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Achievements:

- First South Indian Hindustani Bansuri artiste graded “A Top” in 2013
- Winner of **Two National Awards** as co producer of Kannada feature films “BERU & VIMUKTI”
- First Indian to perform ragas on the **8 feet Contrabass Flute**, which he renamed as “Gods Bansi”
- First Indian to introduce **Circular Breathing** technique in classical music
- Creator of three unique flutes
 - **Mandra Bansuri** (Alto Bansuri): India’s first U shaped Bansuri which can reach Lower Octave Pancham.
 - **Flutar** : A combination of Flute and Electric Guitar
 - **Divya Bansuri** : An amplified illuminating flute which has LED bulbs and an in-built mic
- Formed a **Fusion Band “KRISHNA** in 1998, which has elements of Hindustani, Carnatic & Western music, which is still popular in the concert circuit of India and Abroad.
- Composed **Title songs and Original sound tracks** for over 40 TV Serials & 15 feature films
- Has **composed music** for numerous Devotional Albums, Bhaavageeth and Dance Dramas
- His first **Kannada novel “Prahara - Haaduva Gadiyara”** was released in the year 2022. He translated the same novel into **English as “Prahara - The Singing Clock”** which released in 2023
- Has performed **jugalbandi concerts** with eminent maestros of Hindustani & Carnatic music
- Became a household name as music arranger/ flautist for popular Tv Serial “Yede Tumbi Haaduvenu” featuring the **legendary Dr SP Balasubramanyam**
- Directed & hosted **award winning music serial “Raaga Ranjani”** on ETV Kannada channel
- He has also **acted in a TV serial “GARVA”** along side Sri Ananth Nag, under the well known director Sri Prakash Belawadi
- Has composed background score for more than **1000 episodes** for several kannada TV serials
- Performed **101 ragas** in a YouTube series called “Raagatainment”



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International collaborations

- The album “Imaginings” won the prestigious **ZMR awards (Zone Music Reporter) USA** in 2016, wherein he collaborated with Paul Adams & Elizabeth Geyer
- Travelled & performed with **Dutch Rockband “BLOF”** which was released as a DVD
- Has worked with many fusion maestros like **George Brookes, Farid Ul Haq, Louis banks & Sivamani**
- 1st Indian to perform in **World Flute Festival** at Mendoza, Argentina
- Has worked with **3 time Grammy award winner Ricky Kej** on several of his compositions

Prominent Awards

- **Honorary Doctorate** from Tumkur University in the year 2022
- **Chowdiah Award** from Academy of Music, Bengaluru
- **Kempegowda Award** from BBMP, Bengaluru
- **Best Music Serial Award** for Raaga Ranjani by Zee TV & Essel World
- **Aaryabhata Award** for the title song of TV Serial “ Malebillu”
- **KIMA Award** for title song of “Radha Kalyana”
- **Best Music Award** for Tulu film “ Shree Narayanguruswamy” by Karnataka Chalanachitra Rasikara Sangha, Bengaluru.
- **Aasthan Sangeet Vidwan** - Udupi Sri Krishna Mutt, Sringeri Sharada Peetham & Aavani Shringeri mutt, Bengaluru



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Titles

- **NAADNIDHI** – By Kalachetana, Gadag
- **SUR-MANI** – By Sur Singaar Samsad Mumbai at the age of 16 years
- **VENU GAANA MAHARAJ** – Title from the TRINITY MUSIC ASSOCIATION, CHENNAI
- **SINGAARA KALA RATNA** – SINGAPORE KANNADA SANGHA

Jugalbandi and well known collaborations with...

Ustad Zakir Hussain, Vidwan M Balamuralikrishna, Vid Dr. Umayalapuram Sivaraman, Sri Hariharan, Sri Shankar Mahadevan, Sri Anup Jalota, Vidwan Kadri Gopalnath, Pandit Jasraj, Ustad Rashid Khan, Pandit Bikram Ghosh, Vidushi Nagamani Srinath, Vid Mysore Nagaraj & Manjunath, Vidwan Kumaresh, Pandit Vishwamohan Bhat, Ustad Shahid Parvez, Vidushi Kala Ramanath, Vidushi Bombay Jayashree, Vidwan Shashank Subramanyam, Pandit Vijay Ghate, Vidushi Lalgudi Vijaylaxmi.



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CREATIONS



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PRAVIN GODKHINDI WITH EMINENT MUSICIANS





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GURU AND EARLY TUTELAGE:

Born in a family of musicians, music is a divine blessing to Pravin. He hails from Dharwad, a place which has given to the world many great musicians like Pt Bhimsen Joshi, Gangubai Hangal and Pt Kumar Gandharva. He is fortunate to have his father **Pandit VENKATESH GODKHINDI**, an eminent vocalist and Bansuri artiste of the country, as his first and only Guru for Flute. Pravin started toying with a small flute at the tender age of 3 and since then it has been his best companion. His passion for Flute could hardly be matched with anything else even during his childhood. With such a passion blended with early hours of rigorous *Riyaz* under the able guidance of his guru, Pravin started exhibiting the glimpses of a genius in the making. Pravin gave his first public concert at the age of 6 years and held the audience spellbound. His quest for deeper knowledge about LAYAKAARI brought him to his Guru, **Vidwan ANOOR ANANTH KRISHNA SHARMA** a reputed Mridangam artiste who is providing able guidance to Pravin on the deeper aspects of *LAYA* and *LAYAKAARI*.

TWO DIFFERENT STYLES OF PLAYING:

His father has taught him Hindustani BANSURI in KIRANA GHARAANA GAYAKI STYLE. But Pravin added the GATKAARI or TANTRAKAARI STYLE by his own efforts and succeeded in it. He is adept in both the styles. Sonorous blowing, control over the breath, elaborations of Raga with its aesthetic appeal, extraordinary and skillful rendition of Layakaari are but a few salient features of his flute recital. He has been ably balancing both traditional and creative music. Western classical, Jazz and Carnatic classical also have favorably influenced him.

A front-ranker from the beginning, Pravin has completed his B.E (Electrical and Electronics) in first class with Distinction.



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TITLES AND AWARDS:

SUR-MANI – By Sur Singaar Samsad Mumbai at the age of 16 years

1st prize – A I R's National level competition at the age of 18 years

"A" GRADE – By Akashvani at the age of 21 years

1st South-Indian Bansuri artiste to be graded "TOP RANKING ARTISTE A-TOP" by Akashvani, 2013

AASTHAANA SANGEET VIDWAAN – Udupi Shri Krishna Mutt, Udupi

AASTHAANA SANGEET VIDWAAN – Shringeri sharada peetham, shringeri

AASTHAANA SANGEET VIDWAAN – Aavani shringeri mutt, Basveshwarnagar, Bengaluru

BEST MUSIC SERIAL award – For ***Raagranjini*** by ESSEL world and Zee TV

BRAND AMBASSADOR for AKG/HARMAN - leading microphone and speaker manufacturing company, Austria.

KEMPEGOWDA AWARD - By BBMP, corporation Bangalore 2011.

PANDIT PANNALAL GHOSH SMRITI GAURAV PURASKAAR - By Pannalal Ghosh sangeet samstha, Kolhapur 2011.

CHOWDAIAH AWARD – ACADEMY OF MUSIC, BENGALURU 2017

NAADNIDHI – By Kalachetana, Gadag

venu GAANA MAHARAJ – Title from the TRINITY MUSIC ASSOCIATION, CHENNAI

BEST COMPOSER Award – For the tele-serial Radha Kalyana by KIMA 2013

ARYABHATTA – For his composition of the title song of a TV soap MALEBILLU



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NATIONAL AWARDS FROM THE HON'BLE PRESIDENT OF INDIA for the films BERU - 2005 and VIMUKTHI – 2009. He co-produced as well as provided the background score for these movies.

BEST MUSIC DIRECTOR – For “SHREE NARAYANGURUSWAMY” a Tulu movie, by Karnataka Chalanachitra rasikara sangha, bengaluru.

ZMR AWARD USA – For **IMAGININGS**, Best contemporary album, 2015.

VENUGAANA PRAVEENA – NEWJERSEY USA

SINGAARA KALA RATNA – SINGAPORE KANNADA SANGHA

He is the first artiste from Karnataka to have represented India and *The Bansuri* in the recently concluded *World Flutes Festival held at Mendoza, Argentina.*

SUR-SAMRAT, KALA-PRAVEENA, SAMSKRITI SINCHANA, KALAVTAMSA, KARNATAKA BHOOSHANA, VENU PRAVEENA, RAGINI and SURABHOOSHANA are some of the other titles conferred upon him.



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CONCERTS :

He has been featured in some of the most prestigious music conferences and Sangeet Sammelans of the country. Noteworthy among them are:

GAANASARASWATI SANGEET SAMMELAN, PUNE
BENGAL CLASSICAL MUSIC FESTIVAL, DHAKA BANGLADESH.
TANSEN SANGEET SAMAROH, Gwalior
SALT LAKE CITY FESTIVAL, Kolkatta
KAL KE KALAAKAR SAMMELAN, Mumbai
TATANAGAR SANGEET SAMMELAN, Tatanagar
PANCHAKSHAR GAWAI PUNYATITHI SAMMELAN, Bhopal,
SAWAI GANDHARVA FESTIVAL, Poona, Gadag,
DELHI INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL, Delhi,
PANDIT DINANATH MANGESHKAR SANGEET SAMAROH, Goa,
DARBAR FESTIVAL, LONDON AND RAVENNA, ITALY.
SANKAT MOCHAN FESTIVAL, Varanasi
BHATKHANDE SANGEET SAMAROH, Mumbai.
GURURAO DESHPANDE SANGEET SAMAROH, Bangalore, Poona
RAJYA SANGEET ACADEMY, Kolkatta
LAKSHMINARAYANA SANGEET SAMAROH, Amritsar
CONCERT FOR SANTOOR ASHRAM, Kolkatta
REHAMAT KHAN PUNYATITHI SAMAROH, Dharwad
MALLIKARJUN MANSOOR SANGEET SAMAROH, Dharwad
BASAVARAJ RAJGURU SANGEET SAMAROH, Dharwad
PANDIT BHIMSEN JOSHI SHRADDHANJALI, Dharwad
BEHALA SANGEET SAMMELAN, KOLKATTA

Pravin has toured USA, UK, Canada, Spain, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Muscat, Qatar, Holland, Bangkok, Singapore, Hongkong, Dubai, Argentina and Portugal for his solo and fusion performances.



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MULTIFACETED ARTISTE:

Pravin is a gifted artiste, gifted with many talents. He is a composer, a vocalist, an actor, a Tabla artiste, and a harmonium player apart from what he is best at - The *Bansuri*. He has provided some lilting melodies to the world of Kannada SUGAMA SANGEET through his compositions of well-known poets like *DA RA BENDRE, KUVEMPU, NARSIMHA SWAMI, M.N.Vyasa Rao, H.S.Venkateshmurthy*. Some of his popular compositions include the title songs of the **Tele serials GARVA, AAGHAATA, MALEBILLU, PARAMPARE, RADHA, PUNYAKOTI, MUMBELAGU, PAYANA, PREETI ILLADA MELE, MANE ONDU MOORU BAAGILU, MAHANAVAMI, PAYANA, SWABHIMAANA, MANJU MUSUKIDA HAADI, RADHA KALYANA, YERADU KANASU, MAHAPARVA** .

He has also composed music for Kathak, Bharatanatyam and contemporary dance dramas that have been immensely appreciated the world over. VANI GANAPATHY, NIRUPAMA RAJENDRA, PADMINI RAVI are some of the famous dancers he has worked with.

He was a regular performer with **Dr S P Balasubrahmanyam** for '*Ede Tumbi Haduvenu*' in ETV, which made him a house-hold name. He produced and hosted a unique music programme '*RAAG RANJINI*' on ETV KANNADA, which was a blend of classical, western and light classical music along with film music. He was educating audiences on the elements of Indian Classical Music through this raga based serial. It has been very well received by the audiences of all age groups all over the world, winning hearts of millions of viewers worldwide.

He has performed with the greats like Ustaad Zakir Hussain, Pandit Jasraj, Ustad Rashid Khan, Ustad Shahid Pervez, Vid Vikku Vinayakram and Dr. BalamuraliKrishna. He also has been performing classical jugalbandis and fusion concerts with reputed musicians like Dr Kadri Gopalnath, Pandit Tarun Bhattacharya, Pandit VishwaMohan Bhatt, Vidwan Ravikiran, Vid Umyalapuram Sivaraman, Ustad Taufiq Quereshi, Mysore Nagaraj and Manjunath, Pandit Bickram Ghosh, Vid Kumaresh, Vid Selvaganesh and the like.



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3 GENERATIONS OF FLAUTISTS:

Another noteworthy feature of Pravin's family is that, his is the only family of flautists, probably, in the entire country where the three generations Late Pt Venkatesh Godkhindi, Pravin Godkhindi, and his son, Shadaj Godkhindi performed together on the stage. They have performed all over the state and some parts of the Gulf countries in 2008. It was indeed a treat to watch the three flautists speaking the musical language on the stage. Pt. Venkatesh Godkhindi, who is the mentor for both Pravin and Shadaj takes pride in the fact that at a very young age his grandson matches his skill note after note. Music critics believe that Shadaj will create a niche for himself in the days to come.

AS A FUSION ARTISTE:

Pravin has formed a ***fusion band*** called ***KRISHNA***, which has all the three forms of MUSIC viz. the Hindustani, the Carnatic, and the Western Music. The band is very popular in the concert circuit because of its uniqueness in content and presentations. They have toured all over the country and across the world in various music festivals.

Pravin has independently worked with great contemporary fusion maestros like, the great jazz pianist ***LOUIS BANKS*** and the all time great drummer and percussionist ***SIVAMANI***. He has also been featured alongside singers ***Yesudas, Hariharan, Anup Jalota and Shankar Mahadevan***. He has been involved as guest artiste in various national and **international bands** like **BLOF** from Holland and Layalahiri.



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Some of his Cassettes and CD's are:

CLASSICAL SOLO

KRISHNA,
ECHOES OF THE VALLEY,
MADHURADHWANI
ANTARYAMI (for meditation and relaxation)
OM (for meditation and relaxation)
SWAR SAGAR - 3 Generations of Flautists , DVD

CLASSICAL JUGALBANDI

MOMENTS OF MELODY - with guitar
MANGAL DHWANI - with guitar and santoor
SUMMER RAIN - with santoor
PRAVIN RAFIQ - with sitar
MILAAP - with carnatic flute
BANSURI & VOCAL VCD-Live in Concert
BRINDAVAN - with his father Pt. Venkatesh Godkhindi
MILAN - with vid. Mysore Nagaraj
SOUNDARYA - With vid. Mysore Manjunath

FUSION

RAAG RANG - with Pt. Kadri Gopalnath
RAAG RANG – DVD-Live in Concert
YATRA - with Pt. Kadri Gopalnath
SUR SAGAR (vol. 1,2 &3)
RAAGINI (vol 1,2 & 3)
ENCHANTING DIVINE
BAMBOO MAGIC
ORIENT IS ALIVE
MURALI NAADA

DEVOTIONAL

A FEATHER DANCES
NAMMAMMA SHARADE
SHRINIKETANA
MADHURAWANI
TOGIRE RANGANA
OM
MORNING PRAYERS