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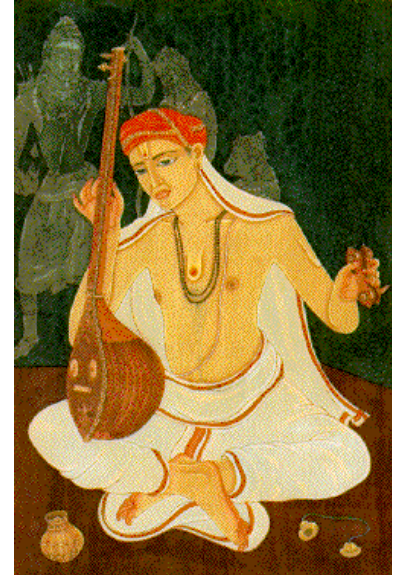
The India Music and Dance Society

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Presents

THYAGARAJA ARADHANA

at the Hindu Temple,
25 East Taunton Avenue, Berlin, NJ
on Saturday, March 2, 2002



PROGRAM

8:30 am.	Group singing <i>Utsava Sampradaya Kirtanas</i> <i>Pancharatna Kritis</i>
10:00 am–12:30 pm.	Individual participation (children followed by adults)
12:30—1:00	Lunch Break
1:00—4:45	Individual participation
5:00—7:00 pm.	Vocal concert by Rajeswari Satish Radhika Mani (violin) C.G. Balachandran (mridangam) Murali Balachandran (ghatam)

A donation of \$7 per person or \$15 per family is appreciated.

If you are interested in bringing food, please call Viji Swaminathan at 215-643-2145

To register for individual participation or for more information, please contact

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Register on-line at www.sruti.org

Artist Profiles

Sruti provides its members an opportunity to showcase their talents at the Thyagaraja Aradhana. A wide range of amateur artists will perform at this day-long celebration of the life and works of Saint Thyagaraja. The main concert features Rajeswari Satish accompanied by Radhika Mani (violin), Balachandran (mridangam) and Murali Balachandran (ghatam).

Mrs. Rajeswari Satish was introduced to music by her mother at an early age. She had formal training under the tutelage of Prof. M.A. Venugopal in Palakkad and received advanced training from Palakkad Sri C. S. Krishna Iyer. Rajeswari has been the recipient of numerous awards and scholarships for music. Notable among these are the Government of India Cultural Talent Search Scholarship and top prizes in several state and inter-state level competitions in India. She started performing in All India Radio as a graded artist in 1989. After she moved to the United States in 1991 for higher studies in engineering, Rajeswari has kept up her enthusiasm for music by performing in several cities in the U.S. and expanding her repertoire by learning from visiting senior artistes. She has presented lecture-demonstrations in carnatic music and composed music to various lyrics. Rajeswari's style is one of classical purity, with emphasis on clean exposition of raga, good diction and controlled pace.

Mrs. Radhika Mani is a popular violinist in the east coast of U.S.A, and has accompanied many leading artists both in India and the U.S.A She had her initial training from Bombay Shri S.V. Ramachandran and advanced training from Shri. R. Ganesh and Tanjore Shri. S. Kalyanaraman. Radhika has also performed solo concerts and duets with her violinist husband K.S. Mani. She is a software engineer by profession.

Dr. C.G. Balachandran is a much sought after mridangist in the New York area, both as an accompanist and a teacher. He has been playing the mridangam since the age of six. He is a disciple of Kumbakonam Sri Chellappa Pillai, who belongs to the Azhaganambi school of mridangam playing. He has accompanied leading artists such as Madurai Mani Iyer, K.V. Narayanaswami, Flute Mali, Ravikiran, and Lalgudi Jayaraman. He is an acoustics engineer by profession. For the past twelve years he has been a resident of New York, where he teaches mridangam to young aspirants.

Mr. Murali Balachandran is a well known percussionist, and has accompanied musicians and dancers, on the mridangam, ghatam, or kanjira in various performances. He is a student of his father, Dr. C.G. Balachandran. He is a lawyer by profession.

Directions to the Hindu Temple, 25 East Taunton Avenue, Berlin, NJ

A. Tacony Bridge: 1) NJ Route 73 South to Berlin Circle (17 miles), 2) Stay on Route 73 to next traffic light and turn right on E. Taunton Ave.

B. Ben Franklin Bridge: 1) Route 30 East to NJ Route 70 East to Marlton circle (11 miles), 2) Turn right on NJ Route 73 South. Go to Berlin circle and follow A2.

C. Walt Whitman Bridge: 1) I-295 North, 2) Exit 34A for Route 70 East to Marlton circle, 3) Follow B2.

D. Delaware Memorial Bridge: 1) I-295 North, 2) Follow C2, B2.

E. Central and North Jersey & NY: 1) NJ Turnpike South, 2) Exit 4 for Route 73 South. Go to Berlin circle and follow A2.

F. Atlantic City: 1) Atlantic City Expressway, 2) NJ Route 73 North (Blue Anchor, High Speed line sign), 3) Pass Route 30. Go about 1 mile and turn left on E. Taunton Ave., 4) If missed, go to Berlin circle and follow A2.