



SRUTI

The India Music and Dance Society

Presents

Carnatic Vocal Music Concert

by

Sanjay Subrahmanyam

Accompanied by

Nagai Muralidharan (Violin) & Mannargudi A. Easwaran (Mridangam)



Saturday, September 11, 2004

6:30 PM

Auditorium, Science Center

Montgomery County Community College, Blue Bell, PA.

(See reverse for directions)

Tickets: Members: \$15, Non-members: \$18, Students with ID: \$10, Under 12: free.

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Profiles of the Artists

Sanjay Subrahmanyam has been acclaimed as one of the most serious exponents of Carnatic music of this generation. His initial training started at the age of seven under Sri V. Lakshminarayanan in vocal music as well as violin. He continued learning from Smt. Rukmini Rajagopalan for a period of eight years and finally from Calcutta Sri K.S. Krishnamurthi. Sanjay has given several performances in India and other countries, such as USA, Canada, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Australia and Oman. He has performed twice for Sruti. He has received the prestigious "Sanskriti Award" from the Sanskriti Foundation, New Delhi, for the category of Performing Art for 1996-97. He has numerous awards and prizes for outstanding performances at the Music Academy and various Sabhas in Chennai, including the award of "Yuva Kala Bharathi" from Bharat Kalachar.

Nagai Muralidharan had his initial training in music from Smt. Komalavalli at the age of seven and further training in violin under Shri R. S. Gopalkrishnan. He has performed for over 36 years and has accompanied many leading vocal artists during these years right from Dr. Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer to Shri T.M. Krishna. He has also accompanied leading instrumentalists like T. R. Mahalingam, Shashank and others. He has been awarded numerous titles and awards during this span of his service. Since the year 1980, he has toured many countries in the world as an accompanying artist and has been acclaimed as one of the eminent accompanying artist.

Mannargudi Easwaran is a top-ranking mridangam artiste with over 35 years performance experience. He is a descendant of the legendary Appayya Dikshitar. He commenced his training at the young age of eight from Kuniseri U. Krishnamani Iyer. Easwaran has accompanied most of the leading vocalists and instrumentalists including Dr Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer, Dr M.S. Subbulakshmi, the Dr M. L. Vasantakumari, the Maharajapuram Santhanam, Prof. T. N. Krishnan and Sri Lalgudi Jayaraman. Shri Easwaran's playing is marked by clear dexterity, melodic percussion and spontaneous brilliance. His tani avartanams are thrilling and intellectual.

He had the privilege of teaching mridangam at the San Francisco State University during 1979 and at the Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Kalluri as a visiting professor for the year 2002-2003. He works for All India Radio and was the first staff artiste to be graded at the Top rank by the AIR. His skilful accompaniment has won him many prizes and titles from prestigious institutions including the title of Asthana Vidwan by Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam and Best Mridangist from Kalarasana in 1993. In December 1995, Sri Thyaga Bramha Gana Sabha honored him for 35 years of service to music.

Directions to Science Auditorium, Montgomery Community College

(Map and directions also available on www.mc3.edu/gen/directions/directions.html)

From the Pennsylvania Turnpike

Take Exit 25 (new Exit 333) at Norristown. Go west on Germantown Pike to Route 202. Turn right and go north. Look for College sign on right, 1/2 mile north of Route 73.

From the Schuylkill Expressway (I-76)

Alt. 1--From I-76 Exit 28B (new Exit 331B), take I-476 (Blue Route) north to Exit 9 (new Exit 20), Germantown Pike West. Go west on Germantown Pike to Route 202. Turn right and go north. Look for College sign on right.

Alt. 2--Get on Pennsylvania Turnpike at Valley Forge and go east to Exit 25 (new Exit 333), then follow directions listed above.

Alt. 3--Get off Route 202 north exit, stay on Route 202 North through Norristown and north. Look for College sign on right, 1/2 mile north of Route 73.

From Chester County

Alt. 1--Take Route 202 north through Great Valley, King of Prussia and Norristown and north. Look for College sign on right.

Alt. 2--Take Route 422 east to Route 29 interchange. Take Route 29 east to Ridge Pike. Turn right on Ridge Pike, bear left at intersection to Germantown Pike, take Germantown Pike to Route 202. Turn left, take Route 202 north. Look for College sign on right.

From Bucks County

Take Route 309 or 202 south to Montgomeryville. Take Route 202 south to Morris Road intersection. Look for College sign on left.

From Delaware County

Take I-476 (Blue Route) north to Exit 9 (new Exit 20), Germantown Pike West. Go west on Germantown Pike to Route 202. Turn right and go north. Look for College sign on right.