

Basic Concepts in Carnatic Music

Before you learn to sing carnatic music, there are a few concepts that you must know. Carnatic music is a melody-based system, where stress is on successive combination of notes. Western classical and some other forms of music, on the other hand, employ the concepts of chords and harmony. A chord is three or more different notes that sound simultaneously, producing a harmony at that instant.

There are a few terms that you will come across very frequently in your study of carnatic music. Let me now introduce you to these terms, one at a time.

The first and the most important term is Naada.