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## Presents

*A musical homage to all time legend duo  
classical singers – Alathur Brothers*

**Sunday, May 6, 2007**

- **2:00 PM Audio Visual Presentation on Alathur Brothers**
- **2:15 PM Thematic presentation highlighting laya aspects of music with emphasis on pallavi singing, by Chitravina Narasimhan**
- **3:00 PM Thematic concert by Carnatica Brothers –Sashikiran and Ganesh, presenting songs popularized by Alathur Brothers.**

**accompanied by Nagai Sriram – Violin  
and Thanjavur Murugaboopathi –  
Mridangam.**



*at the Bharatiya Temple Auditorium  
1612 County Line Rd, Montgomeryville, PA*

Tickets: Members \$15, Non-members \$20, Seniors and Students \$10.

Workshop Admission: \$10 additional.

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## About the Artistes

**Chitravina Narasimhan** son of Gottuvadyam Narayana Iyengar, is the Guru of Chitravina maestro Ravikiran, Shashikiran, Kiranavali and Ganesh. An exponent of Chitravina and a vocalist, he believes music can be taught to one and all and is an expert in grooming child prodigies. He is also known for his Laya and RTP skills. He was recently awarded the "Acharya Rathnakara" title by the Cleveland Aradhana Committee. This award instituted in 2007 is bestowed upon an individual who has made a significant contribution to the classical arts through teaching and training successful musicians. He presented his son Ravikiran when the latter was just 2 years old and he himself just 26 years old.

**Shashikiran:** Born into a family of renowned musicians, Shashikiran soon made his mark in the family. His grandfather, Gottuvadyam Narayana Iyengar was a legend in his times, not to mention his father 'Chitravina' Narasimhan, a musician with a vision and mission, and brother 'Chitravina' Ravikiran, an internationally acclaimed genius. His father discovered Shashikiran's talents when he was a mere toddler and nurtured it with great care. Thus, at two, he stormed the music world as a child prodigy who could identify Ragas (melodies), demonstrate complicated Talas (rhythms), and answer other technical questions pertaining to Carnatic music. He has also had the privilege of honing his musical skills under stalwarts like T Brinda, T Vishwanathan, and K S Krishnamurthy.

He obtained a Bachelor's followed by a Master's degree in Music from the University of Madras where again his talents showed as he was a Gold Medalist. He is currently working towards achieving a Doctorate on "Teaching Methodology in Carnatic Music". Alongside he also holds a diploma in Audio and Video Technology. Shashikiran has won laurels many a time for his talent. He was awarded the Rani Sethulakshmi Bai Memorial Award in 1990, the Best Pallavi Singer for his concert at the Rasika Ranjani.

Having made his mark as a vocalist and scholar, Shashikiran currently performs Vocal Duet concerts along with his cousin 'Chitravina' P. Ganesh. They are popularly known as the CARNATICA BROTHERS.

**Chitravina Ganesh:** Ganesh was trained from a very young age by his maternal uncle, an acclaimed musical wizard and guru, 'Chitravina' Narasimhan. Ganesh stormed into the world of Carnatic music even at the tender age of two and a half, just like his cousins 'Chitravina' Ravikiran, Shashikiran, and Kiranavali. He was able to identify and render around 225 Ragas and 175 Talas and answer numerous other technical questions with ease.

Ganesh then continued his musical training under Narasimhan and also from Ravikiran as a vocalist. He also had the rare privilege of learning from Sangeeta Kalanidhi T Brinda under Narasimhan for a few years. Even at the age of 8, Ganesh developed an interest in the 21-stringed fretless instrument, Chitravina. Combining his natural musicality with assiduous practice, Ganesh has now emerged as one of the most distinguished artistes in this instrument. His style is marked by an easy flow of movement and effortless handling of multiple speeds without eschewing the artistic elements of the music.

He has performed in major venues in Madras, Bangalore, Delhi, Chicago, Toronto, San Diego, Phoenix, Miami, San Jose, and so on. An A - grade artiste of All India Radio and Doordarshan, Ganesh has been featured in a number of radio and TV events. Besides performing in tandem with cousin Ravikiran, he has also provided accompaniment for top-notch artistes like T Mukta and Dr. M Balamuralikrishna in several concerts and recordings.

Ganesh has received recognition from major organizations like The Music Academy and Krishna Gana Sabha. Besides, he has shown promise as a composer too, having already created a few Varnams, Kritis, Tillanas and some instrumental pieces.

**Nagai Sriram,** hails from a family of musicians and is the nephew of Sri.Nagai.Muralidharan. Sriram has already made a mark in the field as one of the most popular Violinists and has accompanied several leading artistes such as T.N.Seshagopalan, T.V.Sankaranarayanan, O.S.Tyagarajan and has also been a regular accompanist for Carnatica Bros. He has several awards from various leading sabhas and has been performing actively in India and abroad.

**Thanjavur Murugaboopathi:** A very popular mridangist, he is the senior disciple of Thanjavur Upendran and is frequently accompanying artistes such as Mandolin Srinivas, Aruna Sairam, T.N.Seshagopalan. He has traveled all over the globe and has been a regular accompanist for Carnatica brothers. He has received several awards from leading institutions.

## Directions to the Bharatiya Temple Auditorium

### From the West:

1. Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike traveling East
2. Get off at Exit # 339 (Ft. Washington).
3. After tolls merge on to 309 North (towards Ambler)
4. Travel about 8 miles on 309 and make a right on to Stump Road
5. After about 2.4 miles right on to County Line Road
6. Temple is on your right.

### From North Jersey:

1. Travel on NJ Turnpike and take exit # 6 to Pennsylvania Turnpike
2. Travel West on PA Turnpike (276 W).
3. Get off at Exit # 339 (Ft. Washington).
4. After tolls merge on to 309 North (towards Ambler)
5. Travel about 8 miles on 309 and make a right on to Stump Road
6. After about 2.4 miles right on to County Line Road
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### From Philadelphia, South Jersey:

1. Take 76 East (Schuylkill Expressway) towards Valley Forge
2. After about 11 miles, take exit for 476 North towards Plymouth Meeting.
3. Travel about 4 miles and merge on to 276 East/Pennsylvania Turnpike towards New Jersey.
4. Travel for about 4 miles and get off at first Exit (# 339— Ft. Washington).
5. After tolls, merge on to 309 North (towards Ambler)
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