

PALLAVI OF THE CAPITAL DISTRICT

and

THE HINDU TEMPLE SOCIETY, ALBANY



THYAGARAJA ARADHANA

May 2, 2009

Dear Music Lover:

Pallavi is pleased to organize this year's **Thyagaraja Aradhana on May 2, 2009**. Keeping with the tradition of more than a decade, the Hindu Temple Society is providing its premises for the event for the **thirteenth** consecutive year for paying homage to one of the greatest music composers in Indian classical music.

The highlights of the Aradhana will include group rendition of **Pancharatna kritis** ("5 gems"), followed by **individual presentations** of Thyagaraja compositions. We look forward to your presence, participation, and support to make the Thyagaraja Aradhana a success. If you would like to present a song in the individual presentations section of the program, please sign up with [Sudharsana Srinivasan \(518 372 1248\)](#). Please note that Pallavi non-members will have to pay a \$10 fee to participate in the individual presentations.

We are pleased to feature a vocal concert by **Neyveli Santhanagopalan** and party from 6-9 PM. The program details and sponsorship information are provided in the attached flyer.

An Appeal for donations and for volunteers

Pallavi is a not-for-profit association of lovers of Indian classical music and dance in the Capital District and the surrounding areas. Our mission is to organize programs featuring top artistes in Carnatic and Hindustani Classical music and Indian dance forms, and provide opportunities for nurturing local talent. The expenses for conducting the Aradhana and the concerts are met primarily by donations. **We urge you to donate generously to make these functions financially viable** and to help us continue to organize Indian classical performances in the capital region. *Please note that donations to Pallavi are tax-deductible*. We have provided you a self-addressed envelope to mail in your sponsorships/donations.

Please make checks payable to "Pallavi of the Capital District" and write "Thyagaraja" on the memo and mail it to Pallavi, PO Box 1732, Latham, NY 12110.

Pallavi is an organization of committed volunteers. In case you would like to volunteer to help us out (e.g., with coordinating concert logistics, transporting or hosting artistes, managing the sound system, publicity, fund-raising), please contact Sukumar at 274-2968, Moorthy at 273-6624, Lakshmi Ravichandran at 373-9123 or Ramanath at 522-2720.

Thank you very much for your support. We look forward to your participation at the Aradhana.

Sincerely,

G. Ramanath, President

M. Krishnamoorthy, Vice President

Sukumar Nagamani, Secretary

Lakshmi Ravichandran, Treasurer

April 2, 2009

PALLAVI of the Capital District
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THE HINDU TEMPLE SOCIETY, ALBANY
cordially invite you, family and friends for the 13th
THYAGARAJA ARADHANA



**Saturday
May 2, 2009**

**At
The Hindu Temple
Albany-Shaker Road
Loudonville NY**



Aradhana 9 AM – 2 PM

- Suprabhatam and Prayers
- Pancharatna Kritis
- Aradhana and Aarti
- Individual presentations*

Carnatic Vocal Concert 6 – 9 PM

Neyveli Santhanagopalan *vocal*
S.D. Sridhar *Violin*
T. K. Murugaboopathi *Mridangam*

Lunch and snacks will be available for purchase at the cultural center canteen

*Pallavi non-member presenters - \$10. Register your name and the Thyagaraja composition you wish to sing with Sudharsana Srinivasan at 372 1248 before April 20th 2009.

Donation

**Grand Patron—\$251 Patron—\$101 Sponsor—\$51 Family (2)—\$ 20
Individual—\$12 Student—\$5**

Make checks to *Pallavi* (Memo: *Thyagaraja*) and mail to *Pallavi*, PO Box 1732, Latham NY 12110

For tickets and information, please contact

Lakshmi Ravichandran 373-9123

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Isai Peroli Sri Neyveli Santhanagopalan is an acclaimed senior musician steeped in traditional classicism. Renowned for rendering effective concerts couched in ‘Bhakthi’ (devotion) and ‘Bhava’ (emotion), he skillfully elevates music to the pedestal of divine life philosophy. His excellent theoretical depth with extensive research of the best approaches makes him a distinctive musicologist. This great multifaceted and versatile singer is also proficient at playing the veena and percussion instruments with strengths in ‘laya’ exposition. Sri Neyveli Santhanagopalan was initiated into music by his mother Smt. Jayalakshmi Ammaal and obtained his early guidance from Chembai Sri. C.S.Anantharama Bhagavathar and Srirangam Sri. Ranganathan before obtaining rigorous Gurukulam training from Sangeetha Kalanidhi Madurai Sri T.N. Seshagopalan. Sri Santhanagopalan is a recipient of several titles and awards from leading music associations worldwide including *Sangeetha Kala Sarathy*, *Nama Sankeerthana Rathna*, *Sri Vidya Thapasvi* and *Nada Sevitha, Yuva Kala Bharathi, Vani Kala Sudhakara, Nada Sri, Veda Vyasa Vidwan Mani, Rasika Priya Rathna*, to name a few.

He is also presently the Dean of the Nityananda Music Academy, USA. the *Aasthaana Vidwan* of the Kanchi and Sringeri Shankara Matams and Sri Ganapathy Sachidananda Matam. Sri Neyveli Santhanagopalan has founded ‘Nada Patashala to coach and guide budding musicians, and anchors a daily music program *SaRiGaMaPa* for Jaya TV. He conducts lecture demonstrations and workshops for both musicians and rasikas and has an internet based music teaching/learning program (see <http://www.imi.in/elearning/neymveli.html>). He has conducted extensive research on *Nada Laya Yoga*—to investigate the curative effects of music.

S. D. Sridhar started his initial training under Kumbakonam Sri Srinivasan, a leading disciple of the late violin great, Kumbakonam Sri. Rajamanickam Pillai. He obtained advanced training under violin Maestro Sangeetha Kalanidhi Sri. M. Chandrasekaran and started performing violin duets with his guru in 1965. Sri Sridhar has accompanied many great musicians including Chembai Vaidyanatha Baghavathar, T.K. Rangachari, K.V. Narayanaswamy, Veena Balachander, M. Balamuralikrishna, N. Ramani, T.N. Seshagopalan, Palghat Mani Iyer, T.K. Murthy to name a few. He has also performed in jugalbandhis with Mandolin Shrinivas, Zakir Hussain and Vikku Vinayakram. He has been conferred upon many honors including being recognized as an *Astanavidwan* of Sri Kamakoti Shankara Matam by the Paramacharya, and the *Best Senior Violinist* awards from the Music Academy in 1986 and the Indian Fine arts Society in 1996.

Tanjore Murugabhoopathi began his initial training under mridangam vidwan Sri T.R. Srinivasan, who was a lecturer in the Tamilnadu Government Music College. After receiving the *Vadhy Visharada* with distinction from the Music College and after two years of concert experience, he spent his Gurukulavasam under the guidance of Late Sri Tanjore Upendran for ten years, paving his career as a top mridangist. His accompanying approach is deeply rooted in classicism, but is adaptable to diverse singing or instrumental styles, which has won the appreciation of the artists as well as the rasikas. He has won numerous awards including the *Laya Vidhyadara*, *Vadya Kalaimani* from the Music College, Chennai, *Laya Kala Ratna* from the Tiruppur Murugan Mandram, the *Best Artiste Award* from the South Indian Music Club, Andhra Pradesh, the Music Academy, Krishna Gana Sabha and the Sivan Mandram, Sydney, Australia.

Concert Location and Directions

450 Albany Shaker Rd

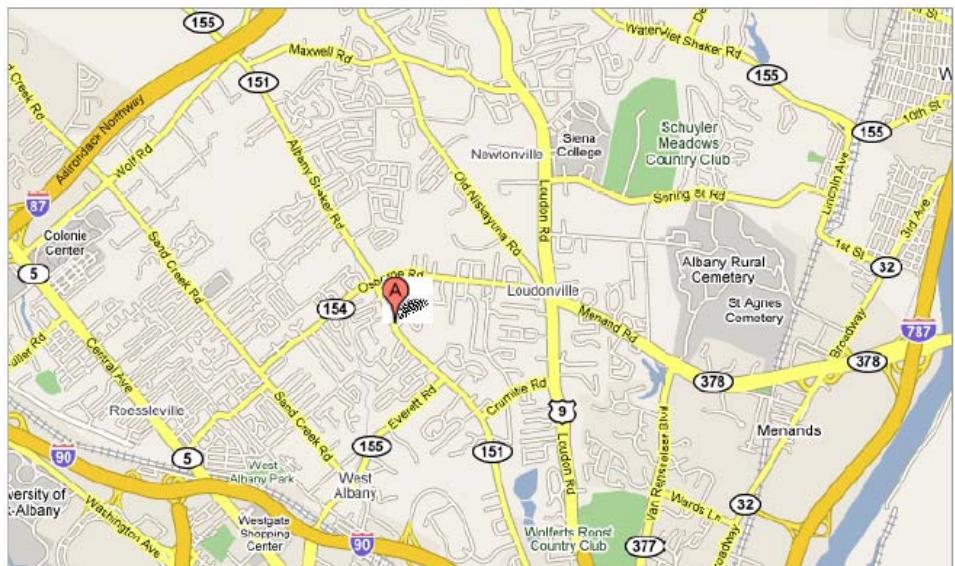
Albany

NY 12211

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<http://www.albanyhindutemple.org>

From 87 N or 87 S, take exit 4 and get on to Albany Shaker Road heading southeast (the opposite direction takes you to the airport). After crossing Osborne Rd junction (landmarks: Mobil, Dunkin Donuts), the temple is to the right within a quarter of a mile.



MEMBERSHIP

Please renew your Pallavi membership as soon as possible. If you are not a member, please become one and support music activities in the capital district. You can make the check to "Pallavi of the Capital District" and mail it to Pallavi of the Capital District
PO Box 1732
Latham, NY 12110.

Pallavi has obtained tax exemption status under section 501(c) of the IRS code. Pallavi is striving to bring in top-notch musicians to our area. Paying your membership dues early in the year would greatly help us estimate our financial position and formulate plans for organizing concerts throughout the year. If you are already a member, consider becoming a Family patron or a promoter/sponsor. The membership categories and donations are outlined below.

Annual membership/patronage

- Individual Member \$20—1 free concert for 1 person
- Family Member \$30—1 free concert for 2 people
- Individual Patron \$60—All concerts free for 1 person.
- Family Patron \$120—All concerts free for 2 people.
- Student Member \$10—All concerts free

Sponsors, promoters and life membership

- Sponsor \$250—includes family patron benefits and acknowledgement at every Pallavi event.
- Patron \$500—includes family patron benefits and acknowledgement at every Pallavi event.
- Life Member \$400—All concerts free for 2 people for 4 years. Note: Life membership fee can be paid in two consecutive annual installments of \$200 each or in one installment of \$400.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2009

Membership category (circle one)

- Last name _____ Individual member
Family member
Individual patron
Family patron
Sponsor
Promoter
Life member
- First name _____
- Co-member _____

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- Phone: _____
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I would like to volunteer for (circle one or more):

- Hosting artists
Fund raising
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Membership development
Newsletter editing / mailing
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