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Present

A Grand Kuchipudi Performance

By

Raja and Radha Reddy

**with Kaushalya, Yamini & Bhavna Reddy
and live orchestra**



4:30 PM on Sunday, May 18, 2003

Valley Forge Middle School

105 W. Walker Road, Wayne, PA

(For detailed information & directions, please visit www.sruti.org or www.tagdv.com)

Tickets: Donors: \$50; General Seating: \$20

Children under 10: \$10

For Tickets and Information, please call

Viji Swaminathan (215-643-2145)

Raj Saraswati (610-317-9450)

Kris Prabhakar (215-654-0527)

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Balu Balakrishnan (610-358-1673)

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(Childcare on the premises available at \$10/child. Please call in advance to make arrangements)

Artists

Raja & Radha Reddy: World-renowned dancing couple Raja and Radha Reddy (from the state of Andhra Pradesh, the birth place of Kuchipudi style of India classical Dance) have given a new dimension to the age old art of Kuchipudi dance without sacrificing the traditional poetry or dramatic sensibility. With rare excellence and perfection of technique they have earned the credit for Kuchipudi's high ranking today among the major dance forms in India. Through their togetherness and perfect unison Raja and Radha Reddy portray the masculine vigor and lyrical charm of the classical pairs of Hindu mythology such as Shiva-Parvati, Rama-Sita and Krishna-Radha thus identifying themselves with the twin concept of Purusha and Prakriti, the male-female principle in Indian philosophy. In precise postures and refined patterns the duo re-enlivens the magnificent sculptures chiseled in the ancient temples of India. They formulated a syllabus for Kuchipudi repertoire systematizing the basic movements and mudras and choreographed each item to make Kuchipudi classical dance form acceptable to modern cosmopolitan audiences. At *Natyatarangini*, a school they founded in 1976, they have trained nearly five hundred students from all over the country and abroad. For their contribution to the art form, they have won many honors and awards including the prestigious Padmashree Award (1984), the International Meridian Award, Sangeet Natak Academy Award (1991) and *Nritya Choodamani* by the Krishna-Gana Sabha of Madras (1993).

Raja and Radha Reddy have performed at prestigious venues all over the world. They had the honor of being invited as the first Indian Dancers to participate in the International Dance festival of Avignon in France and Salzburg in Austria. They have choreographed and presented dance ballets like *Bhagavadajjukyam*, *Manmadavijayam*, *Uma Parinayam*, etc.

Kaushalya Reddy: Molded in the strict discipline and austere commitment of the Sidhendra Kalashetra of Kuchipudi village in Andhra Pradesh and trained under the world famous dancers, Vedantam Rattiah Sarma and Raja and Radha Reddy's strict supervision, Kaushalya has emerged as one of the most talented artists of this world famous dance form. Gifted with a svelte figure, a pretty and sensitive face, flawless footwork and scintillating grace, Kaushalya has in abundance all that it takes to be a first rate danseuse. She is a superb example of the union of a strong tradition with willingness to enrich her art through intellect and aesthetics.

Yamini & Bhavna Reddy, daughters of Raja Reddy, have received extensive training in the Kuchipudi art form and have accompanied their parents at many performances world-wide.

Directions to Valley Forge Middle School

105 W. Walker Road, Wayne, PA 19087

From Philadelphia:

1. Take the Schuylkill Expressway I-76 East to exit 328, towards West Chester.
2. Merge onto West Dekalb Pike. (West Dekalb becomes 202 South).
3. Take 202 South to the Devon 252 North exit.
4. At the light, turn RIGHT onto 252 North/Valley Forge Road.
5. Pass through 2 traffic lights, then get into the left hand lane.
6. At the next light, West Walker Road, turn LEFT. VFMS is on your right.

From the PA Turnpike:

1. Exit the Turnpike at Valley Forge exit 326.
2. Follow the signs for 202 South.
3. Take 202 South to the Devon 252 exit.
4. At the light, turn RIGHT onto 252 North/Valley Forge Road.
5. Pass through 2 traffic lights, then get into the left hand lane.
6. At the next light, West Walker Road, turn LEFT. VFMS is on your right.

From Points West and South:

1. Take 202 North to the North Valley Road/West Valley Road exit.
2. At the light, turn LEFT onto West Valley Road, going under the underpass for 202.
3. At the light, turn LEFT onto East Swedesford Road.
4. Go through the traffic light at the entrance by Outback Steakhouse.
5. At the next light, turn RIGHT onto 252 North.
6. Pass through 2 traffic lights, then get into the left hand lane.
7. At the next light, West Walker Road, turn LEFT. VFMS is on your right