



SRUTI

The India Music and Dance Society

1436 Joel Drive, Ambler, PA 19002

Presents

Carnatic Flute Concert

by

SHASHANK

Accompanied by

**B.U. Ganesh Prasad (Violin), P. Satish Kumar (Mridangam & Khanjira)
Tripunitura Radhakrishnan (Ghatam) and M. Gururaj (Morsing)**



**Saturday, March 23, 2002
6 PM**

Julia Ball Auditorium
Gwynedd-Mercy College
1325 Sumneytown Pike, Gwynedd, PA

Tickets: Members: \$12, Non-members: \$15, Students with ID: \$5, Under 12: free.
For Tickets and Information, please call

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Artist Profiles

Flute Maestro Shashank

Shashank, born in 1978, was introduced to south Indian classical music at a very early age. He learnt vocal music from veteran musician Palghat K.V. Narayana Swamy. At six, Shashank picked up his father's flute and stunned onlookers by playing, spontaneously, to signal his entry into the flute world. His maiden flute concert was at Adelaide, Australia in 1990 at the age of eleven, followed by his debut in India in the same year. He became the youngest musician of the century to be invited to play the prestigious "SADAS" concert in 1991 at the Music Academy, Madras. Since then, he has performed in the company of top ranking artists in India and abroad. His notable performances include those at Rashtrapathy Bhavan (the President's Palace at New Delhi), UNESCO Paris, Tropical Institute - Amsterdam, J. Paul Getty Hall, Hollywood, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington D.C., and Xebec Hall - Kobe, Japan. Shashank has released 14 CDs. The most recent, released in April 2001, showcases his recent collaboration with acclaimed north Indian violinist, Kala Rammath, in a duet.

B. U. Ganesh Prasad - Violin

B. U. Ganesh Prasad had his initial training under G. Nataraj of Bangalore and S. Shankar, a famous vocalist who helped shape his style. He acquired perfect violin technique under the tutelage of maestro V.V. Subramanyam. Ganesh has accompanied veteran musicians and also Shashank in concerts in India and Europe. He has toured Australia giving violin recitals. He is a recipient of many youth awards for music and is a graded artist of radio and television.

P. Satish Kumar - Mridangam & Khanjira

Satish Kumar was initiated to the art by his mother, the late Padmavathi, a former lecturer at the Govt. Women's College, Vizianagaram. He learnt to play mridangam from Sreeramachandra Murthy, Appalaswamy and Venkayala Narasimham. Equally proficient in mridangam and khanjira, Satish has accompanied many senior artists. He is known for spontaneity, fine artistry and deft fingering.

Tripunitura Radhakrishnan - Ghatam

Tripunitura Radhakrishnan is a very popular ghatam artist. He was trained by his father, Narayanaswamy and later by his cousin, mridangam Maestro T. V. Gopalakrishnan. He has toured the U.S. and other countries with famed vocalist, Yesudas. He has also appeared on All India Radio and television broadcasts in India.

M. Gururaj - Mohrsing

Trained in the art of percussion by famed mridangam artist, T.A.S. Mani of Bangalore, Gururaj plays both mridangam and morsing with equal proficiency. He has been a member of the Drums of India ensemble, and has traveled widely abroad in the U.K., Germany, Switzerland, U.S., Canada, Scotland, Switzerland, Hong Kong and Germany. Gururaj has accompanied many stalwarts from South India and has been a prime morsing accompanist in the concerts of Shashank. He is currently on the staff of All India Radio, Mangalore, India.

Directions to Julia Ball Auditorium, Gwynedd-Mercy College

1325 Sumneytown Pike, Gwynedd Valley, PA 19437

From the Schuylkill Expressway:

From the Schuylkill Expressway follow 476 North to signs for Pennsylvania Turnpike. Follow turnpike East to New Jersey. Exit 26 Ambler/Fort Washington. Follow signs for Route 309 North, exit at Spring House/Norristown Road. Turn LEFT at light onto Norristown Road. Drive 2 miles straight ahead to the college on the right*

From the Pennsylvania Turnpike:

Take PA Turnpike to Exit 26 (Fort Washington.) Follow signs for Route 309 North. Follow directions below.

From Route 309 North:

Exit at Springhouse, Norristown Road. Turn LEFT at light onto Norristown Road. Drive 2 miles straight ahead to college on the right*.

From Route 309 South:

Follow 309 South into Montgomeryville (approx. 45 min./1 hr. from Bethlehem.) Take Right onto 202 South. (Montgomery Mall on your right and TGI Friday's on your right corner and Kinko's will be on your left.) Follow 202 South to the 5th traffic light and turn LEFT onto Sumneytown Pike (William Penn Inn on your right.) Gwynedd-Mercy will be on your left (about a 1 mile).

From Rt. 202 North:

From 202 N make a right at the William Penn Inn onto Sumneytown Pike and at the 2nd Traffic Light make a left into Gwynedd Mercy college.

From Route 9 Northeast Extension:

Follow turnpike East to exit 26, Ambler/Fort Washington.

Follow signs for 309 North, exit at Spring House/Norristown Road. Turn LEFT at light onto Norristown Road. Drive 2 miles straight ahead to college on the right.

* Don't be concerned about the name change: Norristown Road becomes Sumneytown Pike after crossing over Bethlehem Pike at the Spring House intersection.