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A Carnatic Vocal Concert

by

Sikkil Gurucharan



Accompanists

Nagai Sriram (Violin)

Neyveli S. Skandasubramanian (Mridangam)

Tour Sponsored by CMANA

Saturday, April 5, 2008

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 Artists

Sikkil Gurucharan has been a disciple of Vaigal Sri S.Gnanaskandan for more than 12 years. Gurucharan is the grandson of Sikkil Kunjumani, eldest of the internationally acclaimed flutists, Sikkil Sisters, and the nephew of Sikkil Mala Chandrasekhar, another famous flutist. Born into a family of musicians, there was a natural environment to learn carnatic music from a very early age. His first concert was under the banner of Gnanaskandan trust at Music Academy, Chennai in 1994. Since then he has been performing at all important sabhas in Chennai during the Music Season. He has also toured all over India to give performances, including New Delhi, Mumbai, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka. In 2005, he toured the United States of America and Singapore. He became a graded artist of All India Radio Chennai in 2000 by winning their All India Competition. The AIR awarded him the A Grade 2002. He has won numerous prizes and awards from several prestigious institutions from his school days. Some of his recent awards include: the *Yuva Kala Bharathi* award from Bharat Kalachar (2005), the *Isai Chudar* from Karthik Fine Arts (2005), and the *Naada Oli* from Naada Inbam (2005).



Nagai Sriram (violin) was born into a family of musicians. He started learning the violin from his grandmother, Smt. R. Komalavalli, and underwent advanced training from his uncle, Sri Nagai Muralidharan. He has accompanied stalwarts like Madurai Seshagopalan, T. V. Sankaranarayanan, and S. Sowmya. He recently toured with Umayalpuram Sivaraman in the U.S. in 2004. He has been accompanying the Carnatica Bros. for the past 3 years. His awards include the *Yuva Kala Bharathy* from Barath Kalachar in 2003, and the *Best Violinist Award* from Music Academy for the last 6 years. He is a B-high artist of All India Radio and Doordarshan Television in Chennai.



Neyveli S. Skanda Subramanian (mridangam) is a disciple of Vidwan Thiruvarur Sri. R. Krishnamoorthy and Vidwan “Kalaimamani” Thiruvarur Sri. Bakthavathsalam, with whom he learned under a Central Govt. of India Scholarship. He is a diploma holder in mechanical engineering. He has performed since 1986 with top ranked musicians at major sabhas all over India and abroad. Some of his awards include the title of *Yuva Kala Bharathi* from Bharat Kalachar(2001), *Youth Excellence* award from Maharajapuram Viswanatha Iyer Trust, and the “*Best Mridangam Artiste*” from the Prestigious Madras Music Academy.

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 Meetinghouse will be on the right). Continue east on Germantown Pike for about ¼ 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 ¼ 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 ½ 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 ¼ mile, turn left onto Colonial Drive, next to Plymouth Whitemarsh High School, and proceed north on Colonial Drive to the Colonial Elementary School.