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MUSIC CONCERT SERIES 2013



About RMT Samskruti

RMT Samskruti is an initiative, started by the members of the RMT Trust, to bring cultural programmes to the OMR area. The 2013 season will feature a **whole week** of excellent carnatic music performances by leading artistes. **All the concerts in this season are FREE for the general public and all are welcome to attend.** Our website <http://www.rmtsamskruti.com> will feature all the concert audio recordings for free listening and download. We humbly request your co-operation and support for this unique initiative launched by RMT Trust for the promotion of classical music, dance & arts.

RMT Samskruti 2013 Festival (Nov 25th - 30th, 2013)



Dr. M.NARMADHA
Monday, November 25th 2013 (6.00pm)

Dr.M.Narmadha daughter and disciple of the **renowned artiste Padmashri M. S.Gopalakrishnan**, is a rare combination of violinist, musicologist and vocalist. She holds a PhD in Music from Delhi University which she obtained as a U. G. C. fellow under the guidance of Sitar virtuoso Prof. Debu Chaudhari and renowned musicologist Dr. K. G. Ginde. She got trained under her grandfather Parur A. Sundaram Iyer and of course her illustrious father. Dr.Narmadha is a much sought after accompanist to many leading Carnatic vocalists and has toured all over the world. She has been awarded the "Best Violinist" award by the Music Academy , Madras consecutively eight times. She has a flair for languages and knows English, Sanskrit and French. Her articles have been widely published in international journals. She is also a trained and accomplished vocalist having been tutored by her mother and Shri T. M. Tyagarajan. Dr.Narmadha's aim is to propagate the Parur-MSG style of Violin playing.

Sri Rakesh Raghunathan began his classical music journey under the tutelage of Smt. Bhanumathy Ramakrishnan, the renowned violinist and **currently trains under Smt. Jaya Krishnan**. Over the years Rakesh has participated and won in several classical music competitions, musical talent shows on TV & Radio such as "*Ragamalika*" , "*Saptaswarangal*" etc. Whilst pursuing higher education in the USA, Rakesh performed regularly at several prestigious festivals across the USA. Having returned to Madras in 2009, Rakesh embarked on a number of collaborative concerts, in association with noted artists such as Anil Srinivasan and Sikkil Gurucharan. In November 2009, they staged a thematic Bharatiyar concert ("*Kannamma*") which was a huge success telecast on mainstream television. A classical concert in December 2009 for Brahaddhvani™ and another thematic concert with Anil Srinivasan in January 2012 at Bharat Kalachar followed. Rakesh is a much sought after vocalist regularly performing at various Sabhas across south India.

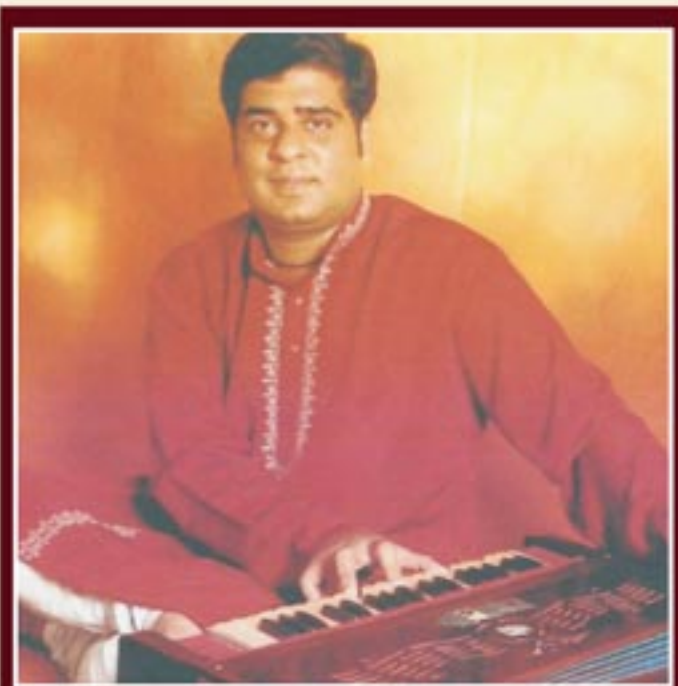


Sri. RAKESH RAGHUNATHAN
Tuesday November 26th 2013 (6.00pm)



Sri. T. DHANASEKARAN
Wednesday November 27th 2013 (6.00pm)

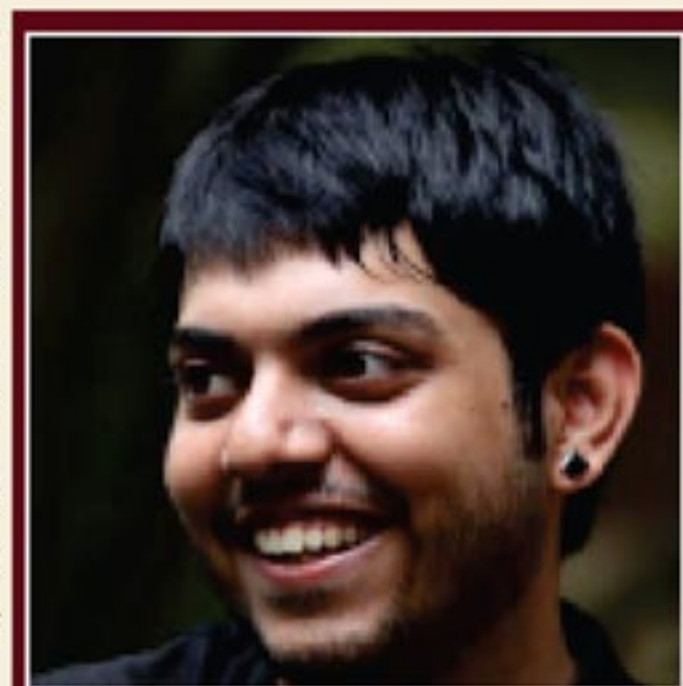
Thiruvallikeni Dhanasekaran is an accomplished Saxophonist and learnt the instrument from experts such as Sri. Srinivasan (Chennai), Sri. Muthukumaraswamy (Mayavaram) and Sri. Thirumoorthi. Sri Dhanasekaran started his musical performance in the holy Kasi Viswanatha Temple at Varanasi in 2003. Since then he has grown from strength to strength performing all over south India in top music Sabhas as well as temple festivals including the prestigious Sri Kanchi Kamakodipeeta Karnataka Sangeetha Isai Vizha at Thiruvarur and at the Sri Thyagaraja swamy Temple, Thiruvarur. Sri Dhanasekaran is a recognized AIR artiste and much sought after Saxophone artiste during the December Music season.



Sri. T.GIRISH
Thursday November 28th 2013 (6.00pm)

Sri. Thiruvarur.S.Girish is "... an extremely talented vocalist with an exceptionally melodious voice" in the words of Sangeeta Kalanidhi Dr T K Murthy, Mridanga Vidvan. Sri. Thiruvarur S. Girish hails from the **illustrious Veena Dhanam Family** and was a **disciple of his grandmother Sangeeta Kalanidhi Smt. T Brinda**. The Dhanam family is famous for its exceptional artists it has produced for generations in the field of traditional music and dance such as the brilliant Dhannamal, Veenal Vidhusi and musician par excellence, Smt. T Brinda, Smt T Muktha, Padmavibhusan Smt T. Balasarswati, Dr T Viswanatham and Smt.Vegavahini Vijayaraghavan (mother of Sri Girish). Girish's maternal Grandmother Smt T. R. Anandavalli was a renowned artiste as also his maternal uncle Mridanga Vidwan Kalaimamani Sri Tiruvarur Bakthavathsalam. Sri Thiruvarur Girish is a graded artist of All India Radio (AIR) & Doordarshan. Sri Girish also plays the Mridangam and has fair knowledge in Nattuvangam. Sri Girish has a Bachelor's degree in Arts, specializing in Carnatic Music, from Madras Univeristy. Sri S.Girish served as a Music Teacher in the Kuchipudi Arts academy for Kuchipudi Dance legend Padmabhushan Dr.Vempatti Chinnsatyam. Sri S. Girish has performed extensively all over India as well as in many countries across the world.

Sri.Rithvik Raja had his initial training in Carnatic Music from his mother Smt. Sudha Raja and subsequently from **Smt. Sulochana Pattabhiraman** for over 2 years. **From 2003, he has been under the guidance of Sri. T.M.Krishna**. He has a given number of performances in almost all the major sabhas across India. Rithvik Raja has won a large number of prizes over the years including the 1st prize in Ragam, Neraval and Svaram, 1st prize in National Integration Songs, 1st prize in Syama Sastri Kritis, 1st Prize in Thyagaraja Kritis - all from the Music Academy; Rasika Award from Carnatica in 2005; Best Junior Vocalist Award 2011 from Parthasarathy Swami Sabha etc. Rithvik Raja is a graded artiste of AIR and has performed for a number of TV Channels. Rithvik Raja is the President of the Youth Association for Classical Music (YACM) and the founding Member of 'Svanubhava' – a festival to bridge the gap between students and leading performers.



Sri. RITHVIK RAJA
Friday November 29th 2013 (6.00pm)



Smt. K.GAYATRI
Saturday November 30th 2013 (6.00pm)

Smt.K.Gayatri is a leading Carnatic Music Vocalist and **disciple of Kalaimamani Smt.Suguna Purushothaman (Musiri /Semmangudi Parampara)** and has also been learning under **Vidushi Suguna Varadachari**. She has presented concert programmes in major Sabhas across India and has performed in many countries around the World. She has won numerous awards over her illustrious career such as the "Best Concert Award" from Music Academy for 2012-13, the "MLV Award of Excellence" from Narada Gana Sabha in 2012, "Yuva Kala Bharathi" from Bharat Kalachar in 2010, the Kalki Krishnamurthy Memorial Award, the "Best Performer Award" from the Parthasarathy Swami Sabha in 2008, the T. V. Subbarao Award for Junior Vocalist (Ladies) from Music Academy in 2006, title of "Isai Chudar" from Kartik Fine Arts in 2006, winner of the "Spirit of Youth" Music festival at the Music Academy in 2002, recipient of the ITC Sangeeth Research Academy Award to recognize young artists etc. Smt.K.Gayatri is an "A" graded artist of the All India Radio, Chennai. Smt.K.Gayatri is a B.Com, M.A, M.Phil post-graduate and is currently pursuing a PhD in Music. Smt.K.Gayatri won a CCRT Scholarship for eight years till 2005 and subsequently was awarded a Scholarship by the Dept. of Culture, Govt. of India. Smt.K.Gayatri has released CD's titled "Tiruvadi Saranam", "Tiruppavai" and preseted a thematic concert on "Abhayamba kritis of Muthuswamy Dikshithar".

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Date	Start Time	Artist	Ticket Price
Monday, Nov 25 th 2013	6.00 - 7.30pm	Dr. M.NARMADHA <i>Violin</i>	Free
Tuesday, Nov 26 th 2013	6.00 - 7.30pm	Sri. RAKESH RAGHUNATHAN <i>Vocalist</i>	Free
Wednesday, Nov 27 th 2013	6.00 - 7.30pm	Sri. T. DHANASEKARAN <i>Saxophone</i>	Free
Thursday, Nov 28 th 2013	6.00 - 7.30pm	Sri. T.GIRISH <i>Vocalist</i>	Free
Friday, Nov 29 th 2013	6.00 - 7.30pm	Sri. RITHVIK RAJA <i>Vocalist</i>	Free
Saturday, Nov 30 th 2013	6.00 - 7.30pm	Smt. K.GAYATRI <i>Vocalist</i>	Free

VENUE :

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