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The India Music and Dance Society

Presents

A Grand Carnatic Music Vocal concert

*by octogenarian vocalist and
teacher*

**Parassala
Ponnammal**

accompanied by

Bhama Krishnan

Vocal support

K.V.S Vinay

Violin

T.S.Nandakumar

Mridangam



Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 4:30 pm

Calvary Vision Center, 550 E. Township Line Road, Suite 200, Blue Bell, PA

***Tickets* : Members \$17, Non-members \$22, Seniors & Students \$12**

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About the artists

Parassala Ponnammal hails from Trivandrum. She is probably one of the few octogenarian performing musicians in the field of Carnatic music. She had the rare privilege to learn music directly under doyens like Sri Muthayya Bhagavathar and Sri Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer. Her music is steeped in tradition and simplicity. An 'A' top grade artist of AIR, she retired as the Principal of R.L.V.College of music and Fine arts, Tripunithura. She was also a Professor in the Swathi Tirunal Music Academy, Trivandrum. She had the honor of being the first lady artist who performed at the Navarathri Music festival at the Navarathri Mandapam organized by the Royal family of Travancore. She is the recipient of many coveted awards and titles, Gayaka Ratnam, Sangeetha Ratnakaram, Isai Mani Makutam, Raga Sahithya Bhava Gayika to name a few.

Bhama Krishnan is a senior disciple of Parassala Ponnammal, who has accompanied her in many concerts all over India.

K.V.S. Vinay hails from a musical family. He is the grandson of Sangeetha Kalanidhi late Sri T.K. Jayarama Iyer, violinist and father of orchestration of Indian music. Born and raised in Delhi, Vinay had his initial training from Mrs. Vanaja Aravamuthan and subsequently trained under late Sri V. Janakiraman and his uncle Sri Kovai B. Dakshinamurthy, one of the senior most violin vidwans in the field today. A concert performer for over 20 years, Vinay has had the privilege of accompanying several leading musicians and also performing as a successful solo artiste. He has featured on national radio and TV in India and has won many awards including an Indian government scholarship for training in music. Since moving to the US, Vinay has had the opportunity to perform with eminent India and US based artistes in leading sabhas across the country. He has also had the opportunity to collaborate with Boston based World Jazz groups 'Natraj' and 'Bangalore'.

T.S.Nandakumar hails from Ambalapuzha in Kerala and is related to the renowned Naadaswaram exponents the (late) Ambalapuzha brothers. He underwent training under Shri Kaitavanam Madhavadas in the Gurukulavaasam tradition. He is a grade A artist of All India Radio and Doordarshan. He has traveled to several countries and accompanied senior artists including Shri Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer, Dr. Balamuralikrishna, Prof. T.N.Krishnan and Pt. Bhimsen Joshi amongst others. He has won several awards and titles including Guru Shikhamani, Sruthilaya Sudhakara, Swarasadhana Ratna and the M.S. Subbulakshmi best teacher award from Shanmukhananda Fine Arts.

Directions to Auditorium

FROM PHILADELPHIA AND SOUTH:

- 1) Take 76 West out of Philadelphia (11 mi)
- 2) Take Exit 331B - Plymouth Meeting - merge onto Blue Route - 476 N (4 mi)
- 3) Take Exit 20 to PA Turnpike W / I-276W / Plymouth Rd / Germantown Pike West
- 4) Keep right at the fork off the ramp and merge into West Germantown Pike
- 5) Follow W Germantown Pike (1 mi, past the Plymouth Meeting Mall, go up the hill)
- 6) Turn RIGHT onto Walton Rd
- 7) Turn LEFT onto E Township Line Rd at the 2nd traffic light (TD Bank)
- 8) Make the first LEFT into Calvary Vision Center
- 9) Drive around to the back of the building to park. The hall entrance is suite 200 (glass wall on the back of the building).

FROM PA TURNPIKE - EAST or WEST:

- 1) Take Exit 333 toward Norristown
- 2) Turn slight left at the ramp toward Norristown
- 3) Take the Plymouth Rd ramp
- 4) Turn LEFT onto Plymouth Rd
- 5) Turn RIGHT onto West Germantown Pike
- 6) Follow Germantown Pike West (1 mi, past the Plymouth

- Meeting Mall, go up the hill)
- 7) Turn RIGHT onto Walton Rd
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FROM 476 S (Turnpike NE Extension):

- 1) Take 476 S
- 2) Merge onto I-276 West at Exit 20 toward Norristown
- 3) Follow directions FROM PA TURNPIKE above.

FROM RT 309:

- 1) Take Church Rd/RT 73 Exit
- 2) Turn RIGHT onto Bethlehem Pike to stay on Rt 73 W
- 3) Turn LEFT onto Skippack Pike to stay on Rt 73 W (Pass Shady Grove School on right)
- 4) Turn LEFT onto Walton Rd (3-way traffic light)
- 5) Continue Straight through stop sign
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