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The India Music and Dance Society Proudly Presents

A Grand Vocal Concert by Sudha Raghunathan

accompanied by
V. V. Ravi (violin)
Tiruvarur Vaidyanathan (mrudangam)



Date: Saturday, December 5, 1992

Time: 4:00 P.M.

Place: Stein auditorium, Nesbitt Hall, Drexel University, 33rd and Market Streets, Philadelphia, PA - 19104

Admission - Members*: \$13.00 Students: \$8.00 Non-Members: \$15.00

*\$11.00 for members who had purchased the season pass and had used

it for the previous 5 programs.

For tickets and information, please contact:

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About the Artists:

Sudha Raghunathan described by many as "the golden-voiced vocalist" and "charming chanteuse", is a prime disciple of the late Sangita Kalanidhi M. L. Vasanthakumari (MLV). Sudha had her early training from her mother Smt. Choodamani and from Sri. B. V. Lakshmanan. She came under the tutelage of MLV on a Govt. of India scholarship and stayed on to be trained by MLV and give vocal support to her guru. An accomplished artist in her own right, Sudha is one of the most popular musicians in India today. She is a recipient of a number of awards from the Madras Music Academy and other institutions.

Many in the Delaware Valley will recall V.V.Ravi accompanying Trichur Ramachandran earlier this year. Ravi hails from a musical family. After initial training from his father V. Veeraraghava Iyer, Ravi had advanced training from his brother, the well known violinist V.V.Subramaniam. A seasoned artist despite his young age, Ravi not only has accompanied all the leading musicians, he frequently plays violin duet concerts with his brother and performs as a solo artiste as well.

Tiruvarur Vaidyanathan also hails from a family of musicians. Mr. Vaidyanathan's early training started under

his father Sri. Tiruvarur Kunju Iyer and his uncle Sri. Tiruvarur Nagarajan, both veteran mrudangam players. The finishing touches for the formal training was under Sri. Karaikudi Mani, a well renowned percussionist. Mr. Vaidyanathan is among the most promising and budding mrudangam vidwans today.

Scholarly and melodious recital - "Sudha Raghunathan, the golden voiced vocalist and a leading disciple of MLV, gave a scholarly and melodious recital. She has imbibed the best in her mentor, and if one closed one's eyes, one would have the illusion of listening to M.L.V. herself. It is not only melody that is her strong point, she can also face technical challenges like her guru." --- Subbudu.

Sustained Vocalism - "Sangita Kalanidhi M.L.Vasanthakumari is no more, but the musical lamp she lit is aglow with brilliance, with her disciples adding their own lustre and sparkle. Among them, Sudha Raghunathan enjoys pride of place, having emerged as a concert artiste with all-round finesse. Her voice is her forte. MLV's bani comes alive with mellifluity that needs no modulation for the evocation of bhava." --- The Hindu, June 6, 1991.

Directions:

(1) From Walt Whitman bridge, and Wilmington area (95 N) get on I-76 West. Exit onto 30th street exit, go through the first signal and at the next traffic light, make a left onto Market St. Drive 3 blocks and Stein auditorium is to your right at 33rd & Market Streets.

(2) From Ben Franklin Bridge and 95 S, take I-676 West (Vine St. Expressway). Drive about 3 miles. Follow signs for I-76 East (Airport). Bear right on the ramp and take the 30th street exit. Follow directions in (3b).

(3a) From Northern and North Western suburbs, take I-76 East (Schulkill Expressway). Take exit for 30th street and follow signs in (3b).

(3b) From the ramp, drive around 30th St. Railway Station and follow signs for Market St. and West Phila. Turn right onto Market St. Nesbitt Hall is to your right at 33rd and Market Streets.

(4) From Upper Darby, Broomal, Haverford and other suburbs west of Phila, take Pa. 3 East to Chestnut St. (one way east). Turn left onto 33rd Street. Nesbitt Hall is to your right at 33rd and Market Streets.