



SRUTI

The India Music and Dance Society

1436 Joel Drive, Ambler, PA 19002

Presents

Carnatic Vocal Concert

by

Ranjani & Gayathri

Accompanied by

H.N. Bhaskar (Violin), N. Manoj Siva (Mridangam)



Sunday, April 13, 2003

3:30 PM

St. Mary's Hall

Villanova University, Villanova, PA.

(See reverse for directions)

Tickets: Members: \$13, Non-members: \$16, Students with ID: \$10, Under 16: free.

For Tickets and Information, please call

Viji Swaminathan (215-643-2145) Balu Balakrishnan (610-358-1673)
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ARTISTS' PROFILES

Ranjani & Gayathri

Ranjani and Gayathri began their music career as violin duet artists before they reached their teens. They quickly established themselves as top-class violinists. The sisters started giving vocal concerts in 1997, and within barely three years, won high praise from discerning critics and music lovers. Ranjani and Gayathri had their initial vocal training from their mother Smt. Meenakshi Balasubramanyam, from whom they still continue to learn. They received advanced training as vocal artists from Sangita Bhooshanam T.S. Krishnaswami. They have won several awards : Winners of the First Prize in the All India Radio National Competition for Violin, Recipients of the title of “ Sangeeta Shanmukha Mani ” conferred by Shanmukhananada Fine Arts and Sangeeta Vidyalaya, Mumbai.

H.N. Bhaskar, a professional violinist from Mysore, had his initial training from his father Sri. H.K. Narasimha Murthy, a well known violinist and staff musician at AIR, Mysore. He underwent further training under the renowned violin maestro Padmashri M.S. Gopalakrishnan in Chennai. He has won the Best Violin Accompaniment Prizes from the Bangalore Gayana Samaja and R.R. Sabha, Trichy.

N. Manoj Siva received his initial training in mridangam from Kumbakonam Sri. Rajappa Iyer and Srirangapuram Jayaraman, and advanced training from Padmashri Palghat R. Raghu. He is an A grade artist in AIR and has accompanied stalwarts such as D.K. Jayaraman, K.V. Narayanaswamy, D.K. Pattammal, N. Ramani, P.S. Narayanaswamy, T.N. Seshagopalan, etc. He was awarded the title of Yuva Kala Bharathi by Bharat Kalachar.

Directions to St. Mary's Hall, Villanova University

(Map and directions also available on www.villanova.edu)

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 (11th & 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.