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A Nadaswaram Concert

by

Kasim and Babu



Saturday, June 7, 2008 at 3:00 PM

at the Colonial Elementary School

230 Flourtown Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

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

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About the Artistes

Kasim and Babu hail from the village of Karavadi in Andhra Pradesh. They belong to a great family of musicians that has preserved and fostered the art of Nadaswaram-playing for the past 300 years. The brothers were trained in this art at a very young age by their maternal grandfather, Dr. Sheik Chinna Moulana. They have accompanied Dr. Sheik Chinna Moulana in many concerts in India and abroad. Kasim and Babu have been presenting duet Nadaswaram concerts for the past 12 years. They are 'A' Grade Artistes of All India Radio and Doordharshan. They undertook a three month-long concert tour of US and Canada in April – June 2006. During the tour they presented three Lecture-Demonstrations – one of which was at the Department of Music, at Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi, which generated very lively interaction. They performed the inaugural concert of the Thyagaraja Aradhana Festival at Cleveland on 15th April 2006. The concert was very well received and acclaimed by the audience.

Kasim and Babu have received several honors. They are presently special Nadaswaram artistes of **Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams**. They have also been honored and appointed as the **Asthana Vidhwans** of **Sri Sharada Peetham** of **Sringeri Math**, by His Holiness Sri Bharati Teertha Mahaswamiji, at Sringeri. They were conferred with the title of “**Nadhaswara Nadhamani**” by His Holiness Pujyasri Chandrasekara Saraswathy Mahaswamiji.

Kasim and Babu run the school “**Saradha Nadhaswara Sangeetha Ashram**” founded by Dr. Sheik Chinna Moulana, with the main objective of imparting Nadaswaram training to the younger generation. They have established a trust in memory of their guru and grandfather Dr. Sheik Chinna Moulana - the “**Dr. Chinnamoulana Memorial Trust**”. The prime objective of the trust is to globalize the importance of Nadaswaram music. The trust is rendering noble service by presenting Nadaswaram instruments to deserving students and also pursues to senior indigent artistes of the Nadaswaram fraternity.

Kasim and Babu have accompanied their grandfather, Dr. Sheik Chinna Moulana, in several audio-cassettes and CDs. They have also released their own duet audio cassettes and CDs.

Directions to the Colonial Elementary School

I. FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE--exit at Exit #333, the Norristown/Plymouth Meeting Exit. Take the first right out of the toll booth, which puts you on Germantown Pike heading east. Get in the left hand lane and proceed through the traffic light at Germantown Pike and Chemical Road. Continue up the hill and through the traffic light at Germantown Pike and Butler Pike (the Plymouth Friends Meeting-house will be on the right). Continue east on Germantown Pike for about one-fourth of a mile then turn left onto Colonial Drive at the far end of Plymouth Whitemarsh High School. Proceed north on Colonial Drive to Colonial Elementary School on the left.

II. FROM THE BLUE ROUTE --proceed North on the Blue Route to exit 19. Follow the exit ramp onto Chemical Road. Stay in the right lane and proceed to the traffic light at Germantown Pike. Turn right onto Germantown Pike and proceed up the hill and through the traffic light at Germantown Pike and Butler Pike (the Plymouth Friends Meetinghouse will be on the right). Continue east on Germantown Pike for about one-fourth of a mile then turn left onto Colonial Drive at the far end of Plymouth Whitemarsh High School. Proceed north on Colonial Drive to Colonial Elementary School on the left.

III. FROM ROUTE 309--exit at the Fort Washington Interchange and proceed straight onto Pennsylvania Avenue. Proceed west on Pennsylvania to the intersection with Bethlehem Pike. Turn left on Bethlehem Pike and proceed to the first traffic light. Turn right and you will quickly reach the traffic light at Lafayette Ave. Turn left onto Lafayette Avenue. Lafayette Ave. turns into Joshua Road on the other side of Skippack Pike. Continue south on Joshua Road, past Militia Hill Road, past Militia Hill State Park, past Stenton Avenue, past a quarry, to the intersection at Flourtown Road. Turn right on Flourtown Road and proceed approximately = mile to Colonial Drive (Left turn only). Turn left onto Colonial Drive and proceed to Colonial Elementary School on the right.

IV. FROM ROUTE 422--proceed east on Route 422 and exit onto Trooper Road; follow Trooper Road north to Germantown Pike; follow Germantown Pike east, past Route 202, past Old Arch Road (an office building is on the right and the Bentwood Hotel is on the left); past Sandy Hill Road, past the Plymouth Meeting Mall, past Chemical Road, proceeding east on Germantown to the next traffic light at Butler Pike (the Plymouth Friends Meetinghouse will be on the right). Continue on Germantown Pike for about one-fourth of a mile, turn left onto Colonial Drive, next to Plymouth Whitemarsh High School, and proceed north on Colonial Drive to the Colonial Elementary School.