

## Artists Profile



**Richard Louis** popularly known as Richy, a Story, Screen Play and dialogue writer and a well known theater actor personality. Known in the industry for more than 30 years he has been involved in many successful feature films, TV serials. Richy is one of the sought after theater personality in Kannada entertainment industry. Richy has acted in more than 55 shows and built a team of artists. Some of his stage dramas are **Sikku, Udbhava, Gullenari, Marichina Bandhugalu**. He has TV comedy programs **Haratte & Hasyotsva** on Udaya TV and E-TV channels; acted in more than 25 serials



**Mysore Anand** is known for his distinctive form of comedy on stage through mime and dance associated with songs. His cricket commentary and imitation of Michael Jackson dance's are the most popular stage gigs. He has given more than 1000 shows. And he has been in the field for more than 18 years. A very popular T.V and film artist has his base from theater. He is one of the few actors who can sing and use their body language to communicate comedy very affectively.

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**Lakshmi Narasimha Shastry** is noted music director and play back singer from Kannada film music industry. L.N Shastry has sung over 1000 songs for Kannada and Telugu movies during past 17 years, and also has composed music for 19 Kannada movies. Known for his excellent singing talent, LN Shastry has won many awards including, Karnataka State Award as Best Playback Singer in the year 1996-97 for the movie "**Janumadha Jodi**",

Chitra Premigala Sangha Award as Best Playback Singer in the year 1996-97 for the movie "Janumadha Jodi", Kannada Chitra Rasikara Sangha Award as Best Playback Singer in the year 1993-94 for the movie "**Bhanda Nanna Ganda**", Ciniranjini Award as Best Playback Singer in the year 2004 for the movie "**Malla**", Srigantha Cini Award as Best Playback Singer in the year 2004 for the movie "Malla", Gold Film Award as Best Playback Singer in the year 1999 for the movie "**Kanasalu Neene Manasalu Neene**".



**Dr. Shamitha Malnad** is a noted singer in Kannada sugama sangeetha and film music. She has sung in variety of songs ranging from devotional, bhavageethe to western music in 11 different languages. Dr. Shamitha entered as a Cine Playback Singer from the movie **Ninnagaagi**

She has sung in about 160 Kannada movies, under all the leading music directors like Hamsalekha, Gurukiran, Rajesh, Ramanathan, to name a few. She has sung with the great singers Dr. Rajkumar, S P Balasumaniam, Udith Narayan, Hariharan, and Shankar Mahadevan.

Dr, Shamitha has won a number of awards for her singing skills and has the award **Junior L R Eshwari** in her list of awards.

Dr. Shamitha has been very active socially and has founded "SWARA SANNIDHI TRUST" to create opportunities for children in singing, dancing, and to improve their knowledge in Kannada Literature.

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**Anu Prabhakar** is one of the most talented actresses of Kannada film. Anu, first appeared as a child artist in the film 'Chapala Chennigaraya'. A born artiste, she has given several hit films including 'Hrudaya Hrudaya' (1999) her debut as a heroine. This charming beauty has won many a hearts with her suave smile and brilliant acting. Bangalore's Kolada Math honored Anu with the title 'Abhinaya Saraswathi' for her outstanding performance in various films and she has also won Kannada State Government best actress award 2000-01', 'Cinema Express best actress' etc. Anu is married to Krishna Kumar, son of veteran south Indian actress Jayanthi.

**Sunil Rao** started acting at the age of 5. First movie was **Kendada Male** and went on to act 12-13 movies as a child artist Sunil has also acted in many popular TV serials such as **Janani, Saadhane, Punarjanma, Bhagyachakra, Chaduranga, Manvantara, Bhageerathi** to name a few.



In 2002, he played the lead role in the Hindi/English movie. He also acted in an English film – The Six Inch red Ribbon, a short film promoting AIDS awareness. Started Kannada movie career in 2003-04 with the film **Preeti Prema Pranaya** followed by **Excuse Me** which went on to become a block-buster hit,

Apart from acting, Sunil is also a musician... Trained in Hindustani Classical Music Vocals and the Tabla, he is also a self-taught Drummer. He is currently hosting a music-based, talent hunt show called **Saptaswara**, on Kannada TV channel Kasturi.