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**MUSIC CONCERT SERIES 2014**



## About RMT Samskruti

RMT Samskruti (<http://rmtsamskruti.com>) is an initiative, started by the members of the RMT Trust, to bring cultural programmes to the OMR area. The 2014 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.** 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 2014 Festival (Nov 24th - 29th, 2014)



**Sri Sandeep Narayanan**  
Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> 2014 (6.00pm)

**Sri Sandeep Narayan** trained in 1996 under Late Sri Calcutta K.S. Krishnamurthy and since 1999 is a senior disciple of Sri Sanjay Subrahmanyam. Sri Sandeep is hailed as the first US born & raised musician to move to India to take up music as a full-time career. Sri Sandeep has won numerous awards including Best Concert Award, The Music Academy Madras in 2011 & 2013, Dr. Chitra S. Narayanaswamy Centenary Trust Award in 2013, Yuva Kala Bharathi in 2013, Best Vocalist Award, The Music Academy Madras in 2012, Youth Excellence Award, Maharajapuram Vishwanatha Iyer Trust in 2012, Global Indian Music Academy (GIMA) Award nomination for debut album "Paramashiva" in 2011, Best Male Vocalist Award, Maithreem Bhajatha TV Series, Shankara TV in 2011, Yegnaraman Endowment Prize, Sri Krishna Gana Sabha in 2011, "A" Grade, AIR Chennai in 2010. Sri Sandeep has performed all over the world with many leading artists such as Dr. Umayalpuram K. Sivaraman and Sri T.H. "Vikku" Vinayakram. Sri Sandeep has guest lectured Carnegie Mellon University, UCSB, Cal-State Sacramento, and for the IB Programme. Sri Sandeep continues to conduct workshops around the world and is a visiting teacher of advanced music in the Sampradaya School of Music, Los Angeles, CA.

**Sri J.B.Sruthi Sagar** is a disciple of Dr.Sundar since 1999. Sri Sruthi Sagar had initial training on the Flute from Shri.B.V.Balasai and his father Shri.Sudarsana Rao. Sri Sruthi Sagar was awarded the Child Prodigy Award by Rotary Club in 1999, the Kuzhalisai Selvan award in 2006, the Yuva Kala Bharathi and Yuva Kala Vipanchi in 2010, the Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan's Cultural Award in 2012. Sri Sruthi Sagar is a recipient of the Central Govt. Scholarship ( CCRT) and is the recipient of Central Government's Young Achievers Scholarship from Aug 2011. Sri Sruthi Sagar won the All India Radio First prize in 2007, the Narayani Ammal Gold Medal for the Best Upcoming Instrumentalist in 2012 amongst many other prizes. Sri Sruthi Sagar is an AIR B High artist and has accompanied his Guru's three cassette productions – " Paamaalai".



**Sri. J. B Sruthi Sagar**  
Tuesday November 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 (6.00pm)

Sri Sruthi Sagar represented the country and played at the Olympics Games Village, London, in 2012. Sri Sruthi Sagar has been featured in Doordarshan program "Pudu punal" and "Nambikkai Nakshatirangal", Star Vijay TV in "Sangeetha Sangamam" and performed at the Guruvayur Ekadasi festival in 2012 and Kuthiaramaalgai festival in Trivandrum in 2013. Sri Sruthi Sagar has regularly featured in Sankara TV's Maithreem Bhajatha teleserial done by Guru Dr.Sundar.



**Sri. Srikanth Gopalakrishnan**  
Wednesday November 26<sup>th</sup> 2014 (6.00pm)

**Sri G.Srikanth** learnt Carnatic Music from his mother, Smt. Leelavathy Gopalakrishnan, from childhood. Sri G.Srikanth underwent advanced training from Sri T. M. Thyagarajan and Sri O. S. Thyagarajan. Sri Srikanth holds a Masters Degree in Indian Music from Univ. of Madras and is an "A" Grade Artiste in Classical Carnatic Music in AIR, Chennai. He is the recipient of Youth Excellence Award from Rotary Club Chennai West in 2004, Gana Kala Bhaskara in 2008, Sangeetha Kala Saarathy and Gandharava Gana Kala Sundaram in 2011. Sri G.Srikanth has composed tunes for over 300 Devarnamas of various Haridasas and released devotional albums named "KRISHNA" and "DEEPAAGAVAL" His albums "SIDDHI VINAYAKAM" and "TRIBUTE TO DOYENS" were released by The Music Syndicate, Chennai.

Sri G.Srikanth has discovered few ragas, viz., SRIKARA, SUDHA PARIMALA, AATHMIKA etc. and has released an educational CD on the MELAKARTA SYSTEM as well as two CD's containing songs on H H Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam Sri ChandraShekharendra Saraswathi Mahaswamigal in 2007. Sri G.Srikanth is conducting a School of Music, "MADHURA DHWANI" wherein over 300 students are trained in Classical Carnatic Music. Sri G.Srikanth worked as the Head Master of Govt. Music School at Tuticorin and Thirunelveli from June 2000-2005 and has conducted many workshops on rare compositions, Annamayya compositions and Haridasara Devaranama.



**Kum. Anjani**

Thursday November 27<sup>th</sup> 2014 (6.00pm)

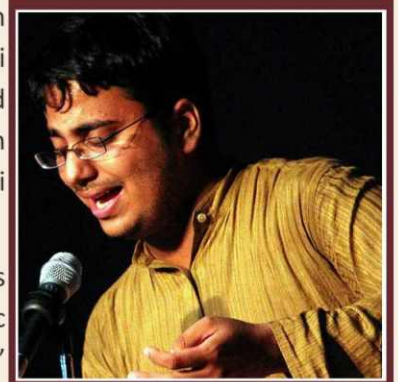
Both **Kum. Anjani & Kum.Aswini**, sisters, are child prodigies who started their career in the field of Veena & Mridangam instruments respectively during the year 2005 at the tender age of 8 & 6. Till date they have given hundreds of performances in reputed sabhas and institutions all over India. After being identified by Shri Ramjhi, Kum. S.Anjani started learning her advanced studies in Veena under Smt. Kamala Aswatthama, mother of Smt.E.Gayathri.

Kum. Anjani won the Reliance Mobile Ilayaragam Award in January 2007, the Valayapatti Kashyap Child artist award in Dec 2007, the Child Prodigy award of Rotaract & Rotary club of East Coast & Hindu college in 2009, Smt Lalitha Padmanaban Veena Junior Artist Award in 2010, the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in Junior Artists Group organized by Mylapore Fine Arts, Chennai, 1<sup>st</sup>Prize in the Annual Competition during December 2007 by International Society for Laya Awareness, Chennai. Kum. Anjani presented the "Nalaya Nakshathirangal" Carnatic Instrumental music album released in Chennai during December 2010 by

Sri P.S.Narayanaswamy, Sri Rajesh Vaidhya & Smt. Charulatha Mani.

**Sri Bharat Sundar** is presently under the tutelage of Vidwan Sri.P.S.Narayanaswamy. For more than a decade he was trained by Mrs. Leelavathi Gopalakrishnan and Sri G Srikanth, s/o Mrs.Leelavathi Gopalakrishnan. Sri Bharat Sundar had special training in Pallavi from Sri.J.Venkatraman and Sri.Srimushnam Rajarao. Sri Bharat Sundar was awarded the Yuvakala Barathi - Bharat Kalachar in year 2009, Balakalaratna in 2008 and Yuva Kala Vipanchee in 2007, Bala Bhaskara in 2005, Isai Chudar in 2010. Sri Bharat Sundar was the Bru Canatic Music Idol 2010 by Jaya TV in 2010.

Sri Bharat Sundar won the All India Radio Carnatic and devotional music competitions and was awarded 'B Grade' artist and is the recipient of the CCRT Scholarship by Govt. of India and a carnatic music scholarship by Sri Krishna Gana Sabha in 2008. Sri Bharat Sundar joined "Issai Mazhalai" troupe of Sri.Abhaswaram Ramjhi exclusively for children up to the age of 15. Sri Bharat Sundar has performed in various leading Sabhas & organizations all across India as well as in many countries abroad.



**Sri. Bharath Sundar**

Friday November 28<sup>th</sup> 2014 (6.00pm)



**Smt. Nisha Rajagopal**

Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup> 2014 (6.00pm)

**Smt. Nisha P Rajagopal**, one of the most popular vocalists in Carnatic Music today, commenced her training with her mother, Smt. Vasundhra Rajagopal, while residing in Toronto, Canada. In 1995, Smt Nisha Rajagopal shifted to Chennai and trained with Sri T. R. Subramanyam. Smt Nisha Rajagopal also had the opportunity to benefit from the guidance of Late Sri Calcutta Krishnamurti and is currently training with Sri P. S. Narayanaswamy and Smt. Suguna Varadachari. Smt. Nisha Rajagopal has performed in all the major Sabhas across India as well as various countries abroad.

Smt. Nisha Rajagopal has won numerous awards and prizes including the Isai - Peroli from Kartik Fine Arts in 2013, the Kalki Krishnamurthi Memorial Award in 2012, The Hindu Saregama M S Subbulakshmi Award in 2011, the Outstanding Lady Vocalist award in 2008 & 2009 from The Music Academy Madras, the Sri Krishna Gana Sabha Endowment Prize in 2008, the Yuva Kala Bharathi in

2007, the 'Gana Kala Vipanchee in 2007, the Shri B. Natarajan Endowment Award in 2006, the Dr. M.L Vasanthakumari Endowment (CMANA Award) in 2005, the Shri B. Natarajan Endowment Award in 2004, the D. K. Pattammal Award of Excellence in December 2004, the Award for Vocalist under 25 (instituted by CMANA, USA) in 2003, the Indian Fine Arts Society - Best Junior Lady Vocalist in 2003, the Sri Parthasarathy Swami Sabha Best Concert in 2003. Smt. Nisha Rajagopal has been part of two theatre productions 'Sarpa Sutra' and 'Yashodara' and is an 'A' Grade artist of the AIR. Smt Nisha Rajagopal has won the Department of Culture Senior Scholarship for Advanced Training in Music, 2000, the Bharat Kalachar Scholarship for Carnatic Music from 1995-1998 and the CCRT Scholarship of the Govt. of India since 1992.

# PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Date	Start Time	Artist	Ticket Price
Monday, Nov 24 <sup>th</sup> 2014	6.00 - 7.30pm	Sri. Sandeep Narayanan <i>Vocalist</i>	Free
Tuesday, Nov 25 <sup>th</sup> 2014	6.00 - 7.30pm	Sri. J. B Sruthi Sagar <i>Flautist</i>	Free
Wednesday, Nov 26 <sup>th</sup> 2014	6.00 - 7.30pm	Sri. Srikanth Gopalakrishnan <i>Vocalist</i>	Free
Thursday, Nov 27 <sup>th</sup> 2014	6.00 - 7.30pm	Kum. Anjani <i>Vainika</i>	Free
Friday, Nov 28 <sup>th</sup> 2014	6.00 - 7.30pm	Sri. Bharath Sundar <i>Vocalist</i>	Free
Saturday, Nov 29 <sup>th</sup> 2014	6.00 - 7.30pm	Smt. Nisha Rajagopal <i>Vocalist</i>	Free

## VENUE :

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