

# SRUTI

The India Music and Dance Society

*Proudly Presents*



## JAYA JAYA DEVI *A Grand Operatic Ballet*



**Date : Sunday, June 5 th, 1994      Time : 4:30 P.M.**

**Place : Germantown Academy Arts Center, Morris and Joshua Roads  
Fort Washington, PA - 19034.**

**Admission** - Donors : \$100.00 \* (TWO complimentary seats in the center section)

Members : \$12.00    Non-members : \$15.00    Students : \$3.00

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**Jaya Jaya Devi** is a grand ballet glorifying the various facets of Devi (Mother Goddess). Selected stories from the Shiva Puranam are being woven together, with each female dancer depicting different aspects of Parvati, such as Dakshayani, Uma, Durga, Ardhanaareeshwari, Kathyayani Karumari and with Parvathi Laasyam and Shiva Thandavam being grand finale. The 9 dancers have been selected from different prestigious dance schools. These dancers are among the best young talent from India and form a stunningly original dance company. It is a grand costume ballet and the theme lends itself to dazzling passages of pure dance and colorful character representations. The music will be a judicious combination of Hindusthani and Carnatic. The orchestra consists of 6 musicians and Rhadha will do the Nattuvangam.

**The Composer - Padmasri Lalgudi G. Jayaraman** In the sphere of classical Indian music, Padmasri Lalgudi G. Jayaraman is a name that is instantly associated with melody, rhythm, masterly technique and musical excellence. He has not only been one of the greatest violin accompanists, having played for almost all the carnatic music greats over the last 40 years, but also emerged as one of the leading violin soloists of the classical music world. He is one of the finest composers today of varnams and thillanas, which are scintillating blends of ragaa, bhava, rhythm and lyrical beauty. It is indeed a milestone for the music world that Sri Jayaraman has undertaken this unique project of composing a complete operatic ballet of this length, a task ventured for the first time by a contemporary performing maestro ever.

**The Choreographer Rhadha**, the celebrated sister of the legendary Kamala, is one of the foremost exponents of Bharata Natyam. She is one of the leading disciples of the late Sri Vazhuvoor Ramiah Pillai, and was also trained under master Vempati Chinna Satyam. Rhadha is a master of the art of ballet choreography and is considered one of the most exciting and creative choreographers in India. Her group choreography is scintillating and her ballets have won critical acclaim.

**The Narrator - P. C. Ramakrishna** Television personality, English newscaster on Madras T. V. for several years, T.V. compere, interviewer, show host, actor, the familiar voice behind documentary and ad-films, corporate audio visual presentations and Govt. of India documentaries. For the first time ever, the concept of a Suthradhara (narrator) is being introduced as a part of the ballet itself. To be able to have a narrator in English as a part of a complete ballet is unique indeed and audiences will appreciate in greater detail, the intricacies, delicacies and nuances of the theme.

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2. From Walt Whitman Bridge follow I-76 West. Follow directions in 3.
3. From I-76 (Schuylkyl Expwy) exit onto I-476 North (Blue Route North). Follow directions in 5.
4. From Delaware take I-95 North to exit 7 onto Blue Route (I-476) North. Follow Directions in 5
5. From Blue Route North take exit to Penna Tpk East. After the toll booths take I-276 East. Follow directions in 7.
6. From NJ Tpk Take exit 6 onto Penna Tpk (I-276 West). Follow directions in 7.
7. From Penna Tpk (I-276) take exit 26 (Ft. Washington). After the toll booths drive straight (you'll merge with Pennsylvania Ave.) past two traffic lights. At the third traffic light (T-junction with Bethlehem Pike) turn left onto Bethlehem Pike. On the Bethlehem pike go over a narrow bridge and turn right immediately onto Lafayette Road. Within a few yards, turn right onto Morris Road. Germantown Academy is onto your left. Drive 200 yds. and take second drive way.

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