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Presents a Carnatic Music Concert on the Mandolin by



U. Shrinivas

&



U. Rajesh

*Accompanied by
Muruga Boopathy on the Mridangam
S.V. Ramani on the Ghatam*

*At the Colonial Elementary School Auditorium
230 Flourtown Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462*

At 7:00 P.M. on Saturday May 6, 2006

**Tickets: Members \$15; Non-Members \$20
Seniors & Students \$10**

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Artist Profiles

Mandolin Shrinivas was born in Palakol in West Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh on February 28, 1969. As a very young boy Shrinivas seemed to have an ear for music. When he was only six years old, his parents came home to find him playing on his father's mandolin. Inspired by the boy's interest in music, Satyanarayana taught his son what little music he knew, and Shrinivas began playing Carnatic music on the mandolin. Subbaraju, a classically trained musician and a disciple of the famous musical stalwart Chembai Vaidyanatha Bhagavathar, who had taught music to Shrinivas' father sensed the young boy's musical aptitude and decided to teach him classical music. He also learned Carnatic music from Shri Vasu Rao. Following public recognition and acceptance in 1983, the next eight years were spent in touring the world, enchanting audiences with his youthful vigor and expertise. His concerts were highly acclaimed and he was showered with many prestigious awards. The Government of Tamil Nadu appointed him as a State Artiste (Asthana Vidwan) in July 1984. On 1st October 1990, Shrinivas was nominated the "Asthana Vidwan" (Resident Artiste) of the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam by His Holiness Sri Jayendra Saraswathi. On 24th June 1991, Shrinivas was awarded the Top Rank of All India Radio for Carnatic Classical Mandolin Instrumental. On 14th September 1992, Shrinivas was awarded, the prestigious "National Citizen's Award-1991" by the President of India. Shrinivas is the youngest person who was honored with such a prestigious award. On 25th April 1993, at Washington, Shrinivas was awarded "The Honorary Citizenship" of the State of MARYLAND, USA by the Governor of MARYLAND. On 1993 he was awarded the "Billboard Award" for his CD compilation on Globe style records. On April 12th 1998, Shrinivas was awarded India's prestigious Award "Padma Shri".

Mandolin U. Rajesh, born on the 17th of May 1977 at Palakol, Andhra Pradesh, is the last child of Shri U.Satyanarayana and Smt. Kantham and Brother of Mandolin Maestro Shri U.Shrinivas. Tutored under the guidance of his father and brother, Rajesh started playing Carnatic Classical Music on Mandolin at the young age of 6 and gave his first concert at Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam in the presence of His Holiness Shri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi Swamigal. Since then he has been performing extensively in India and both alone and along with his brother. He has also performed along with great artists like Ustad Zakir Husain, Vikku Vinayakaram and has been part of U Shrinivas India music ensemble from 1987. He has travelled far and wide in his musical journey and has performed in all major cities around the world. The most unforgettable among all his concerts are the performances in the physical presence of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba at Prasanthi Nilayam and also at the prestigious International Mandolin Festival held at Rudolstadt, Germany organised by Folk and Tanz festival.

Muruga Boopathy is a renowned Mridangam player and comes from a family of Musicians and artists of many generations. He has received Vadhya Visharada with distinction in Music college. He has accompanied many leading artists of India and has been with Mandolin Shrinivas Music ensemble since 1992. He has traveled extensively to many countries like Singapore, Malaysia, South Africa, German, Spain, Australia, Dubai, Muscat, Scotland for concert performances. He has received many awards and titles in India.

S. V. Ramani is a well known Ghatam (clay pot, percussion of India) artist who gave his debut performance when he was only eight years old. He had his original training under Guruvayur Dorai. He has accompanied leading Carnatic Musicians for the past 28 years.

Directions to the Colonial Elementary School Auditorium

I. FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE—Exit at Exit #333, the Norristown/Plymouth Meeting Exit. Take the first right out of the toll booth, which puts you on Germantown Pike heading east. Get in the left hand lane and proceed through the traffic light at Germantown Pike and Chemical Road. Continue up the hill and through the traffic light at Germantown Pike and Butler Pike (the Plymouth Friends Meetinghouse will be on the right). Continue east on Germantown Pike for about one-fourth of a mile then turn left onto Colonial Drive at the far end of Plymouth Whitemarsh High School. Proceed north on Colonial Drive to Colonial Elementary School on the left.

II. FROM THE BLUE ROUTE - Proceed North on the Blue Route to exit 19. Follow the exit ramp onto Chemical Road. Stay in the right lane and proceed to the traffic light at Germantown Pike. Turn right onto Germantown Pike and proceed up the hill and through the traffic light at Germantown Pike and Butler Pike (the Plymouth Friends Meetinghouse will be on the right). Continue east on Germantown Pike for about one-fourth of a mile then turn left onto Colonial Drive at the far end of Plymouth Whitemarsh High School. Proceed north on Colonial Drive to Colonial Elementary School on the left.

III. FROM RIDGE AVENUE IN PHILADELPHIA—Proceed west on Ridge Avenue, traveling through Roxborough, into Montgomery County. Ridge Avenue becomes Ridge Pike. Follow Ridge Pike to the intersection of Joshua Road in Lafayette Hill (you will have passed St. Philip Neri Church). Turn right onto Joshua Road and proceed to the next intersection at Germantown Pike. Turn left, proceed west on Germantown Pike (you will pass Miles Park on the right), and turn right onto Colonial Drive, next to Plymouth Whitemarsh High School. Proceed north on Colonial Drive to Colonial Elementary School on the left.

IV. FROM ROUTE 309—Exit at the Fort Washington Interchange and proceed straight onto Pennsylvania Avenue. Proceed west on Pennsylvania to the intersection with Bethlehem Pike. Turn left on Bethlehem Pike and proceed to the first traffic light. Turn right and you will quickly reach the traffic light at Lafayette Ave. Turn left onto Lafayette Avenue. Lafayette Ave. turns into Joshua Road on the other side of Skippack Pike. Continue south on Joshua Road, past Militia Hill Road, past Militia Hill State Park, past Stenton Avenue, past a quarry, to the intersection at Flourtown Road. Turn right on Flourtown Road and proceed approximately ½ mile to Colonial Drive (Left turn only). Turn left onto Colonial Drive and proceed to Colonial Elementary School on the right.