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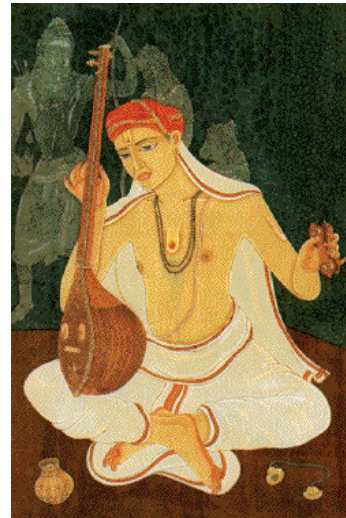
The India Music and Dance Society

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Presents

THYAGARAJA ARADHANA

*at the St. Mary's Hall
Villanova University, Villanova, PA
on Saturday March 4, 2006.*



PROGRAM

- 8:30 AM *Welcome*
- 8:40 AM *Group rendering of utsava sampradaya keertanas
and Pancharatna kritis*
- 10:00 AM *Individual participation starting with youth and followed by adults*
- 1:00 PM *Lunch*
- 2:00 PM *Individual participation (continued)*
- 4:30 PM *Snacks and coffee*
- 5:00 PM *Concert of the day*
KiranaVali Vidyasankar—Vocal
Radhika Mani - Violin
Akshay Anantapadmanabhan – Mridangam
- 7:00 PM *Vote of Thanks and Mangalam*

A donation of \$10 per person or \$25 per family is appreciated.

For more information about group rendering and questions about individual participation, please contact
Jeya Sankaran at “sankaran2@verizon.net” or (610) 279-3655.

To register for individual or group participation, please register online at **www.sruti.org**

There is a registration fee of \$5 per individual, payable at the venue.

Artist Profiles

Śruti provides its members an opportunity to showcase their talents at the Thyagaraja Aradhana. A wide range of amateur artists will perform at this day-long celebration of the life and works of Saint Thyagaraja.



Kiranavali Vidyasankar, a highly gifted young Carnatic vocalist, comes from a lineage of well-respected musicians led by her legendary grandfather, *Gotuvadyam* Narayana Iyengar. Over the years, Kiranavali trained intensely both under her father N. Narasimhan and her brother, *Chitravina* Ravikiran, and emerged as a solid musician. Kiranavali pursued advanced vocal music training under the late T. Brinda and under her guidance has matured into a sensitive musician with a deep commitment to highly refined musical values. Kiranavali also plays the *Chitravina*, and is the first artiste to be graded in both vocal and the *Chitravina* by the national radio and television networks of India. She has been featured by many leading organizations in India and the US, such as The Music Academy, Krishna Gana Sabha, Narada Gana Sabha, Indian Fine Arts Society, Mysore Fine Arts Club, Karthik Fine Arts, Shanmukhananda Fine Arts, National Centre for the Performing Arts (Mumbai), and Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana.

Radhika Mani is a well known violinist. She has given concerts all over the world including India, USA and Australia. She has accompanied well known musicians. In addition to accompanying, she has given Violin Solo concerts at various prestigious institutions. She is regularly featured at many leading organizations in India every year.

Akshay Anantapadmanabhan is a twelfth grader, at West Windsor Plainsboro High School (South), New Jersey. Akshay has been learning mridangam during the last six years under the guidance of Dr. Venkat Natarajan (NJ). He has also been taking advanced training from Prof. Subash Chandran. He started when he was 6 years old initially under the tutelage of Sri T.S. Nandhakumar (Mumbai) and later under Sri Poovanur Viswanathan. In November 2003 Akshay was privileged to accompany Sri Chitravina Ravikiran in a vocal concert in New Jersey. He has also accompanied several renowned artists during December Music Season, Chennai and Cleveland Aradhana.

Directions to the St. Mary's Hall, Villanova University

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St. Mary's Hall is located at the intersection of County Line Road and PA Rt. 320 (Spring Mill Rd).

From the West:

1. Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Exit 24 (Valley Forge/Route 76).
2. Take Route 76 East to the Gulph Mills Exit.
3. At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn right onto Route 320.
4. Follow Route 320 South. At the third traffic light, turn right onto Matsonford Road.
5. At the intersection of Matsonford Road and County Line Roads (about 1.4 miles) turn left onto County Line Road.
6. St. Mary's Hall is just before the first traffic light.
7. Go past the traffic light and turn right into the parking lot.
8. Park at the far end of this lot and St. Mary's is across the parking lot.

From the South:

1. Take I-95 North to exit 7, the I-476 (the Blue Route) Interchange.
2. Continue on I-476 North to exit 13 (old exit 5), St. David/Villanova (US Rt. 30).
3. Follow Rt. 30 East. Turn left onto Rt. 320.
4. St. Mary's Hall is on the left just before the first traffic light which is County line road.
5. Turn right at the light to County line Road.
6. On county line road turn right into the parking lot.

From the North and East:

1. Take the NJ Turnpike to exit 6, the PA Turnpike.
2. Continue on the PA Turnpike to the I-476 (the Blue Route) Interchange.
3. Follow I-476 South to exit 13 (old exit 5), St. David/Villanova (US Rt. 30).
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By Train:

- From Philadelphia's AMTRAK 30th Street Station: Board SEPTA Regional Rail Line (#R5).
- The R5 line also makes connections at Suburban Station (16th & JFK Blvd.) and Market East Station (11th & Market), both in Center City Philadelphia.
- This train makes stops approx. every 60 minutes at the Villanova Campus.

From Philadelphia's 69th Street Terminal:

- The Market Street Subway Elevated Line connects with the SEPTA - Norristown High Speed Rail Line (R-100), which has a Villanova Campus stop.