996. Before settling in Mumbai after marriage, she was trained under the famous Carnatic music teacher Subrahmaniam Sir who is the brother of well known Music Director Mohan Sitara for a period of 2



years. During this period she also performed a couple of chorus for the Malayalam films like *Don* and *Rappakal*. She remembers those initial days of her singing career started with Jyotsna, Vidhu Pratap, Manjari, Anwar Sadhath and others who all worked together in the music group of Mohan Sitara. Anu is basically a Carnatic music artiste who has recorded her voice for major winning Thiruvathirakkali competitions.

She is currently taking advanced training in Carnatik music under Prabha Rao teacher at Dombivili.

Anu has so far sung along with more than six South Indian bands across Maharashtra and Gujarat in various events.

She is a semifinalist of *Sapta Swaranga*, a music competition by Asianet TV in 2004.

She has also sung an album called *Mazhaye* by a music group of Thrissur.

"I am thankful to my family including my in laws for their great support to help me reach where I am today. I also thank the various music Bands and Samajams for giving me opportunities to perform and the audience across Dombivili and other areas of Maharashtra who support my singing," she says.

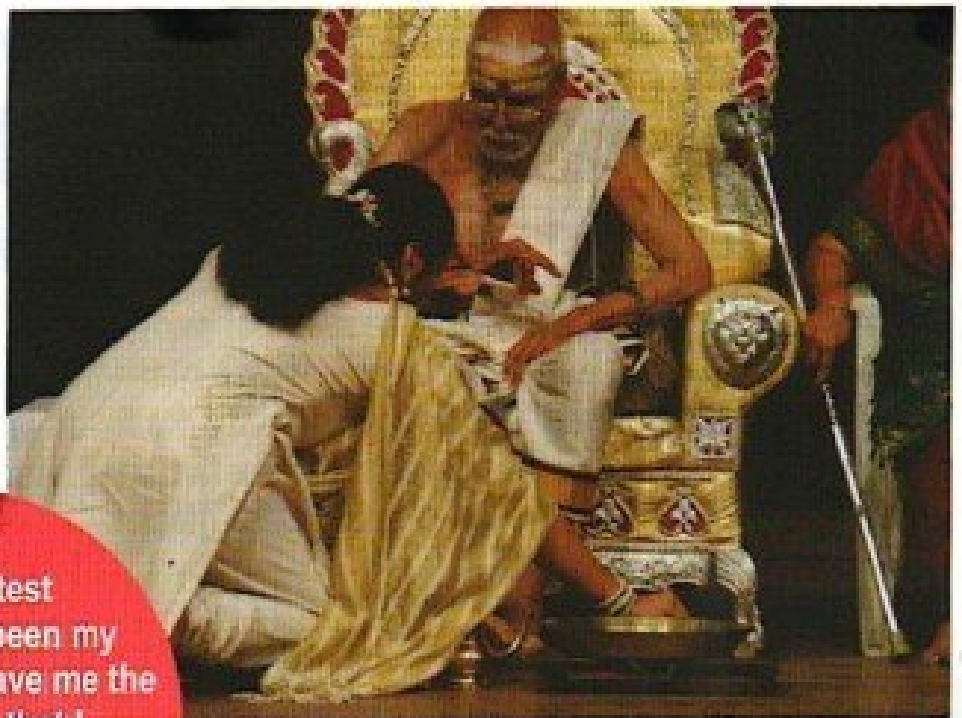
"My greatest support has been my husband who gave me the confidence that I could sing, and who encouraged me in all my efforts," she adds.

Anu has performed on several occasions which she considers to be precious to her. She feels blessed to have had the opportunity to perform Guru Puja for the late Dakshinamuthy Sir and an opportunity to sing his ever green songs. This was during his visit to Mumbai during Mumbai Pooram a few years back. She also cherishes her memory to sing in front of late Padmashree Sukumari and other senior cine artistes like Devan etc. during a private jeweller's inauguration at Pune.

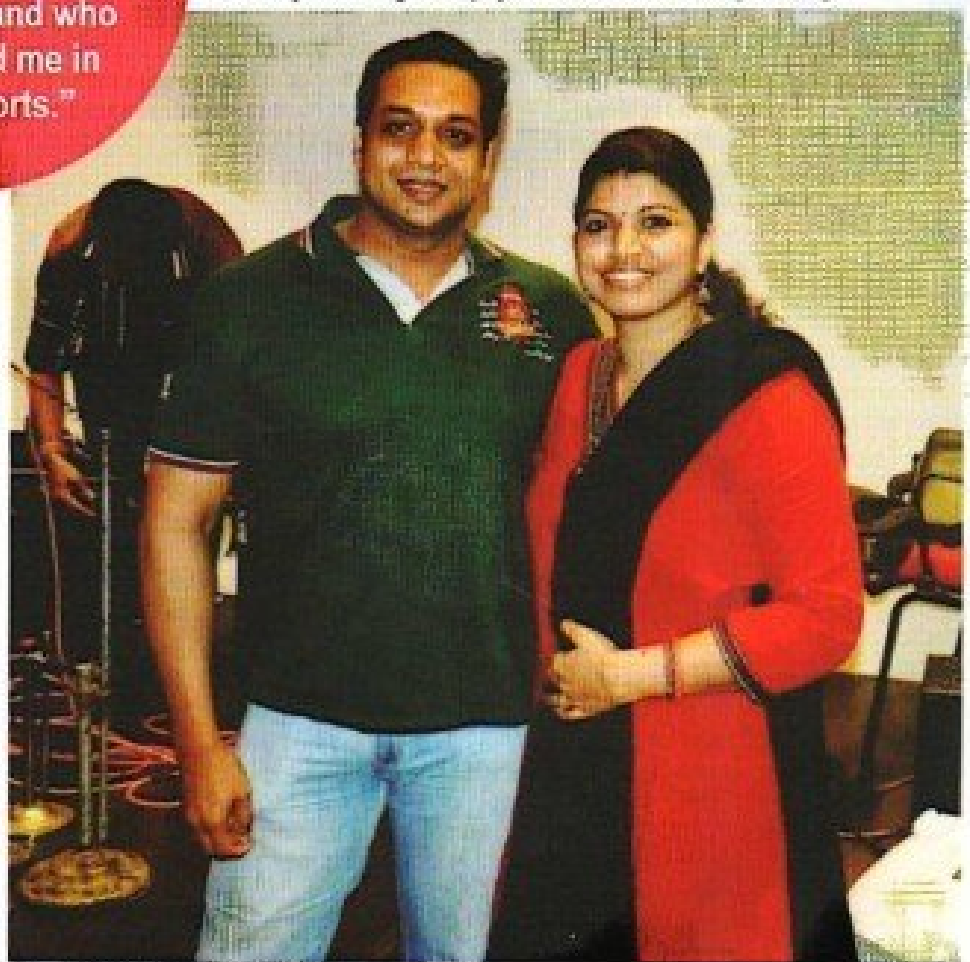
Anu is a winner of Raagalaya Music competition since 2010 and winner of Janashakthi Malayalam film song competition in 2010.

Singing has always been Anu's passion. "I want to live as a singer and

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Anu Shyam doing Padapuja of Dakshinamoorthy Swamy



Anu with her husband Shyam

to die as a singer," she says emotionally.

Even as a child, she was active in all art related events and has participated in dance programs as well during her school days. However singing is her main interest and she is learning music professionally.

Her family is also interested in music.

Her siblings are all interested in some art related matter. Her elder sister has participated in light music programs conducted by All India Radio.

Anu's passion for music is evident in her talk. And she shows every promise of becoming a veteran in her field in the future. ■