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The India Music and Dance Society Proudly Presents Carnatic Music Instrumental Ensemble led by

Padmasri Lalgudi G. Jayaraman

with

Lalgudi Vijayalakshmi - Violin Lalgudi G.J.R.Krishnan - Violin Trichy Sankaran - Mrudangam 'Vikku' Vinayakaram - Ghatam V. Nagarajan - Kanjira



Date: Saturday, 18 September, 1993 Time: 6:30 P.M. Place: Poquessing Junior High School, Feasterville, PA - 19047

(directions on the reverse)

Admission - Donors: \$50.00 Reserved Seats in the Center Sections of the first four rows

General: Members \$15.00 Students \$8.00 Non-Members \$20.00

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LALGUDI G. JAYARAMAN hardly needs any introduction to lovers of Indian classical music. A scion of a lineage of direct disciples of the great composer Thyagaraja, Jayaraman represents the finest values of art - grace, excellence and the quality of intense vitality which spring from insight and research. From his very early days, Lalgudi, as he is popularly known, accompanied the stalwart musicians, some of whom were a generation older to him. Since 1958, Lalgudi has performed as a solo artist of rare brilliance. His style is characterized by an exquisite balance of tradition and innovation and is rich in *laya* patterns. Apart from being a brilliant performer, Lalgudi is also a well known composer, especially of *varnams* and *thillanas*, many of which are regularly presented by current musicians and dancers. Lalgudi has travelled widely in India and abroad giving concert tours and participating in various cultural festivals. He is visiting USA after an interval of 10 years. He has received a number of awards and recognitions including the Padmasri by the Government of India.

Jayaraman's son Krishnan and daughter Vijayalakshmi continue the glorious Lalgudi bani (tradition). With music in their genes, they have accompanied many musicians, given solo performances and performed together. This sister-brother duo visited U.S.A in 1990 for a concert tour and lecture demonstrations at leading universities.

TIRUCHI SANKARAN is internationally renowned for his mastery of the mrudangam and kanjira. He began his musical training with his cousin Sri P.A. Venkataraman, and later became a disciple of the great mrudangist, the late Sri Palani Subramania Pillai. Since making his debut at the age of thirteen, he has performed with all the leading musicians in India, Southeast Asia, Europe and North America, and made several recordings as a soloist and ensemble performer. He has also performed with jazz, African, electronic, and other contemporary music ensembles. He has received numerous honours and awards. He is currently a Professor in the music department at York University near Toronto, Canada.

VIKKU VINAYAKARAM straddles many genres of music. The only Indian musician ever to win a Grammy award, Vinayakaram, the ghatam exponent, not only regularly accompanies leading musicians of India, but has also played on many occasions with L. Shankar and Zakir Hussein. He was part of the famous "Shakthi" group in which he and Zakir were the main rhythm artists. Vinayakaram has also recorded for "Planet Drums" headed by Mickey Hart. He has traveled widely in many parts of the world including USA, participating in numerous cultural festivals. He is the Principal of the Sri Jaya Ganesh Tala Vadya Vidyalaya in Madras, India.

V. NAGARAJAN, son of the late Sangita Kalanidhi 'Papa' Venkataramayya, hails from a family of musicians. He learnt Kanjira from the late rhythm maestro Palakkad Mani Iyyer. Nagarajan is one of the most sought after Kanjira accompanists today. He has visited USA a number of times, not only for concert tours, but also as a Visiting Professor at Wesleyan University in 1967 and the University of California, Berkeley in 1974.

Directions to Poquessing Junior High School

- 1. From I-95, take exit for Street Road PA-132 (in Bucks County). Go West on Street Road for nearly 5 miles. Turn right on Central Avenue (this is the fourth traffic light after the intersection of US-1 and Street Road). Follow directions 2.
- 2. There are 3 gas stations (Sunoco, Gulf and BP) and a Midas Muffler shop at the intersection of Central Avenue and Street Road. Central Avenue terminates on Heights Lane. At this junction, turn left onto Heights Lane and the second building on the right is the Junior High School. Parking is allowed anywhere around the building.

Address of the school: 300, Heights Lane, Feasterville, PA 19047.

- 3. Traveling North on US-1 (Roosevelt Blvd) take exit for Street Road (PA-132) West and travel to Central Avenue (4th traffic light after getting onto Street Road). Turn right onto Central Avenue. Follow directions in 2.
- 4. From Penna Tpk (I-276), take exit 28, for US-1. Travel South on US-1 and take exit for Street Rd West and follow directions 3.
- 5. From NJ Tpk, take exit 6 for Penna Tpk. Follow directions 4.
- 6. From King of Prussia, take Penna Tpk East (I-276 East) and follow directions 4.