



# SRUTI

**The India Music and Dance Society**

1436 Joel Drive, Ambler, PA 19002

**Presents**

**Carnatic Vocal Concert**

by

## **Malladi Brothers**

**(Malladi Sreerama Prasad & Malladi Ravi Kumar)**

**R. Swaminadhan (violin), Palani C. Kumar (mridangam)**



**Sunday, July 28, 2002**

**3:30 PM**

**St. Mary's Hall**

(School of Nursing)

**Villanova University**

250 South Spring Mill Road, Villanova, PA 19085

(See reverse for directions)

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**Tickets: \$15 (Members \$13), Students with ID: \$10, Under 16: free.**

**For Tickets and Information, please call**

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### *Artist Profiles*

**Malladi Sreerama Prasad & Malladi Ravi Kumar** are born with legacy and rich tradition accrued through their grandfather Sri Malladi Sriramamurthy, a great Harikatha exponent of his time in Andhra Pradesh. The brothers received musical training from their father Sri Malladi Suribabu, a disciple of Sri Voleti Venkateshwarulu.

With sustained interest for a chaste, lucid and a perfectly classical and symbolic presentation of the well-known compositions of Carnatic musical trinity, the Malladi Brothers have carved a niche for themselves as one of the upcoming, highly talented musicians in India today. They won the National Awards from 1989 to 1992 and in 1994 in Classical, Light Classical and Light music respectively. They were awarded the Sri Voleti Venkateshwarulu Memorial award for the Best Concert at Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Chennai in 1994 and 1995 and the Best Concert award from the prestigious Madras Music Academy in their annual music festival consecutively in the years 1998, 1999 and 2000. They have been featured in the Akashvani Sangeet Sammelan National Program. They are "A" grade vocal musicians of All India Radio and Doordarshan. Both are Post-Graduates in Carnatic Classical Music from Andhra University. Sreerama Prasad currently is a staff musician of All India Radio, Vijayawada.

Malladi Brothers' music noticeably has the influence and style of Dr. Sripada Pinakapani, the Guru of Sri Voleti and Sri Nedunuri with a style in music noted for the high standard of *manodharma* and creative excellence of their notable tradition. They imbibed from their father Sri Malladi Suribabu, a great performing artiste himself, Sri Voleti's ragalapana with a touch of Hindustani music and superb setting of Bhajans, Sadasiva Brahmendra's compositions, etc.

Malladi Brothers possess a large repertoire of Carnatic musical compositions of the Musical Trinity, Swathi Tirunal, Ramadas, and Annamacharya and also Kshetrappa padams, and Javalis. Companies like HMV, Music Today, Media Dreams, Charsur, Geetha, etc., have released many of their cassettes and CD's.

**R. Swaminadhan**, a disciple of Sri. M.S. Anantharaman, has been giving solo performances for the past seven years. He has accompanied reputed artists like D.K. Jayaraman, T.R. Subramaniam, K.J. Yesudas, T.N. Seshagopalan, T.V. Sankaranarayanan, O.S. Tyagarajan, Sanjay Subrahmanyam, Kadri Gopalnath, Sudha Raghunathan, Bombay Jayashree, Nithyasree Mahadevan, and many others. He has been honored with the title "Sangita Vidwan" in violin and a gold medal from the Government of Tamil Nadu. He has been a member of the faculty at the Chembai Memorial Music College for the past twelve years.

**Palani C Kumar** hails from a family of musicians, prominent among them being his sister Palani Vijayalakshmi. Palani Kumar had his initial training from Palghat Mahadeva Iyer. He had advanced training from the renowned mridanga vidwan, Kumbakonam Rajappa Iyer. He has traveled widely in India and abroad and has given performances in most major institutions and festivals and sabhas. In 1997 and 1998 he conducted summer classes in the Sri Venkateswara temple, Pittsburgh, PA. Sri Palani C Kumar has been in the Philadelphia area for the last few months and has been teaching a number of students. Sri Palani Kumar is a graded All India Radio and Doordarshan artist.

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### **Directions to St.Mary's Hall, Villanova University**

250 South Spring Mill Road, Villanova, PA 19085

#### **By Car:**

St. Mary's Hall is located at the intersection of County Line Road and PA Rt. 320 (Spring Mill Rd).

**From the West:** Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Exit 24 (Valley Forge/Route 76). Take Route 76 East to the Gulph Mills Exit. At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn right onto Route 320. Follow Route 320 South. At the third traffic light, turn right onto Matsonford Road. At the intersection of Matsonford Road and County Line Roads (about 1.4 miles) turn left onto County Line Road. St. Mary's Hall is just before the first traffic light. Go past the traffic light and turn right into the parking lot. Park at the far end of this lot and St.Mary's is across the parking lot.

**From the South:** Take I-95 North to exit 7, the I-476 (the Blue Route) Interchange. Continue on I-476 North to exit 13 (old exit 5), St. David/Villanova (US Rt. 30). Follow Rt. 30 East. Turn left onto Rt. 320. St.Mary's Hall is on the left just before the first traffic light which is County line road. Turn right at the light to County line Road. On county line road turn right into the parking lot. Park at the far end of this lot and St.Mary's is across the parking lot.

**From the North and East:** Take the NJ Turnpike to exit 6, the PA Turnpike. Continue on the PA Turnpike to the I-476 (the Blue Route) Interchange. Follow I-476 South to exit 13 (old exit 5), St. David/Villanova (US Rt. 30). Follow Rt. 30 East. Turn left onto Rt. 320. St.Mary's Hall is on the left just before the first traffic light which is County line road. Turn right at the light to County line Road. On county line road turn right into the parking lot. Park at the far end of this lot and St. Mary's is across the parking lot.

**By Train: From Philadelphia's AMTRAK 30th Street Station:** Board SEPTA Regional Rail Line (#R5). The R5 line also makes connections at Suburban Station (16th & JFK Blvd.) and Market East Station (11<sup>th</sup> & Market), both in Center City Philadelphia. This train makes stops approx. every 60 minutes at the Villanova Campus.

**From Philadelphia's 69th Street Terminal:** The Market Street Subway Elevated Line connects with the SEPTA - Norristown High Speed Rail Line (R-100), which has a Villanova Campus stop.