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Akkarai Sisters, Oct 28



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presents a

Carnatic Violin Concert by

**Akkarai Sisters**

With Co-Artists

**R Sankaranarayanan**

(Mridangam)

**G Chandrasekara**

**Sharma**

(Ghatam)

**Saturday, October 28th,**

**2023, 4:30 PM**

**Fugett Middle School,**

## Akkarai Sisters- violin duet



Hailing from a musical family, consisting of their multifaceted grandfather Suchindram Shri S P Sivasubramaniam, their grandmother Harikatha Artist Smt R Sornambal and their father/guru Akkarai Shri S Swamynathan, the Akkarai Sisters emerged onto the musical stage at an early age and are highly sought-after as both vocalists and violinists worldwide.

The older sister Subhalakshmi, is one of today's leading violinists, known for her unique tone reminiscent of the human voice, and her soulful music that is a harmonious blend of virtuosity on the violin and the fine nuances of Indian classical music. She has won great acclaim for her natural ability to adapt to any style and enhance and enliven the music.

The younger sister Sornalatha, has an acclaimed style of playing, characterized by a sweet tone and sensitive fingering, and a confluence of intellect and aesthetics. She is known for her skill in blending with the music and enhancing it artfully. She is also a vageyakkara with compositions and Pallavi lines to her credit.

The sisters have performed widely around the world either as solo, accompaniment or together. They are the youngest A-grade artists in both vocal and violin in Doordarshan and All India Radio. They are recipients of numerous awards which include the Kalaimamani in 2019 from the Gov't of Tamil Nadu. As highly-sought after gurus, they have benefited many students around the world with their deep musical knowledge and experience.

They attribute their success to their gurus, most notably their father who established them as musicians and continues to guide them today.

## R Sankaranarayanan—mridangam



One of the rare left handed mridangam vidwans today, R Sankaranayanan hails from a traditional music family of the legendary Sangeetha Kalanidhi Brahmashri Papanasam Sivan. He began his mridangam training under Papanasam Sri Kumar and is now under the able guidance of mridangam maestro Sangeetha Choodamani and Kalaimamani Srimushnam Sri V Raja Rao to learn the nuances and intricacies. An A grade artist of AIR Chennai and recipient of numerous accolades, his playing style is characterized as closely following and embellishing a song with his dexterity, clarity of strokes and resonance.

## G Chandrasekara Sharma - Ghatam



Chandrasekara Sharma hails from the illustrious musical family of Kalaimamani Thetakudi Sri R Harihara Sharma, the founder of the Jaya Ganesh Tala Vadya Vidhyalaya. The son of Sri TH Gurumurthy, a veteran violinist and nephew of world renowned Grammy Winner and Padma Bhushan Sri TH "Vikku" Vinayakram, he started learning ghatam from his uncle the late Sangeetha Kala Acharya, Guru Sri TH Subhashchandran. Making his ghatam debut in 2000 Chandrasekara has been blessed to accompany many icons including his legendary uncles. In addition, he is a professional vocalist and disciple of Sri Vijay Siva and Sri RK Shriramkumar.