

# Thirai Isai Chakravarthy

## M S Viswanathan

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June 24, 1928- July 14, 2015

# Manayangath Subramanian Viswanathan

- M S Viswanathan was born in Elappulli, in Palakkad, Kerala on June 24, 1928.
- His father died when he was four. He and his family had tough time to make ends meet.
- They moved to Kannanur to live with his uncle. There he had his primary school education and learnt to play harmonium and music under Neelakanda Bhagavathar.
- He tried to act in some dramas but was not successful. Then he started working for S.V.Venkatraman's music troupe as an errand boy and realized he had potential to compose.
- Later he joined S.M.Subbiah Naidu's group as a minor worker, taking notes for the senior musician. There he impressed SMS with his own compositions. At an appropriate time, SMS introduced MSV to the famous music director C R Subburaman. CRS hired MSV to play harmonium in his troupe. There he met the violinists T K Ramamurthy and T.G.Lingappa.
- When CRS died suddenly, producers asked MSV and TKR to finish the movies undertaken by CRS- Devadas, Chandirani and Marumagal. They obliged. Then they got an offer to do music for Panam directed by N S Krishnan. NSK advised them to launch their career together as Viswanathan-Ramamoorthy. The name stuck. The duo continued their partnership for 100 films from 1952-1965. It became the Golden era of Tamil films.
- MSViswanathan formed great friendship with Kannadasan. Together they gave us the most memorable tunes with fine lyrics.
- Viswanathan was grateful to all his mentors and artists he worked with. He took care of S. M.Subbiah Naidu, Mrs. Naidu and J.P. Chandrababu during their last days. He trained many young artists and maintained friendly relationships with younger generation of musicians.
- Viswanathan died at the age of 87 in Chennai.
- He along with T K Ramamoorthy earned the title- "Mellisai Mannar"

# M.S Viswanathan as independent music director

- Viswanathan-Ramamoorthy team split in 1965 and both became independent music directors.
- Over the years (1965-2015) MSV outperformed Ramamoorthy and all others until the arrival of Ilayaraja in 1980.
- MSV composed songs for 580 films as independent music director. About 440 in Tamil, 70 in Malayalam, 60 in Telugu, 5 Kannada and 5 Hindi.
- He was known for the quality and speed of completion for each composition. What took very long time for other music directors, he was able to do it in an hour according to the music director Ilaya Raja.
- MSV won several state level awards such as Kalaimamani and Isi Perarignar. However he did not win any National award by Government of India despite many attempts by Jayalalitha Government to get him Padma Bhushan.
- Frustrated Tamilnadu Government awarded him the title “Thirai Ulaga Chakravarthy” in 2012 along with 60 gold coins and a car.
- Rajnikanth said in an interview about M. S. Viswanathan, "You will rarely find someone like MSV in any industry. He lived life like a selfless saint, free from jealousy and lies. He was behind the success of legends like MGR and Sivaji. If not for MSV, the careers of filmmaker Balachander, lyricists Vaali and Kannadasan wouldn't have tasted huge success."
- MSV's friendship with Kannadasan is fortuitous. It gave birth to the golden era of Tamil film music. Two geniuses worked together to give great music to the Tamil audience.

-Wikipedia and MSV Times, a website for MSV

## Following films list Viswanathan as music director

1966	<a href="#"><u>Anbe Vaa</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Chandrodhayam</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Chitthi</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Enga Pappa</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Gowri Kalyanam</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Kodimalar</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Kumari Penn</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Motor Sundaram</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Pillai</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Naan Aanaiyittal</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Nadodi</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Namma Veethu</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Lakshmi</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Parakkum Paavai</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Petralthan Pillaiya</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Ramu</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Thattungal</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>Thirakkappadum</u></a>	

1967	<a href="#"><u>Anubavam</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Pudhumai</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Anubavi Raja</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Anubavi</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Bama</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Vijayam</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Bhavani</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Iru Malargal</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Kaavalkaaran</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Nenjirukkum</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Varai</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Ooty Varai</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Uravu</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Pen Endral</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Pen</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>Selva Maqal</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>Thangai</u></a>	

1968	<a href="#"><u>Anbu Vazhi</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>En Thambi</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Enga Oor Raja</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Galatta Kalyanam</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Kallum Kaniyaqum</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Kanavan</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Kannan En Kadhalan</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Kudiyirundha Koyil</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Kuzhandhaikkaga</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Lakshmi Kalyanam</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Neeyum Naanum</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Nimirnthu Nil</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Oli Vilakku</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Pudhiya Boomi</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Ragasiya Police 115</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Thamarai Nenjam</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Uyarntha Manithan</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>Uyira Maanama</u></a>	

1969	<a href="#"><u>Anbalippu</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Annaiyum Pithavum</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Athai Magal</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Deivamaagan</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Kanne Pappa</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Kanni Penn</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Nam Naadu</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Nil Gavani Kadhali</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Odum Nadhi</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Paalkudam</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Poova Thalaiya</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Shanti Nilayam</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Sivandha Mann</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Thirudan</u></a>

1970	<a href="#"><u>Ethirkalam</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Enqa Mama</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Enqal Thangam</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Engirundho Vandhaal</u></a>
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	<a href="#"><u>Nilave Nee Satchi</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Paadhukaappu</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Raman Ethanai Ramanadi</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Sorgam</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Thedi Vandha Mappillai</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Veettuku Veedu</u></a>

1971	<a href="#"><u>Anbukkor Annan</u></a>
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	<a href="#"><u>Babu</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Iru Thuruvam</u></a>
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	<a href="#"><u>Moondru Dheivangal</u></a>
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	<a href="#"><u>Needhi Devan</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Neerum Neruppum</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Oru Thaai Makkal</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Praptham</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Punnagai</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Rickshawkaran</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Savaale Samali</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Soodhattam</u></a>
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<a href="#"><u>Sumathi En Sundari</u></a>	
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<a href="#"><u>Uttharavindri Ulle Vaa</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>Veettukku Oru Pillai</u></a>	

1972	<a href="#"><u>Aasirvadham</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Dharmam Engey</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Dhikku Theriyadha Kaattil</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Enna Mudalali Sowkiyama</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Gnana Oli</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Idho Enthan Deivam</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Kanna Nalama</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Kasethan Kadavulada</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Mister Sampath</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Nawab Naarkali</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Needhi</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Pattikada Pattanama</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Pillaiyo Pillai</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Raja</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Raman Thediya Seethai</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Sange Muzhanqu</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>Thangadurai</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>Thavapudhalavan</u></a>	

1973	<a href="#"><u>Alaigal</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Baghdad Perazhaqi</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Bharatha Vilas</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Engal Thai</u></a>
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	<a href="#"><u>Gauravam</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Manidharil Manikkam</u></a>
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	<a href="#"><u>Paasa Deepam</u></a>
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	<a href="#"><u>Pookkari</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Rajapart Rangadurai</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>School Master</u></a>
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<a href="#"><u>Suryakanthi</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>Thalaiprasavam</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>Ulaqam Sutrum Valiban</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>Vaayadi</u></a>	

1974	<a href="#"><u>Akkarai Pachchai</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Anbai Thedi</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Atthaiya Mamiya</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Aval Oru Thodar Kathai</u></a>
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<a href="#"><u>Urimaikural</u></a>	

1975	<a href="#"><u>Apoorva Raaqangal</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Amudha</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Anaya Vilakku</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Anbe Aaruyire</u></a>
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	<a href="#"><u>Thaai Veetu Seedhanam</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Vaira Nenjam</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Vaazhnthu Kaattugiren</u></a>	

1976	<a href="#"><u>Akka</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Chitra Pournami</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Grihapravesam</u></a>
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	<a href="#"><u>Needhikku Thalaivanangu</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Neeyindri Naanillai</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>O Manju</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Oorukku Uzhaippavan</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Oru Kodiyil Iru Malargal</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>Payanam</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>Perum Pughazhum</u></a>	

1976	<a href="#"><u>Rojavin Raja</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Sandhadhi</u></a>
	<i>Thunive Thunai</i>
	<a href="#"><u>Unakkaga Naan</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Ungalil Orutthi</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Unmaiye Un</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Vilai Enna</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Uzhaikkum</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Karangal</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Vazhvu En</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Pakkam</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Veeduvarai</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>Uravu</u></a>	



1977	<a href="#"><u>Aarupushpanqal</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Annan Oru Koyil</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Avan Oru Sarithiram</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Avarqal</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Deviyin Thirumanam</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Ellam Avale</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Enna Thavam Seidhen</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Gas Light Mangamma</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Ilaya Thalaimurai</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Indru Pol Endrum Vaazhqa</u></a>
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	<a href="#"><u>Pennai Solli Kutramillai</u></a>
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<a href="#"><u>Sila Nerangalil Sila Manidhargal</u></a>	
<a href="#"><u>Thani Kudithhanam</u></a>	

- My favorite Viswanathan Songs (240) Playlists-

1966-1967:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvCCTBtu2H3z\\_dmNLp5PuHIU021Y-tLiF](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvCCTBtu2H3z_dmNLp5PuHIU021Y-tLiF)

1967-1968:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvCCTBtu2H3yOY85jj7pYAKUwWYl7\\_pek](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvCCTBtu2H3yOY85jj7pYAKUwWYl7_pek)

1969-1971:

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1971-1973:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvCCTBtu2H3w20xpjlpYkcGO6vqKKj38q>

1973-1977:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvCCTBtu2H3yxka6LlkDNYAWe\\_58TKb3V](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvCCTBtu2H3yxka6LlkDNYAWe_58TKb3V)