

SESSION & TOURING GUITARIST

# VIKRAM VIVEKANAND

Gear, technique, and the rig behind the sound.

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# BIOGRAPHY

Vikram Vivekanand began playing guitar at 13, growing up in Chennai. A few years later he formed his rock band Grey Shack in college — and once he realised he was good enough to take it seriously, he turned it into a full-time career after graduating.

By 2011, he was touring as a session musician for two successful local acts, La Pongal and Yodhakaa — including a national television appearance with La Pongal on MTV Coke Studio's second season. In 2013, he began performing with acclaimed violinist Karthick Iyer, which grew into IndoSoul — a band blending Carnatic music with progressive rock, jazz, pop, funk and R&B. IndoSoul has since toured the US and Canada twice, alongside a packed local touring and festival schedule.

Vikram continues to perform with Grey Shack, whose third album Inn Gloom released in September 2025, and works as a hired-gun guitarist for artists and bands including Vijay Narain, RJD, Medium Rare and Haricharan. In 2025, he co-founded Groovejet, his newest project.

His most notable recent session work is as guitarist on Sanjay Subrahmanyan and Sean Roldan's Anbenum Peruveli, a contemporary reimagining of Tamil poet-saint Vallalar's verses — covered by The Hindu, Frontline and The Wire. In 2023, he performed at Singapore's Esplanade Concert Hall as part of Sean Roldan and Friends.

Vikram tours all over India and abroad, averaging 85 to 95 shows a year. He also runs a YouTube channel documenting the gear and rigs behind his live and session sound — pedalboards, signal chains, amps and tone.

## BANDS & PROJECTS

**Grey Shack**
Founding member, guitarist

**IndoSoul**
Guitarist, since 2013

**Groovejet**
Guitarist & founder, since Sept 2025

Session & live work: Sanjay Subrahmanyan & Sean Roldan, Vijay Narain, RJD, Medium Rare, Haricharan



RIG

# GEAR

## GUITARS

— Erisa Neogy custom electric guitars

— Epiphone J-200 (Inspired By Gibson) acoustic guitar

## AMPS & EFFECTS

— Synergy SYN 2 rack preamp (OS & SLO modules)

— Fractal Audio Axe-Fx II Mk II

— Fryette PS-1 Power Station

— Friedman IR-X tube preamp

— Universal Audio OX Stomp

— Line 6 HX Effects

— DryBell Unit 67

— EVH Phase 90

— Emerson EM Drive

— MXR Sugar Drive

— Xotic EP Boost

— TC Electronic BodyRez

— RJM Mastermind LT MIDI controller

— Goodwood Audio custom interface

— Voodoo Lab pedalboards & power supplies




## ARTIST SUPPORT

Vikram is supported by D'Addario.

A dedicated YouTube series covering gear, pedalboard design and signal chain is in active production — see Media & Press.

MEDIA

# MEDIA & PRESS

## WATCH & LISTEN

**Grey Shack**
Country Song (live) · Transitions (music video) · Step Outside · Alchemy

**IndoSoul**
IndoSoul EP · The Pallavi Shift · A Saranga Convergence · Ora Jupu (Live at Congahead)

**Gear & Demos**
Gear Demos Playlist — youtube.com/@getvicky13

**Groovejet**
Content in production, releasing following the October 2026 shoot

## PRESS

Anbenum Peruveli (Sanjay Subrahmanyan & Sean Roldan, 2024) — Vikram played guitar and helped assemble the core band.

**The Hindu** "Sanjay Subrahmanyan and Sean Roldan give Vallalar's verses a contemporary twist"

**Frontline** "The saint, the song, and the social revolution"

**The Wire** "'Anbenum Peruveli' Revives Vallalar's Poetry for the Modern Age"

## BY THE NUMBERS

**236K+**
LIFETIME CHANNEL VIEWS

**3,192**
INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

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