

Vedha

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Vedha
Active Years: 1956-1971

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- Vedha was born in Sri Lanka, so it appears! Despite his 20 year association with cine field (1952-1971), there is not much information on him in the internet.
- Wikipedia, one cine-blog and an AVM Book provided few details about him.
- He started his film career in Madras because Sinhalese films were made in Madras at that time. Three Sinhalese films list him as music director from 1952-1954.
- During his stay in Madras, he worked as an assistant to music directors T.G.Lingappa and C.N.Pandurangan for the movie Menaka, released in 1955.
- He became a full fledged music director in 1956 (Marma Veeran) and his career lasted until 1971 (Justice Viswanathan). We have no record of his activities since then.
- Vedha was active during the golden era of K V Mahadevan and Viswanathan-Ramamurthy. When these star-directors were busy with megastars MGR and Sivaji, Vedha filled the need for other heroes, Jaishankar and Ravichandran. He had two films with Gemini Ganesan. Songs of these two films, Manamalai and Parthiban Kanavu are ever green.
- Modern Theatres made good use of Vedha in their action and thriller movies.
- Modern Theatres “re-make” successful Hindi movies and Vedha was asked to reproduce the popular tunes. Vedha had a knack of naturalizing Hindi and western music to suit Tamil taste by working with the lyricists. As a result, copy sounded better than the original!
- He gave us several memorable, original songs such as Andhi Mayanguthadi, Idhaya Vaanin Udhaya Nilave, Palingunaal Oru Maaligai and the dynamo-Dingiri Dingale.
- His work is his legacy and he made us think Vedha means fast music; Vedha means pop music; Vedha means haunting music. Luckily he left plenty for us to remember him.
- Awards and titles go to those who have push and pull. He had none.
- Ref: Wikipedia

Filmography of Vedha as Music Director

Year	Film	Language	Director	Production Company
1955	<u>Menaka</u>	Tamil	<u>V. C. Subburaman</u>	Kasturi Films
1956	<u>Dingiri Menika</u>	Sinhala	<u>A. S. A. Sami</u>	Heladiva Film Arts
1956	<u>Marma Veeran</u>	Tamil	<u>T. R. Raghunath</u>	Jubilee Arts
1957	<u>Jeevitha Satana</u>	Sinhala	<u>Shanthi Kumar</u>	Ceylon Theatres
1958	<u>Anbu Enge</u>	Tamil	<u>D. Yoganand</u>	Jubilee Arts
	<u>Manamalai</u>	Tamil	<u>Ch. Narayananamurthi</u>	Janatha Pictures
1959	<u>Minnal Veeran</u>	Tamil	Jampanna	TNR Productions
	<u>Sollu Thambi Sollu</u>	Tamil	T. V. Sundaram	TVS Productions
1960	<u>Parthiban Kanavu</u>	Tamil	<u>D. Yoganand</u>	Jubilee Films
1962	<u>Kannadi Maaligai</u>	Tamil	N. N. C. Sami	Rani Pictures
	<u>Naagamalai Azhagi</u>	Tamil	Viswanathan	Madheswari Films

1963	<u>Alapiranthavan</u>	Tamil	<u>Nanabhai Bhatt</u>	
	<u>Konjum Kumari</u>	Tamil	G. Viswanathan	
1964	<u>Amma Engey</u>	Tamil	G. Viswanathan	<u>Modern Theatres</u>
	<u>Chitrangi</u>	Tamil	R. S. Mani	
	<u>Pasamum Nesamum</u>	Tamil	<u>D. Yoganand</u>	Alankar Pictures
	<u>Veeranganai</u>	Tamil	<u>A. S. A. Sami</u>	Oriental Pictures
1965	<u>Sarasa B. A.</u>	Tamil	<u>D. Yoganand</u>	Ganesh Films
	<u>Oru Viral</u>	Tamil	C. M. V. Raman	Salvandar Fernandez
	<u>Vallavanukku Vallavan</u>	Tamil	<u>T. R. Sundaram</u>	<u>Modern Theatres</u>

1966	<u>Iru Vallavargal</u>	Tamil	K. V. Srinivasan	<u>Modern Theatres</u>
	<u>Vallavan Oruvan</u>	Tamil	<u>T. R. Sundaram</u>	
	<u>Yaar Nee?</u>	Tamil	Satyam	
1967	<u>Adhey Kangal</u>	Tamil	<u>A. C. Tirulokchandar</u>	<u>AVM Productions</u>
	<u>Ethirigal Jakkirathai</u>	Tamil	<u>T. R. Sundaram</u>	
	<u>Kadhalithal Podhuma</u>	Tamil	K. V. Srinivasan	
1969	<u>Naangu Killadigal</u>	Tamil	L. Balu	<u>Modern Theatres</u>
	<u>Manasatchi</u>	Tamil	T. N. Balu	
	<u>Ulagam Ivvalavudhan</u>	Tamil	<u>Vedantam Raghavaiah</u>	
	<u>Ponnu Mappillai</u>	Tamil	S. Ramanathan	
1970	<u>CID Shankar</u>	Tamil	<u>T. R. Sundaram</u>	<u>Modern Theatres</u>
1971	<u>Justice Viswanathan</u>	Tamil	G. R. Nathan	

Playlist of Vedha songs (55);
1956-1971

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvCCTBtu2H3w87qleuzeYOMmS9PhQxSsS>