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Presents

Ramjhi's Issai Mazhalai

***Talented and outstanding young musicians from Chennai India
in a double-header Chamber Vocal Concert***



Dharini Kalyanaraman—Vocal Vidya Kalyanaraman—Vocal

Accompanied by

Sudha Iyer—Violin and Rajana Swaminathan—Mridangam

12 Noon to 3 PM, Saturday, May 19th 2007

Episcopal Academy, Devon Campus

905 S. Waterloo Road, Devon, PA 19333

Admission: Suggested Donation—\$10 per individual or \$20 per family

Core Supporter and Season Passes are welcome

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Artist Profiles

Ramjhi`s Issai Mazhalai is India`s First Professional music group featuring children. Ramjhi started the group in the year 2000 with 14 children and today after 6 ½ years the group has grown in strength to 77. They perform Carnatic Vocal, Instrumental, Devotional & Film Music concerts. The Carnatic wing of Issai Mazhalai today performs over 45 concerts every month. The last Margazhi Music festival in Chennai had 92 concerts of Issai Mazhalai in December & January.

Ms. Vidya Kalyanaraman – Vocalist. She is a disciple of Smt. Padma Sandilyan & Smt.Suguna Varadachari – a child prodigy who has been performing from childhood. She has completed her 12th grade and is doing her First year Degree in Music from the Chennai University. Besides being a very popular name in the Carnatic field she also sings for Padmabushan Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam`s dance recitals. She has traveled widely to many countries for Concerts. She is trained by Trichy Sri.J.Venkataraman & Sri Srimushnam Raja Rao in Pallavi singing. She had the privilege of performing before the President of India Dr.A.P.J.Abdul Kalam in 2004.

Ms.K.Dharini –Vocalist –A 12th grade student , Dharini is the Disciple of Smt. Sulochana Pattabiraman. A child prodigy, Ms. Dharini got her first laurel from 'Ananda Vikatan' (a famous Tamil Weekly), being chosen as a 'Mazhalai Methai' at the age of 3. She has a very strong, deep voice which could do wonders during her recitals. She is capable of singing hundreds & hundreds of Krithis by various composers with ease and poise. She can give full concerts of Arunagirinathar`s Thuripugazh, Nalayira Divya Prabandha Pasurams etc. She has won countless , Prizes & Laurels from various organizations and Sabhas. She has guided over 50 children of Issai Mazhalai to sing Thiagarajars Pancharathna Keerthanais .

Ms. Sudha R.S.Iyer –Violinist. She is a 11th grade student of the Vidya Mandir School in Chennai. She is a disciple of Smt. Lalitha Raghavan a renowned Grade-1 violinist of AIR. She is the daughter of the popular Vocalists Mayavaram Sisters. Her mother Geetha is the elder of the two sisters and has also trained her in singing (performing with her sister as Aiyar Sisters). Today she accompanies various Senior Vidwans and Vidushis in this young age. She got 'Sangeetha Baskara Award' . She has also won the Lalgudi Gopala Iyer scholarship in the Gokulastami Series conducted by the Sri Krishna Gana Sabha. She has also had the credit of singing before the President of India Dr.A.P.J.ABDUL KALAM at the Rashtrapathi Bhavan –Delhi. Recently she won the pallavi competition conducted by Shanthi Arts Foundation And Endowments. She has also received the CCRT scholarship, for violin, from the Government of India.

Kumari Rajna Swaminathan, disciple of *Mrudangam Maestro Sri Umayalpuram K. Sivaraman*, is an upcoming young artiste in the field of Carnatic percussion. She started learning Mrudangam from her father Dr. P. K. Swaminathan at the age of 5 and came under the direct tutelage of Sri Umayalpuram K. Sivaraman at the age of 8. She is being intensively groomed by the Maestro as his protégé. She is 16 years old. Rajna has accompanied Jayalakshmi Santhanam, Papanasam Ashok Ramani, Flute Shashank, Carnatica Brothers, Master Balamuralikrishna, Sikkil Gurucharan and Nadaswaram artistes Kasim & Babu. Along with her father Dr. P. K. Swaminathan, she has accompanied high caliber artists such as Dr. N. Ramani, Sikkil Mala Chandrasekhar, Rudrapatnam Brothers, and Charumathi Ramachandran.

Directions to the Episcopal Academy, Devon, PA

905 S. Waterloo Road Devon, Pennsylvania 19333

From Rt 252 from Newtown Square:

Go northwest from Route 3 on 252 for 2.6 miles. Turn right on Waterloo Rd. Look for school sign and driveway on right.

From Paoli:

Go southeast from Route 30 on 252 for 3.1 miles. Turn left on Waterloo Rd. Cross Newtown Rd. Look for school sign and driveway on right.

From Interstate 476 (The Blue Route):

Take Exit #13 (old exit #5 - St. Davids/Villanova) Go west on Route 30 for 2.5 miles. Turn left at light on Sugartown Rd. Go one mile to light and turn left on Waterloo Rd. Go 1.4 miles to school sign and driveway on left.

From 276 (PA Turnpike):

Take Exit #326 (Valley Forge), to Route 202. Follow Route 202 South to Exit at Devon. Go left on Valley Forge Rd. Go through light and take right fork after bridge (Devon State Road). Go up hill following signs for Route 30. At light, cross Route 30 (Lincoln Highway) onto Waterloo Rd. Stay on Waterloo for 1.9 miles to school sign and driveway on left.

From 76 West (Schuylkill Expressway):

Exit 26B/ 202 South Exit Devon and left onto Valley Forge Road. Go through light and after narrow bridge take the right fork and follow signs to Rte. 30. Cross rte. 30 onto Waterloo Road; go 1.9 miles, entrance is on left.