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A Carnatic Vocal Concert

by



Ranjani and Gayathri

Accompanists: H. N. Bhaskar (Violin) and Delhi S. Sairam (Mridangam)

Saturday, October 4, 2008 at 4:30 PM

at **Valley Forge Middle School**

105 West Walker Road, Wayne, PA

Tickets: Members \$17, Non-members \$22, Seniors and Students \$12

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About the Artistes

Ranjani and Gayathri have carved a unique niche for themselves as artistes accomplished in both violin and vocal music. The sisters started their career as a violin duo, and established themselves as top class violinists of international repute. They started giving vocal concerts since 1997 and within barely three years won high praise from music lovers all over the globe. Today they are among the leading musicians in the Carnatic music field.

Ranjani and Gayathri received their violin training from the late Sangeeta Bhooshanam Sri. T.S.Krishnaswami. They had their initial vocal training from their mother Smt. Meenakshi Balasubramanian, from whom they continue to learn. They are under the tutelage of Padma Bhushan Sangeeta Kala Acharya Sri.P.S.Narayanaswamy since 1994.

The sisters have received several awards and prizes. Recent awards include the title of "Isai Peroli" from the Kartik Fine Arts, Chennai, the Kalki Award from the Kalki Krishnamurthi Memorial Trust and the National Eminence Award from the Shanmukhananda Sabha, Mumbai. They have given performances all over India and abroad, in countries including the U.S.A, Canada, Australia, Singapore, Malaysia and the Middle East. They are A-Grade musicians of the All India Radio and Doordarshan, both in violin and vocal, and have to their credit several album releases.

H. N. Bhaskar (Violin) was first trained by his parents Sri H. K. Narasimha Murthy and Smt. H. N. Rajalakshmi. Now he is a disciple of violin maestro Padmashri Sangeetha Kalanidhi Sri M. S. Gopalakrishnan. His first public performance was at the age of eight. He has given solo performances and accompanied several senior musicians like Sri T. V. Gopalakrishnan, Sri T. N. Seshagopalan, Dr. N. Ramani, Sri Mandolin Srinivas, Smt. Sudha Raghunathan, and Smt. Aruna Sairam. He has received many awards including the Best Violinist award from the Music Academy of Chennai during the Music Festival in 2003. He has traveled widely all over the world for performances. He has a melodious style of playing which has made him a popular accompanist for many leading vocalists.

Delhi S. Sairam (Mridangam) is a disciple of Kalaimamani & Mridangam Maestro Tiruvarur Sri Bhaktavatsalam. He has won prizes from the Music Academy and Tamil Isai Sangam competitions. Other awards he has won include: the Senior Scholarship Award from the Ministry of Culture , Government of India in 2001 – 2003, the Ambujam Krishna Award from Music Academy in the Spirit of Youth Festival in 2003, the Yuva Kala Bharathy Award from Bharat Kalachar – 2004, and the Arupathi Natesa Iyer Endowment Talent Promotion Award from Sri Krishna Gana Sabha for the December 2006 Festival. During the last 5 years he has given more than 900 performances. He has accompanied eminent and popular musicians: Sangeetha Kalanadhi and Padmasri Dr. N. Ramani, Sangeetha Kalanidhi Sri T.V. Sankaranarayanan, Sangeetha Choodamani Sri O.S.Tyagarajan, Padmasri Smt. Sudha Raghunathan, Bombay Smt. Jayasree Ramnath, Smt. Ranjini and Smt. Gayatri.

Directions to Valley Forge Middle School, 105 West Walker Rd., 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.
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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 Out-back 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.