

Sikkil C. Gurucharan—Vocal



Sikkil C. Gurucharan is a disciple of Vaigal sri S. Gnanaskandan (Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer's disciple) for more than 12 years. Gurucharan is the grandson of the eldest of Sikkil sisters. Born and brought up in a music family, commenced his carnatic music training from a very early age. His first concert was under the banner of Gnanaskandan trust at Music Academy Chennai in 1994. Since then he has been performing at all important sabhas in Chennai during the Music Season. He has performed all over India, and more recently, in the USA and Singapore. He is an A Grade artiste of the All India Radio.

Gurucharan's sonorous voice and unique style adds glamour without assaulting tradition, and has been widely applauded by critics. He has released several albums on Thiruppavai, Thiruvembai, Bhajans, Gaana Prabhavam, Kaaveri Pattinam, Ramayanam, Ganapatyam, Melakarta ragas, Peranandam and many more. He has won numerous prizes and awards from several prestigious institutions since his school days. Recent awards include Yuva Kala Bharathi Award (Bharat Kalachar), Isai Chudar (Karthik Fine Arts), Kalki Memorial Award (Kalki Trust), and Swarna Venkatesha Dikshitar (Music Academy). Gurucharan holds a masters degree in Financial Management.

Nagai Sriram—Violin



Nagai Sriram was born into a family of musicians. He started learning violin from his grandmother Smt. R. Komalavalli and underwent advanced training from his uncle Sri Nagai Muralidharan. He has accompanied several top musicians such as Madurai Seshagopalan, T. V. Sankaranarayanan, and S. Sowmya, and has traveled abroad many times. Sriram has won many prizes and awards including Yuva Kala Bharathi, and has won the Best Violinist Award from the Madras Music Academy for the last 6 consecutive years. He is a B-high artist of All India Radio and Doordarshan Television in Chennai.

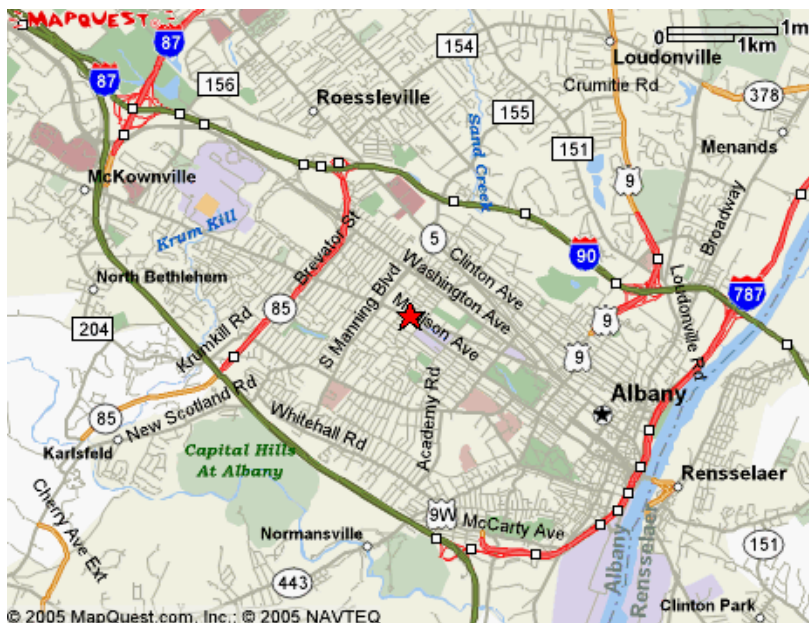
Neyveli S. Skandasubramanian—Mridangam



Skandasubramanian is a disciple of Vidwan Thiruvarur R. Krishnamoorthy and Vidwan Kalaimamani Thiruvarur Sri. Bakhavathsalam. His training with the latter was supported by a scholarship granted by the Government of India. Skandasubramanian has performed in more than 10 countries worldwide for more than 20 years, during which he has accompanied major artistes including Dr. M. Balamurali Krishna, Dr.N.Ramani, Sri.T. V.Sankaranarayanan, T.N.Seshagopalan and Nithyashree. His awards include Yuva Kala Bharathi (Bharat Kalachar), Youth Excellence Award (Maharajapuram Viswanatha Iyer Trust), Best Mridangam Artiste Award (Madras Music Academy, Sri.Krishna Gana Sabha, the Indian Fine Arts Society). He holds a diploma Mechanical Engineering.

Concert Location and Directions

Steamer10 Theater, 500 Western Ave, Albany, NY 12203(518) 438-5503; Email: art4kids@nycap.rr.com



- **From the Northway (I-87):** go south to Western Ave and turn left. We are three miles from the end of the Northway. When the road forks, veer left.
- **From I-90:** take Exit 5, and go south on Everett Rd. Proceed to Central Ave and turn left. Take a right onto N. Allen St. and then a left onto Western Ave.

From there the Steamer 10 theater is the first building on the right, located on the back half of the police station. The drawbridge is the entrance. You may park at the meters on the street (free on weekends) or at the Citizens' Bank lot (free during non-banking hours).