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B. Ranjani & B. Gayatri, even as toddlers, showed sure signs of prodigious talents in music. Gayatri could identify over 100 ragas when she was barely two years old, and Ranjani had unusual grasp of laya intricacies to delineate complex pallavis when she was five years old.

The sisters were initiated into training in violin by Sangeetha Bhushanam Prof. T.S. Krishnaswami, at the Shanmukhananda Sangeetha Vidyalaya in Bombay and made their debut when they were 13 and 10 years old.

The sisters achieved spectacular success as violin duet performers, and subsequently they also proved successful as most sought after violin accompanists. They have performed violin duets all over the country at prestigious festivals and for organizations, as well as abroad.

The sisters had learnt vocal music from their mother, Smt. Meenakshi Balasubramanian, and subsequently from Vidwan P.S. Narayanaswamy.

Gifted with powerful voices, the sisters made spectacular progress in vocal performance in just two years, and are acclaimed as excellent vocalists as well. Their vocal performances have been regularly featured since last two years in prominent Sabhas in Chennai during the December season.

Noted for adhering to classicism and tradition, the sisters' recitals, both vocal and violin duets, have received wide acclaim from vidwans, rasikas and critics. They have carved a niche for themselves in the music world, rather rare for artists so young.

Both Ranjani and Gayatri were winners of the All India Radio Competition prizes in different years. They are A Grade artists of the All India Radio. They are regularly being featured by the AIR and Doordarshan. They have also performed for the Central Production Centre (CPC) of Doordarshan.