

Isai Perarignar T. R. Pappa

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T. R. Pappa
July 3, 1922- Oct. 15, 2004

Thiruthuraipoondi Radhakrishnan Sivasankaran

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- Sivasankaran (Pappa) was born to a Tamil family in Alangudi, Thanjavur District on July 3, 1922.
- His father Radhakrishnan was a violin player. He couldn't afford to send his son to school and so gave him violin lessons at home. Later he sent him to a professional violinist, Kumbakonam Siva Vadivelu. Pappa received his proper violin education for six years when he was 13-19 years old.
- He joined All India Radio in 1941 and played violin for famous singers such as G.N.Balasubramaniam, D.K. Pattammal, and M. L. Vasanthakumari.
- He played violin at Jupiter Pictures and Modern Theaters as a free lance musician.
- In 1951, Joseph Thaliath Jr of Citadel Films gave him a chance to become music director in his film Athmasanthi (Malayalam and Tamil). After that he continued his work with him in Mallika, Vijayapuri Veeran and Iravum Pagalum.
- He composed music for all leading heroes- MGR, Sivaji, Gemini and Jai Shankar. To mention a few- Anbu, Aasai, Raja Rani, Rambaiyin Kadhal, Kuravanji, Nallavan Vaazhvaan. He was active from 1952-1965. T.R. Ramanna, a friend, hired him to do few of his films in 1970's. His last film was in 1996. He had long experience with radio and film industry. Having seen the ups and downs, in 1966 he commented- "I am looking for the day when talent and merit will be recognized and properly rewarded in the industry"
- Due to arthritis, he couldn't move his fingers right and it affected his film career. During this time he composed music for 1000 songs of popular singer Sirkazhi Govindarajan. Chinnanajiru Pen Pole was one among them. He composed music for many devotional songs including Abhirami Andhaathi
- He was appointed as the Principal of Government Music College by Chief Minister Karunanidhi.
- He was honored with many titles including "Isai Perarignar" by Tamil Isai Sangam in 1996.
- He died of heart attack in Chennai on Oct 15, 2004. He was 82.

-Ref: Jaya Plus TV News, Wikipedia and its reference -Sport and Pasttime, Vol.20, 1966

T.R.Pappa as Music Director in the following list of films (1952-1996)

Year	Film	Language
1952	Aathmasanthi	Malayalam
1952	Aathmasanthi	Tamil
1952	Alphonsa	Malayalam
1952	Mappillai	Tamil
1953	Anbu	Tamil
1954	Iddaru Pellalu	Telugu
1954	Sandehi	Malayalam
1954	Ammaiyappa	Tamil
1955	Surangani	Sinhala
1956	Aasai	Tamil
1956	<i>Graha Devatha</i>	Malayalam
1956	Kudumba Vilakku	Tamil
1956	Raja Rani	Tamil
1956	Rambaiyin Kaadhal	Tamil
1956	Rangoon Radha	Tamil

Year	Film	Language
1956	<i>Surathali</i>	Sinhala
1957	Deva Sundari	Malayalam
1957	Mallika	Tamil
1959	Thaai Magalukku Kattiya Thaali	Tamil
1960	Kuravanji	Tamil
1960	<i>Subhadra</i>	Sinhala
1960	<i>Sundara Birinda</i>	Sinhala
1960	Vijayapuri Veeran	Tamil
1961	Kumara Raja	Tamil
1961	Nallavan Vazhvan	Tamil
1962	Ethaiyum Thangum Ithaiyam	Tamil
1962	Seemaan Petra Selvangal	Tamil
1964	Arunaqirinathar	Tamil

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1964	<u>Sujage Rahasa</u>	Sinhala
1965	<u>Iravum Paqalum</u>	Tamil
1965	<u>Kathal Paduthum Padu</u>	Tamil
1965	<i>Vilakketriyaval</i>	Tamil
1968	<u>Teacheramma</u>	Tamil
1969	<i>Avare En Daivam</i>	Tamil
1969	<i>Magane Nee Vazhga</i>	Tamil
1970	<u>Yaen?</u>	Tamil
1971	<i>Arutperunjothi</i>	Tamil
1972	<u>Avasara Kalyanam</u>	Tamil
1972	<i>Yaar Jambulingam</i>	Tamil
1973	<u>Maru Piravi</u>	Tamil
1974	<u>Vairam</u>	Tamil
1996	<i>Enga Chinna Ponnu</i>	Tamil

- T.R.Pappa Film Songs (50) Playlist-
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