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The India Music and Dance Society

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Presents

20th Anniversary Celebration Special Events

Gems of Thyagaraja
Bharatanatyam Recital by
Ramya Ramnarayan



Carnatic Vocal Recital by
Sudha Raghunathan



Accompanied by

**B. Raghavendra
Rao—Violin**

**Neyveli Skanda
Subramanian—
Mridangam**

**N. Raman—
Moharsing**

*At the Colonial Elementary School,
230 Flourtown Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462*

Saturday September 23, 2006

4:30 PM—Ramya Ramnarayan 6:00 PM—Dinner 7:00 PM—Sudha Raghunathan

Tickets: Members \$25; Non-Members \$30, Seniors & Students \$15

Premium Seating—\$50; Dinner available for a nominal price

For more info please contact Ms. Jeya Sankaran at 610-279-3655 or sankaran2@verizon.net

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Artist Profiles

Smt. Ramya Ramnarayan is an excellent performer, choreographer and a teacher who blends tradition with innovation. She has studied Bharatha Natyam under the renowned lineage of Guru Swamimalai K.Rajaratnam Pillai and abhinaya (expression) under Padmabhushan Smt. Kalanidhi Narayanan. Her strict adherence to tradition coupled with the much needed adaptability for changing times, has made her carve her own niche among the cream of dancers. She has won the much coveted "Kalaimamani" and "Nadanamamani" titles which are among the highest honor conferred upon a performing artist in India. The Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey have passed a joint resolution recognizing Ramya Ramnarayan for her commitment, dedication and achievement in the art of Indian Classical Dance. She is the Artistic Director of Nrithyanjali Institute of Dance and conducts dance classes in North Brunswick, NJ and Allentown, PA. She serves as an adjunct professor in the Dance Dept. of Rutgers University.

Smt. Sudha Raghunathan inherited an interest in music from her mother Smt Choodamani. She started formal training from Smt. Choodamani right from the age of nine. She later learnt from Sri. T.V Viswanathan and studied from Sri. B.V. Lakshman for a brief period. Sudha came under the tutelage of the illustrious Padmabhushan, Sangeetha Kalanidhi, Dr. M.L Vasantha Kumari in 1977, when she won a Govt. of India Scholarship given to young artistes for advanced training in music. It was only with Dr. M.L. V's encouragement that Sudha pursued music as a career. Sudha is a Top Ranking artiste of the All India Radio, Chennai and performs regularly on AIR and Doordharshan. She has also performed on various other TV networks. Sudha has to her credit commercial cassettes and compact discs of Classical and Devotional music released by many leading recording companies.

Directions to the Colonial Elementary School Auditorium

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 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.

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 RIDGE AVENUE IN PHILADELPHIA—Proceed west on Ridge Avenue, traveling through Roxborough, into Montgomery County. Ridge Avenue becomes Ridge Pike. Follow Ridge Pike to the intersection of Joshua Road in Lafayette Hill (you will have passed St. Philip Neri Church). Turn right onto Joshua Road and proceed to the next intersection at Germantown Pike. Turn left, proceed west on Germantown Pike (you will pass Miles Park on the right), and turn right onto Colonial Drive, next to Plymouth Whitemarsh High School. Proceed north on Colonial Drive to Colonial Elementary School on the left.

IV. 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 ½ mile to Colonial Drive (Left turn only). Turn left onto Colonial Drive and proceed to Colonial Elementary School on the right.

Upcoming Sruti Events

6:30 PM, Sat Oct 06—Bharatanatyam recital by Ms. Priyadarshini Govind.

6:30 PM Sat Oct 14 06—Carnatic Vocal Concert by Mr. Maharajapuram Ramachandran

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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