

# Pendyala Nageswara Rao

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<b>Born</b>	6 March 1917 Vanukuru, Andhra Pradesh
<b>Died</b>	31 August 1984
<b>Occupation</b>	Actor, Singer, Music director

**Pendyala Nageswara Rao** (Telugu: పొండ్యూల నాగేశ్వరరావు) (6 March 1917 - 31 August 1984) was a popular drama actor, singer and music director in Telugu Film Industry for over 25 years from early 1950s to late 1970s. He has composed music for many successful Telugu movies during that period.

## Early life

He was born at Vanukuru near Vijayawada and later shifted to Katur. He was closely associated with Mikkilineni Radhakrishna Murthy as they were students of Kapilavai Ramanatha Sastry.<sup>[1]</sup> They learned acting as well as singing poems from him.

His ancestors including his father Sitaramaiah were music exponents. Similarly Nageswara Rao also showed interest in music since childhood. He used to accompany his father playing Harmonium for dramas and learned techniques to play with it since the age of 13 years. He acted for the first time as Jambavathi in *Krishna Tulabaram* play. He later played Rukmini, Narada characters in Tulabaram play along with Jonnavithula Seshagiri, Rushyendramani, Lakshmirajyam and got the applause of the viewers.

During that period Kadaru Nagabhushanam seeing his talents, invited to him to work in his orchestra for *Talli Prema* (1941) film. He went to Madras and joined Rajarajeswari Films and worked as assistant director to Dinakar Rao and S. V. Venkatraman for that film. With the beginning of Second World War he returned home. Later he was invited by Gudavalli Ramabrahmam to work for *Mayalokam* as Harmonist under Gali Penchala Narasimha Rao. K. S. Prakash Rao gave him the independent Music Director change for his film *Drohi*, which brought him good fame. He has provided music for about 100 films some of them are memorable hits.

## Filmography

This is partial list of films contributed by him:

Year	Film	Language	Notes
1948	<i>Drohi</i>	Telugu	Debut film
1950	<i>Modati Rathri</i>	Telugu	
	<i>Vali Sugriva</i>	Telugu	
1951	<i>Deeksha</i>	Telugu	
1953	<i>Kanna Talli</i>	Telugu	Introduced P. Susheela
	<i>Petrathai</i>	Tamil	Tamil Remake of <i>Kanna Talli</i>
1954	<i>Jyoti</i>	Telugu	
	<i>Menarikam</i>	Telugu	
1955	<i>Ante Kavali</i>	Telugu	
	<i>Donga Ramudu</i>	Telugu	Film by K. V. Reddy
1956	<i>Melukolupu</i>	Telugu	

	<i>Muddu Bidda</i>	Telugu	Film by K. B. Tilak
	<i>Penki Pellam</i>	Telugu	
1957	<i>Bhagya Rekha</i>	Telugu	
1957	<i>Rayara Sose</i>	Kannada	Music director: R. Diwakara
	<i>M.L.A.</i>	Telugu	Film by K. B. Tilak
	<i>Saubhagyavati</i>	Telugu	
1958	<i>Atha Okinti Kodale</i>	Telugu	
	<i>Ganga Gauri Samvadam</i>	Telugu	
	<i>Sri Krishna Garadi</i>	Kannada	
	<i>Sri Krishna Garadi</i>	Telugu	
1959	<i>Jayabheri</i>	Telugu	Musical film
1960	<i>Bhakta Shabari</i>	Telugu, Tamil and Kannada	
	<i>Bhatti Vikramarka</i>	Telugu	
	<i>Mahakavi Kalidasu</i>	Telugu	Film by Kamalakara Kameswara Rao
	<i>Sri Venkateswara Mahatyam</i>	Telugu	Silver Jubilee Musical film
1961	<i>Jagadeka Veeruni Katha</i>	Telugu	Film by K. V. Reddy
	<i>Krishna Prema</i>	Telugu	
	<i>Vagdanam</i>	Telugu	Film by Aathreya
1962	<i>Chitti Tammudu</i>	Telugu	Film based on Oliver Twist
	<i>Mahamantri Timmarusu</i>	Telugu	Film by Kamalakara Kameswara Rao
	<i>Kula Gothralu</i>	Telugu	
1963	<i>Anuragam</i>	Telugu	
	<i>Paruvu Prathishtha</i>	Telugu	
	<i>Sri Krishnarjuna Yudham</i>	Telugu	Film by K. V. Reddy
	<i>Karna</i>		
	<i>Karnan</i>		
1964	<i>Ramudu Bheemudu</i>	Telugu	Film by Suresh Productions
	<i>Velugu Needalu</i>	Telugu	Film by Adurthi Subba Rao
1965	<i>Prachanda Bhairavi</i>	Telugu	
	<i>Satya Harishchandra</i>	Kannada	
	<i>Satya Harishchandra</i>	Telugu	Film by K. V. Reddy
	<i>Uyyala Jampala</i>	Telugu	
1966	<i>Sri Krishna Tulabharam</i>	Telugu	
	<i>Sri Srikakula Andhra Mahavishnuvu Katha</i>	Telugu	
1968	<i>Bandipotu Dongalu</i>	Telugu	
	<i>Bhagyachakram</i>	Telugu	
	<i>Gramadevathalu</i>	Telugu	
	<i>Papakosam</i>	Telugu	
	<i>Umachandi Gauri Shankarula Katha</i>	Telugu	

1970	<i>Maa Nanna Nirdoshi</i>	Telugu	
	<i>Manasu Mangalyam</i>	Telugu	
	<i>Sri Krishna Vijayam</i>	Telugu	
1971	<i>Anand Nilayam</i>	Telugu	
	<i>Naa Thammudu</i>	Telugu	
	<i>Sri Krishna Satya</i>	Telugu	Film by K. V. Reddy
1972	<i>Mathru Murthi</i>	Telugu	
1974	<i>Bhoomikosam</i>	Telugu	
	<i>Deeksha</i>	Telugu	
	<i>Kode Naagu</i>	Telugu	
1976	<i>Sri Rajeshwari Vilas Coffee Club</i>	Telugu	
	<i>Suprabhatam</i>	Telugu	
1977	<i>Daana Veera Soora Karna</i>	Telugu	Film by N. T. Rama Rao
	<i>Chanakya Chandragupta</i>	Telugu	
1978	<i>Sri Rama Pattabhishekham</i>	Telugu	
1979	<i>Priya Bandhavi</i>	Telugu	

## References

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