

## Raga of the Month- August, 2017

### Aprachalit Malhar Prakars

In this month, when Rainy Season is ruling many parts of India, let us have a look at some rare varieties of Malhar. The web site oceanofragas has a list of 60 Ragas which contain Malharanga. Of these, audios of 40 shades of Malhar are available on the web site. In this month, we shall study 4 rarely heard Malharanga Ragas, namely, **NayakiMalhar, Chanchalsas Malhar, KanadaMalhar and DeshMalhar**. Their salient features are given below--

**1) NayakiMalhar-** The Raga is conceptualized and delineated by **Pandit Shankar Abhyankar**. **Scale** S R g M P D n N; **Phrases of NayakiKanada-** SR~g~ MRS, MnP, nMP ~g~ M; **Phrases of Malhar-** MPDnDnP, MPnDNS", MPDNS"R"S", S" DnP, SMRP, MPnP, MP~g~MRS,. Please listen to excerpts of Raga **NayakiMalhar** presented by **Vidushi Asha Khadilkar**.

**2) Chanchalsas Malhar-** The Raga has shades of Sarang and Kanada with emphasis on Malhar and Megh. Chalan S, 'nRS, SMRP, MP, MPnPS", NS"R"NS" nP, MPMnP, MRPDnP, nPDMRM, MRS, 'nRS. Another version with Komal Gandhar and omitting Dhaivat is documented by Pandit Jaysukhlal Shah. Please listen to excerpts of Raga **Chanchalsas Malhar** illustrated by **Pandit Ramashreya Jha**.

**3) KanadaMalhar-** The Raga is a mixture of Ragas DurbariKanada, MiyanMalhar. **Scale-** S,R,g,M,P,d,D,n,N; Chalan S, 'd, 'n S, R~g~MRS, MRP, MP, nDNS", DNS"R"~g"~M"R"S", nDNS", S", ~d~n,P, MP~g~MRS, S, 'd 'nS. Please listen to excerpts of Raga **KanadaMalhar** presented by **Vidushi Sunanda Patnaik**.

**4) DeshMalhar-** As the name suggests , the Raga is based on Ragas Des and Malhar; Chalan S, R 'N S, R 'n'D'P, 'M'P'NS, 'P'NSRMGR, RMP, MPnDP, PNS", NS"R"nDP, MPDPDMGR, MGRGRS 'N-S. Please listen to excerpts of Raga **DeshMalhar** presented by **Vidushi Kankana Banerjee**.

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