



SRUTI NOTES

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Election & General Body Meeting

Dear SRUTI members,

Greetings. The Board of Directors is calling an Election/General Body Meeting of SRUTI to be held at the Hindu Temple of Delaware at 2:00 PM on Saturday December 8, 2007. The meeting is being combined with the annual SRUTI Day celebrations. The main purpose of the meeting is to elect new members to the Board of Directors of SRUTI.

We give below the officers of the Board that are to be elected at the meeting on 8 December 2007, with their respective terms of office and duties

- (1) **President-Elect (2008), continuing as President for the year following (2009)**
 - Assist the President in the overall discharge of his/her duties, and in particular, in developing and maintaining public relations
 - Work with the Director (Resources and Development) and be in charge of publicity efforts to maintain and enlarge membership
 - Present an activities report at the Election Meeting
 - Function as President in the latter's absence
 - Along with the President, manage all tasks related to event production including contracts with the artists, cosponsors, technical requirements for the event, hosting and local hospitality for the artists, event execution.
 - Perform any duties assigned by the President
- (2) **Treasurer, Two year term (2008 and 2009)**
 - Maintain up-to-date records of all financial transactions of the Society
 - Receive and deposit monies owed to the Society
 - Pay bills of all expenses authorized by the President
 - Assist the Secretary in maintaining a current list of members
 - Present a complete, audited financial report at the Election Meeting
- (3) **Director (Resources and Development), Two year term (2008 and 2009)**
 - Be the chair of the Resources and Development Committee
 - Assist the President-Elect in membership drives
 - Identify sources of funding agencies including individuals and benefactors
 - Work with funding agencies to improve the financial strength of the Society
 - Work toward the long range development of the Society
 - Perform any duties assigned by the President

(4) Director (2), Two year term (2008 and 2009)

- Work with the other Officers of the Board to promote the programs of the Society
- Perform any duties assigned by the President

We have formed the following Election Committee to conduct the elections. We appreciate their acceptance to the nomination to the committee.

(1) Dr. Dinakar Subramanian - Chairperson - Email: dinasub@yahoo.com; Phone: 610.630.1878

(2) Dr. Srinivas Reddy Aravabhumi – Phone: 610.272.5198

(3) Mr. Sagar Venkateswaran – Phone: 484.840.1265

SRUTI members (with the exception of members of the Election Committee) who are in good standing and who have been members for at least 6 months, are eligible for the Board positions. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for any of the positions, please send nominations to Dr. Dinakar Subramanian at dinasub@yahoo.com. Please contact any member of the Election Committee in case you have questions.

At the General Body Meeting, the BoD will also present our financial and activities reports as well as reports by various committees. Please see the attached agenda for the meeting.

Your participation and inputs are very important for this task. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday, December 8 2007, at 2 PM sharp

Yours truly,

The SRUTI Board of Directors



A Farewell Letter from the President of SRUTI

Dear Sruti Members,

This is probably the last time I will write in Sruti Notes as a President of SRUTI. It has been an honor to be the President and member of the Board of Directors of this organization. I served for two years on the board – one as President Elect (for the record, the first ever President Elect!!!) for a year in 2006, followed by a full President-ship in 2007. It has been quite a journey and there are two things I am proudest of. It was very satisfying to help with implementing the Thyagaraja Pancharatna workshop and training. Kiranavali Vidyasankar, who taught and led the group, did an outstanding job training the group. Special mention must be made of how well she was able to teach the younger and inexperienced singers. On Thyagaraja Aradhana day the young kids along with the more experienced singers from our community sang and accompanied with a lot of energy and confidence. The other accomplishment is the initiation of the core supporter program to create a group whose generous financial support would help overcome annual program deficits and also lay the foundation for a strong financial base to help sustain the organization in the years to come. I would like to thank the sixteen families who have signed up for the program and have become core supporters of SRUTI.

I have particularly enjoyed working with the community – parents of children currently learning classical music and dance; teachers and students of Indian classical music and dance. The various interactions included arranging learning workshops for Pancharatna kritis, Utsava Kritis, or Navagaraha Kritis, helping parents out with logistics for Arangetrams or fund raisers, helping with information on teachers in the area or on procuring musical instruments, encouraging music teachers to in turn encourage their stu-

dents to attend SRUTI concerts ... the list goes on. Through classical music and dance, we have a wonderful vehicle to communicate who we are and the traditions we are very proud of. We need to continue to encourage and provide opportunities for our kids to learn and showcase their artistic talents.

It was no small challenge to manage and integrate (not balance!!) well the demands of work, life, family, and SRUTI. You can guess which ones usually got the priority. It is my hope that over the years, the organization will become financially strong enough to afford to establish paid positions, so that the board can delegate administrative responsibilities. These would include tasks like grant application filings, report submissions, managing direct mail, publicity, follow-ups etc. In my opinion, the SRUTI board should be much more than just a bunch of nicely dressed men and women that you see on concert days smiling congenially while preparing the stage, stacking chairs, picking up the trash, and clearing coffee stains.

Thank you again for bestowing the honor to serve as a President of a great organization like SRUTI and for all your support and encouragement through the year. On December 8 2007, I will hand over the reins to C. Nataraj and would like to take this opportunity to wish him and his new team every success. I am sure they will enjoy the challenge and take us to new heights.

Good-bye,
Ramana Kanumalla
President
Sruti, Board of Directors



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PRESENTS

Diwali "Festival of Lights" 2007

Wed, NOV 7, 2007, 7-8:35 pm, at the Bharatiya Temple Cultural Hall

(Seating time: 6:15-7 pm, before the show begins; Dinner will be served from 8:35 pm onwards)

RSVP by: November 4, 2007



NAVA NRITYA DANCE ACADEMY

PRESENTS

“Dancing Spirit of India”

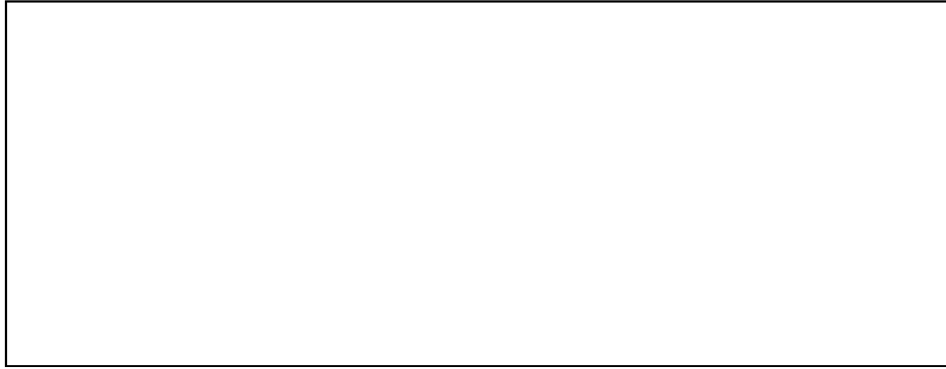
Workshops on Manipuri and Navanritya dance, by visiting artiste Sanjib Bhattacharya

Sun, NOV 18, 2007, 4:30-6 pm and 6-7 pm, at the Blue Bell School of Dance

Please visit [http://www.navanritya.org/Workshop November.doc](http://www.navanritya.org/Workshop%20November.doc) for further information.



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Upcoming SRUTI Events - 2007

- 1) Sat, Nov 17 Pasumarthy Venkateswara Sarma & Party,
Kuchipudi Dance Ballet (2 pm) , followed by
Malladi Brothers & Party, Carnatic Vocal (4:30 pm)
550 E. Township Line Road, Suite 200, Blue Bell, PA

- 2) Sat, Dec 8 SRUTI Day — General Body Meeting, Elections
and Concerts, Hindu Temple of Delaware
760 Yorklyn Road, Hockessin, DE 19707

***With Happy Diwali and Holiday
Wishes***