



# SRUTI

**The India Music and Dance Society**

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**Presents**

**Carnatic Music Vocal Concert by  
Maharajapuram Ramachandran**



*Accompanied by*

*Nagai Muralidharan on the Violin*

*and*

*Mannargudi Easwaran on the Mridangam*

*At the Science Center Auditorium, Montgomery County Community College, Blue Bell, PA*

**6:30 P.M. Saturday October 14, 2006**

Tickets: Members \$15; Non-Members \$20  
Seniors & Students \$10

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Jeya Sankaran at 610-279-3655 or Venkat Kilambi at 610-631-2291**

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## Artist Profiles

**Sri Maharajapuram S. Ramachandran**, the renowned Carnatic vocal musician is heir to a great musical tradition. He had the unique privilege of being tutored by two musical giants, his grandfather, Maharajapuram Vishwanatha Iyer and his father, Sri. Santhanam, and is 7th in the direct sishya parampara of Saint Thyagaraja. With such a strong foundation, it is not difficult for Ramachandran to earn a name for himself and he has established himself as the authentic heir of the Maharajapuram style. His adherence to excellence and tradition has earned him many awards and titles such as Sangeetha Ratnakara, Isai Puyal, Isai Kalai Selvan, Sangeetha Samrat, Sangeetha Ganamani from the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam and Tamil Isai Vendar. Ramachandran is grade A artist of All India Radio and Doordarshan and he is a member of the faculty of Fine Arts, Annamalai University.

**Nagai Muralidaran** had his initial training in music from Smt. Komalavalli at the age of seven and further training in violin under Shri R.S. Gopalakrishnan. He has performed for over 35 years and has accompanied many leading vocal artists and instrumentalists, including the doyen of Carnatic music, Dr. Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer, and flute maestro T.R. Mahalingham. He has been awarded innumerable titles and awards and has been acclaimed as one of the eminent accompanying violinists today.

Born in the illustrious family of the great Appaya Dikshitar, **Mr. Mannargudi Easwaran** began his instruction in mridangam at the age of eight under Kuniseri Sri U Krishnamani Iyer. He has been giving performances for over 49 years has toured the world as an accompanist with stalwarts of Carnatic Music like Smt. M.S. Subbulakshmi and other top ranking artistes of India. He has won several prestigious awards and titles, which include the 'Kalaimamani' title by the Government of Tamil Nadu in 2003, and the 'Laya Kaladhara Samrat' title by the Indian Classical Music Federation. The Sri Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha has honored him in 1995 for his 35 years of service in the music field. He was invited to teach mridangam at the San Francisco State University in 1979 and the Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Kalluri in 2002-2003.

## Directions to Science Center Auditorium, Montgomery County Community College, Blue Bell, PA 19422

### From the Pennsylvania Turnpike:

Take Exit 333 at Norristown. Go west on Germantown Pike to Route 202. Turn right and go north. Look for College sign on right, 1/2 mile north of Route 73. Go past college sign and at next light, turn right onto Morris Road and right into College Entrance (on Morris Road). Turn left and park in the lot on your right.

### From the Schuylkill Expressway (I-76):

From I-76 Exit 331B, take I-476 (Blue Route) north to Exit 20, Germantown Pike West. Go west on Germantown Pike to Route 202. Turn right and go north. Look for College sign on right. Go past college sign and at next light turn right onto Morris Road and right into College Entrance (on Morris Road). Turn left and park in the lot on your right.

### From King of Prussia:

Take Route 202 north King of Prussia and Norristown and north. Look for College sign on right 1/2 mile north of Route 73. Go past college sign and at next light turn right onto Morris Road and right into College Entrance (on Morris Road). Turn left and park in the lot on your right

## Upcoming Sruti Events

7:00 PM Sat Oct 28 06—In collaboration with Kimmel Center, Sitar recital by Ms. Anoushka Shankar

6:30 PM Sat Nov 11 06—Orchestra Presentation by the Jayamangala Group

Sat Dec 09 06—Sruti Day, Presentation by local artists and General Body Meeting for Members

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