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The India Music and Dance Society

Presents

"Vadya Sunadha Sangamam"

An all women Indian classical instrumental ensemble



Led by

Lalgudi Vijayalakshmi — Violin

With

Sikkil Mala Chandrasekhar — Flute Jayashree Jairaj — Veena

Accompanied by

Rajna Swaminathan — Mrudangam

Bhagalakshmi Muralikrishna — Morsing

Saturday, April 4, 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

Lalgudi Vijayalakshmi is the daughter and disciple of the great violin maestro, Padma Bhushan Lalgudi G. Jayaraman. She is a leading exponent of the Lalgudi style that is characterized by boundless innovation while strictly adhering to tradition and eloquently capturing the mood and essence of any composition. She has been performing regularly in violin duets and trios with her father and her brother, G J R Krishnan. Vijayalakshmi has played in many countries across the world and also has the credit of leading a music ensemble of the violin, the flute and the veena in over 50 concerts all over India.

Sikkil Mala Chandrasekhar continues in the tradition of her famous gurus, the Sikkil sisters, Padma Shri Sangeeta Kalanidhi Kunjumani and Neela. Other major influences on Mala's style are the expertise and repertoire of noted vocalists Radha Vishwanathan and M S Subbalakshmi. Mala has performed extensively in India and abroad. Besides the Veena Venu Violin ensemble, she has also performed with Sikkil sisters as a flute trio.

Jayashree Jairaj belongs to the Shishya Parampara of Nada Jyoti Sri Muthuswami Dikshitar who is one amongst the famous musical trinity of Carnatic music. She has undergone intensive training under Sri Anantharama Iyer and Smt. Champakavalli. At present she is under the tutelage of Sangeeta Acharya Chingalput Ranganathan in Chennai. Jayashree preserves the Gaayaki style of playing the veena, a hallmark of her school Sri Guruguha Gana Vidyalaya in Kolkata.

Rajna Swaminathan is an upcoming young artist in the field of carnatic percussion. She started learning mridangam from her father P K Swaminathan at the age of 5. She continued her training under the maestro Umayalpuram K. Sivaraman during his visits to the U.S. She has accompanied various top artists including Dr. N. Ramani, Chitravina N. Ravikiran, Rudrapatnam brothers, Carnatica brothers and Flute Shashank. She is one of only a handful of female mridangam artists.

Bhagyalakshmi Muralikrishna hails from a musical family. Her father, Karantaka Kala Shree Gana Kala Bhushana L. Bhimachar, is one of the greatest exponents of morsing in India. She has performed in many concerts and has toured Egypt, Algeria amongst other countries with a women's ensemble.

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
- 8) Turn LEFT onto E Township Line Rd at the 2nd traffic light

- (TD Bank)
- 9) Make the first LEFT into Calvary Vision Center
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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
- 6) Turn RIGHT onto E Township Line Rd
- 8) Make the first LEFT into Calvary Vision Center
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