

**Table 2: Lyricist Image Makers for MGR**

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Criteria	Kannadasan	Kalyanasundaram	Vaali
Birth name	Muthiah	Kalyanasundaram	Rangarajan
Year of Birth	1927	1930	1931
Year of Death	1981	1959	2013
Year of entry as Tamil Movie lyricist	1949	1955	1958
Total number of Tamil Movies	679 <sup>a</sup>	57 <sup>b</sup>	432 <sup>c</sup>
Total number of MGR Movies involved	44 <sup>a</sup>	7 <sup>b</sup>	63 <sup>c</sup>
First MGR movie as a Lyricist	<i>Madurai Veeran</i> (1956)	<i>Chakravarthi</i> <i>Tirumagal</i> (1957)	<i>Nallavan Valzhvan</i> (1961)

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<sup>a</sup>from: Kannadasan Movie Lyrics anthology (vol.1 to vol.5)

<sup>b</sup>from: Kalyanasundaram Movie Lyrics anthology. Four movies (*Arasilankumari*, *Thirudathe*, *Vikramathitan* and *Kalai Arasi*) were released posthumously.

<sup>c</sup>from: Wikipedia entry on Vaali (poet) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vaali\\_\(poet\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vaali_(poet)) [accessed on March 26, 2019]; K.V. Venugopal (2017) feature, *The Wire* <https://thewire.in/film/vaali-mgr-sivaji-karunanidhi> [accessed on March 26, 2019].