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Presents

Sri Thyagaraja Aradhana 2007

*Saturday, March 3, 2007
from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM*



*at the Bharatiya Temple Auditorium
1612 County Line Rd, Montgomeryville, PA*

For more information, contact Ramana at (610)322-3180 or Vidyasanker at (215)310-1783.

For individual registration, please register online at www.sruti.org.

Registration for singing - \$10 per adult and \$5 per youth

Suggested Donation - \$20 per family, \$10 per individual

PROGRAM

- 08:00 AM Puja
08:15 AM Utsava Kriti rendition by group
09:00 AM Pancharatna Kriti rendition by group
10:00 AM Individual Singing
01:00 PM Lunch Break
02:00 PM Individual Singing Continued
05:00 PM Concert of the day— Veena Concert by **Jayalakshmi Sekhar and Party**



Jayalakshmi Sekhar (Veena): Hailing from a family of musicians, Jayalakshmi was initiated into music by her father Shri C S Krishnaswamy, She had her formal training on the Veena from the age of 13 from Vidwan Pudukkotai Jayarama Iyer in Chennai. She has Padmabhushan Dr. Sripada Pinakapani as guide and mentor. She has personally received advanced music training, incorporating the techniques of Veena Vidushi Dhanammal applied to the gayaki style of music. Jayalakshmi has been visiting Dr. Pinakapani in Kurnool since 1994 and under his able guidance, she has groomed to become a fine concert performer. Jayalakshmi has performed several concerts over the last 10 years in major cities of India and in the US, Estonia, Berlin, Germany, Australia, Malaysia, and Singapore. She is a regular performer with several sabhas during the major December music festival in Chennai. Jayalakshmi Sekhar has given lecture demonstrations in the prestigious Music Academy, Chennai and other institutions in India and abroad. Jayalakshmi is the recipient of the Gottuvadhyan Narayana Iyengar Award in 1998 from Krishna Gana Sabha in Chennai.



Dr Laxmisha M. Sridhar (Mridangam) is a disciple of mridangam mastero Bangalore V. Praveen. He took to music at a very young age inspired by his musician parents. He has given mridangam accompaniment for both local artists and artists from India at several places and organizations in the tristate region. He has also played mridangam for several dance programs. Laxmisha has performed for many concerts while working in Switzerland. Dr Laxmisha is also an accomplished 'Yakshagana' artist. He has played Chende and Maddale for many yakshagana programs held in Dakshina Kannada and Bangalore. He has given many performances for AIR and TV programs. He holds a Ph.D degree in organic chemistry and is currently working in the R&D of a chemical company in Bridgewater.



Sriram Balasubramanian (Ghatam) started learning mridangam at the age of 5 under the tutelage of Guru Sri. T. V. L. Narayanan, disciple of Sri Palani Subramaniam Pillai. After completing his mridanga arangetram at age 12, he began training on the ghatam and tabla. He has accompanied several well-known artists in the Flint Thyaragaraja Utsavam Concerts and other concerts in the Metro Detroit area. He has played for several dance performances in India and US. He has also played extensively for the Madras Regional Television and the All India Radio. A talented mridangam, ghatam and tabla artist, Sriram also plays the flute, which he learnt from Sikkil Mythili Chandrasekhar. Sriram is also co-founder and part of 'Michigan Beats', an Instrumental Fusion group (www.michiganbeats.com). He holds a PhD in Biomechanics and is presently working at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Directions to the Bharatiya Temple Auditorium

From the West:

1. Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike traveling East
2. Get off at Exit # 339 (Ft. Washington).
3. After tolls merge on to 309 North (towards Ambler)
4. Travel about 8 miles on 309 and make a right on to Stump Road
5. After about 2.4 miles right on to County Line Road
6. Temple is on your right.

From North Jersey:

1. Travel on NJ Turnpike and take exit # 6 to Pennsylvania Turnpike
2. Travel West on PA Turnpike (276 W).
3. Get off at Exit # 339 (Ft. Washington).
4. After tolls merge on to 309 North (towards Ambler)
5. Travel about 8 miles on 309 and make a right on to Stump Road
6. After about 2.4 miles right on to County Line Road
7. Temple is on your right.

From Philadelphia, South Jersey:

1. Take 76 East (Schuylkill Expressway) towards Valley Forge
2. After about 11 miles, take exit for 476 North towards Plymouth Meeting.
3. Travel about 4 miles and merge on to 276 East/Pennsylvania Turnpike towards New Jersey.
4. Travel for about 4 miles and get off at first Exit (# 339— Ft. Washington).
5. After tolls, merge on to 309 North (towards Ambler)
6. Travel about 8 miles on 309 and make a right on to Stump Road
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