

## Upcoming Spring Sruti Events



Composers day—9 AM  
Amrutha Venkatesh—1:30 PM  
May 18, 2019

### ***FALL EVENTS***

*Sankari Krishnan (Vocal) - September 3 (Tue)*  
*KiranaVali Vidyasankar (Vocal) - September 14*  
*Purbayan Chatterjee (Sitar) - September 21*  
*Vijay Siva (Vocal) - October 19*  
*Viraja and Shyamjith Kiran (Dance) - October 26*  
*Sangeetha Sivakumar (Vocal) - November 9*  
  
*SRUTI Day - December 7*

*Tickets and other details—[www.sruti.org](http://www.sruti.org)*



# Sruti

The India Music  
& Dance Society,  
Philadelphia

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SRUTI presents a

Grand Vocal Concert by

**Ranjani & Gayatri**

Accompanied by

**Charumathi Raghuraman**  
(Violin)

and

**Sai Giridhar**  
(Mridangam)

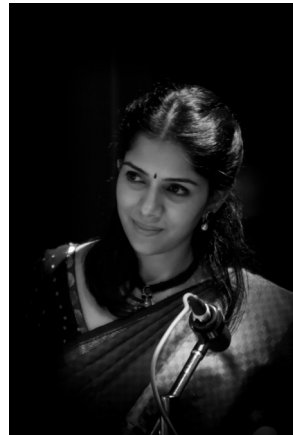
**Saturday, May 11, 2019**

**Souderton Area High School**

*SRUTI thanks concert patrons Manikandan Rajappa and family*



*Ranjani & Gayatri*



*Charumathi  
Raghuraman*



*Sai Giridhar*

## **Ranjani and Gayatri**

Ranjani and Gayatri's formal vocal training commenced under their mother, Smt. Meenakshi, an accomplished Carnatic vocalist. They started their violin training at the age of nine and six respectively in Mumbai. Their musical values gained shape and direction under the watchful guidance of their father and mentor Sri. N. Balasubramanian.

The sisters achieved spectacular success as violin duet performers, and soon proved successful as most sought after violin accompanists. They moved to Chennai, the Mecca of Carnatic music in 1993. They started giving vocal concerts since 1997 and soon won high praise from discerning critics and music lovers all over the globe. Their music, imbued with a deep and abiding classicism, has been described as an exhilarating blend of vitality, melody and emotion. Their concerts have been featured in all premier institutions and prestigious festivals all over India.

Ranjani and Gayatri are the most sought after duo today and their concerts are extremely popular.

## **Charumathi Raghuraman - Violin**

Charumathi Raghuraman is a young violin virtuoso in the South Indian music tradition. A precocious talent, she started learning from her mother Smt. Rama Raghuraman then trained with the respected Guru Smt. T. R. Balamani, and then with Padma Bhushan Prof. T. N. Krishnan, She also studies Carnatic vocal music with the renowned teacher Padma Bhushan Sri P. S. Narayanaswami.

She played her debut concert alongside Prof. T. N. Krishnan in 1998 and since then has been performing regularly both as a soloist and accompanist. She has won numerous awards for her violin play including Best violinist awards for the years 2001, 2002, 2004 and 2006, and the "Outstanding Young Violinist" award in 2007-08 from The Music Academy (Madras). Academically, she holds an MBA degree from Xavier Institute.

## **Sai Giridhar - Mridangam**

Sai Giridhar, an 'A' graded artist of All India radio for Mridangam is a disciple of Guru Sri M.L.N.Raju and Parupalli S.Phalgun. He has travelled extensively both within India and abroad and has performed at prestigious venues and famed theatres alongside legendary artistes. He is also the recipient of the prestigious Bismillah Khan 'Yuva puraskar' for the year 2017, awarded by the Sangeet Natak Akademi.