

**Upcoming Program:**

**Navarathri Celebrations**

**Date : Saturday 3 Oct 2009**  
**Time: 5.30 pm**

**Special Children's Golu:**

**Time : 5.30 pm to 6.00 pm**

**Devi Krithi Group Renditions:**

**Time: 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm**

**Aarathi and Prasadam:**

**Time : 8.30 pm to 9.00 pm**

**Please visit the website for details of Program.**

**SMC Organisers 2009/10**

Mrs Chitra & Mr Krishnamurthy  
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Mrs Priya & Mr Subramanyan  
Mrs Usha & Mr Janakiraman

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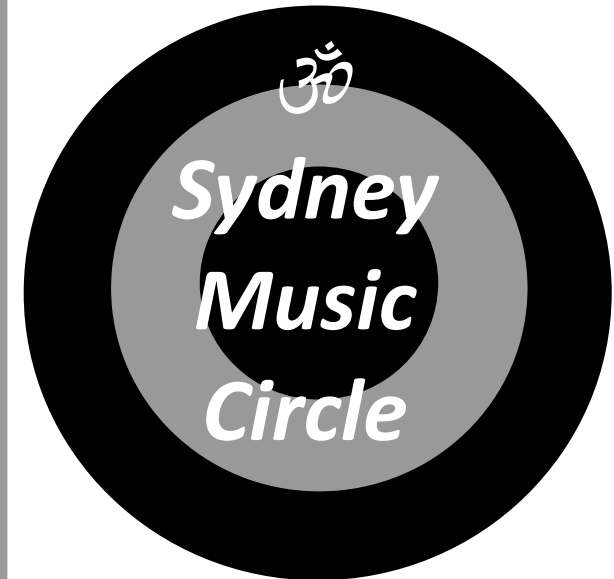
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**Dundas Community Centre**

**29 August 2009**

# 29 August 2009 - Performers' Profiles

## 1st Concert

### Dr. Usha Sridhar

Dr Usha Sridhar was initiated into classical music by her father Dr Malapaka Sriramachandra Murthy at an early age and learnt veena from Sri Sishtu Sreeraama Sastry, Ms B Ananda Rajyalakshmi and Ms Gandham Srilatha, all A Grade artistes in All India Radio. She won many prizes in music competitions conducted by Vijaya Sankara Sangeetha Kalasala in Rajahmundry.

Usha has performed in Thyagaraja and Purandara Dasa Aradhanas, GIV Series concerts and various cultural functions of Sydney Telugu Association. Usha is also a Telugu broadcaster for MCRA for the last 12 years and contributes articles to STA newsletter Vahini and Indian Link regularly.

An MSc. in Applied Maths, Dr. Usha Sridhar received her PhD in 1990 while working at Andhra University Engineering College as Lecturer in Computer Science and won many gold medals including the prestigious Sripathi Gold Medal in 1983. She was the recipient of the CSIR and the UGC Fellowships for research.. After migrating to Australia, Dr.Usha Sridhar was awarded a PhD in Neural Networks in 2001 from Sydney University's School of Mathematics. Between 2002 and 2008 Dr. Usha Sridhar worked as an Actuarial Analyst in MMC and is currently teaching at the Department of Math Sciences, UTS.

## 2nd Concert:

### Smt Lakshmi Narendra

Smt Lakshmi Narendra hails from a family of musicians, her mother Mrs Ammula Satyavathi is a well known Violin Artist and her grand father late Dr Ammula Viswanatham Bhagavathar was a great Harikatha Vidhwan. Smt Lakshmi Narendra is a disciple of Sri V.S.Anantha Rao a well known Artist, later she took training from the Veena Maestro the late Sri Chittibabu.

She is an All India Radio Artist of Hyderabad & Bangalore in Veena classical & vocal light Music and among her notable achievements are:

- Many public performances (light classical vocal and classical veena) in Hyderabad, Bangalore in India, Lagos in Nigeria and in Sydney.
- Received famous film director Sri K.Viswanath's gold medal in 1985 for best performance in veena.
- Received well known music director Shri Ilayaraja's Award in 1986 for best performance in film music competition.
- Received award from ex Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh late Sri N. T. Rama Rao.
- Given many studio recordings in India and in Sydney. Accompanied many leading classical vocal artistes from India and Sydney on Veena.
- Performed in many arangetrams in Sydney & Melbourne.

Smt. Lakshmi Narendra is a Commerce Graduate from Osmania University, Hyderabad and holds a Diploma in Carnatic Music both in vocal & in Veena, Commissioner of Government Exams, Hyderabad. Her husband Mr Narendra Rao's is a great source of encouragement for her.

### Chi.Janakan Sudandirarajan - Mrudangam

Janakan was initiated into Carnatic music at a tender age under the guidance of his father Sri R.Sudandirarajan. In 2000 he learnt under the tutelage of Mrudanga Virtuoso Sri Ravi M.Ravichandhira in Melbourne. Janakan had also attended classes from Maestro Kaariakkudi R.Mani.

Janakan currently learns under the tutelage of Mrudangam Vidwan Melakaverri K.Balaji. In 2003 Janakan had accompanied flute legend Dr N Ramani in a full concert in Sydney along with T.Ramani and A.G.A Gnanasundaram. Janakan has also accompanied many local and International artists including: Violin Kanyakumari, E.Kannan, Ghatam Karthik (Heartbeat), Rajesh Vaidhya, Pon Sundaralingam and Professor Venkatraman.

Janakan has performed across all states in Australia and also in Singapore, London and the U.S. He is an accompanist for many Sydney music circle programs as well as a regular exponent for Dance Arangetrams.