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CARNATIC CLASSICAL VOCAL CONCERT



MRIDANGAM
Neyveli S. Skanda
Subramanian



Gayatri
Venkatraghavan



VIOLIN
V. Srikanth

Saturday, Oct 22nd 2011, 6:00 P.M
at Hindu Cultural Center - Loudonville, NY

Members & Students – Free. Non-members : at door - \$15, pre purchase by Oct 15th - \$10

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See overleaf for Bio-Data of artists and Directions.

About the Artists :

As **quoted by one of the most leading critique, Isai Peroli Smt.Gayathri Venkataraghavan**'S music is emotion coupled with musical wisdom-her music always strives to understand and communicate the importance of melody and reverence, the two most important aspects of our classical music Blessed with a mellifluous voice that traverses all the octaves with ease, she delights the listeners with her bhava-laden music mixed with the right dose of brigas which flow with ease. Her sruthi aligned rakthi music reverberates with the purity of sheer classicism.

Smt.Gayathri was trained for Vocal Music under Smt.Rajalakshmi, Smt.Padma Veeraraghavan who is a disciple of Palghat Sri.K.V.narayanaswamy, Sangeetha Choodamani Sri. A.Sundaresan and is now under the tutelage of Vidwan 'Padma Bhushan' Sri.

P.S.Narayanaswamy. She also holds a post-graduate and a PG Diploma holder in Business Administration

Smt.Gayathri has been honoured with many prestigious awards and titles, some key ones:

Naada Oli by Nada Inbam, Isai Peroli by Karthik Fine Arts, **Kalki Krishnamoorthy Award, SIMANA Award from Narada Gana Sabha, Bharath Ratna M.S.Subhalakshmi Awards, Shanmugha Sangeetha Sironmani** by Shanmughananda Sabha, Mumbai have been bestowed on her.

V.Srikanth is a senior disciple of Vidwan Sri. H.K. Narasimhamurthy of Mysore. He started learning Violin at a very young age and has undergone rigorous training for more than twenty years. Srikanth Venkataraman has been giving performances from a young age. He has gained rich experience by accompanying all the leading artists throughout India & abroad and has been featured in all prestigious Music Sabhas & Organizations. Srikanth also performs regularly for All India Radio, Doordarshan and other T.V. Channels. He has also performed for National Program of Music of Doordarshan & All India Radio.He has won a number of prizes, accolades. He is a recipient of Cultural Talent Search Scholarship of Government of India and has achieved Distinction in the Senior Grade Music Examination.

He was adjudged the Best Violinist by : Krishna Gana Sabha - 1995 , The Indian Fine Arts Society (Sub- senior category)-- Dec 2000 Music Season, Karnataka Gana Kala Parishath – Young Musicians' Conference – 2001, The Music Academy (Madras) - Dec 2002 Music Season The Indian Fine Arts Society –Dec 2007 & 2008 –Best Senior Violinist

Srikanth has been conferred with the title "Kala Praveena" at Bangalore. He has been honored with the prestigious Award for talented young Musicians--"Ananya Yuva Puraskara" for 2004 by the organization "Ananya" of Bangalore.

Srikanth has traveled abroad widely & is the younger brother of noted flutist V.K.Raman.

Neyveli S. Skanda Subramanian's training commenced at an early age of 8 as a school boy in Neyveli. He belongs to the Thanjavur padathi and his first guru was Tiruvarur Sri R. Krishnamurthy . He was awarded the Government of India Scholarship for advanced training under Tiruvarur Sri Bakthavathsalam. Currently a Grade 'A' aritst of AIR, he has accompanied top musicians and participated in several SPIRIT OF UNITY concerts at National level. He has travelled with leading artists extensively almost to all countries like USA, Canada, Srilanka, UK, UAE, FRANCE, Norway, Spain, Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, New Zealand, Greece, Tunisia, Zambia etc. He has also participated in many prestigious festival concerts such as FEZ MUSIC FESTIVAL MOROCCO, JERUSALEM MUSIC FESTIVAL ISRAEL, to name a few. He has been bestowed several titles such as : YUVA KALA BHARATHI, YOUTH EXCELLENCE AWARD OF MAHARAJAPURAM TRUST, TIRUPPUGAZH TAALA CHEMMANI , ASTHANA VIDWAN OF SRI KANCHI KAMAKOTI PEETAM.