

## Today's Program: (Vocal)

**Date:** Saturday 28th Nov 2009  
**Student Concert:** Mr Abhinav Rajkumar  
**Time:** 5 .00 pm - 6 .00 pm

**Main Concert:** Mrs Ramya Narasimhan  
**Time:** 6.15 pm -8.30 pm

## Dec 09 Program:

### MARGAZHI MUSIC FESTIVAL 2009

SMC is happy to announce 'Margazhi Music Festival' in Sydney. The objective of the Margazhi Music Festival is specifically to provide young talents of Sydney yet another opportunity to showcase their skills and gain valuable concert experience.

**Date:** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2009  
**Venue:** Dundas Community Centre, Dundas  
**Time:** 4.15 pm onwards

**Artistes :** Ms. Abhirami Kannan  
Ms. Namrata Pulapaka  
Mr. Praveen Narayanan

### 2010 Thyagaraja Utsavam :

**Venue:** Dundas Community Centre  
**Dates :** Sat 27th Feb 2010  
Sun 28th Feb 2010

#### Information:

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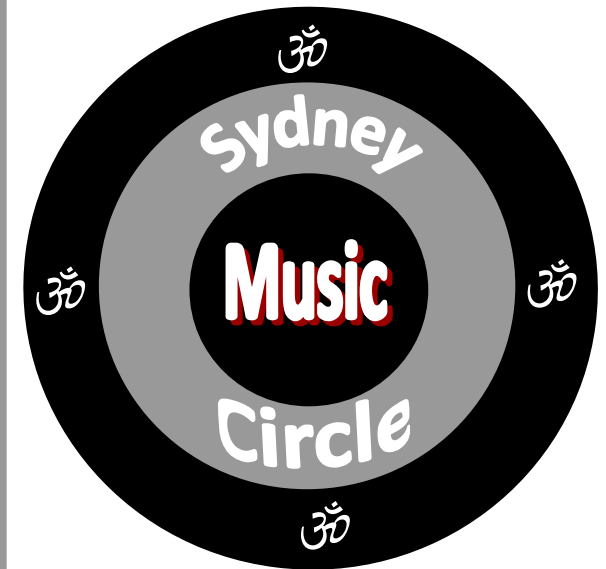
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**Dundas Community Centre  
28th November 2009**

# 28 November 2009 - Performers' Profiles

## **Student Concert**

### **Mr Abhinav Rajkumar - Vocal**

Abhinav Rajkumar is a keen student of music who has been learning Carnatic Music from Dr M S Ramanathan for the past 10 years, and began learning music from Smt. Radha Kalyan in 1995. He has often participated in group musical performances for occasions such as the Annual Thyagaraja Aaradhana and Swati Thirunal celebrations. Abhinav has just completed his 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a Bachelor of Medical Science degree at the University of New South Wales, and is a keen sports enthusiast.

### **Sanjay Ramaswamy - Violin**

Sanjay Ramaswamy has been learning violin from Sri Balaji Jagannathan for the last 8 years. He along with his brother Dilip are regular participants in SMC Programmes and in the Annual Thyagaraja Aradhana. He also learns vocal music from Dr. M.S Ramanathan. He is currently a Year 12 student at Trinity Grammar School and enjoys playing Cricket and Tennis.

### **Ramesh Harichandran—Mrudangam**

Ramesh first started learning mrudangam under the tutelage of Sri.R.Suthanthiraraj in 1995. He has since participated in numerous musical events which span across student shows for Ghana Layam,cultural events, SMC - Thyagaraja Aaradhana and Swati Thirunal celebrations, encompassing accompaniment for vocalists, flute and numerous east/west fusion programs. He is presently learning carnatic vocal music under Smt Bhavani Govindan.

## **Main Concert:**

### **Mrs Ramya Narasimhan**

Ramya Narasimhan started learning music at an early age from Smt Sarasa Vaidhyathan in Mumbai and then from Smt Padmini Ravi. She further trained under Shri R.Thiagarajan, an A Grade artiste of All India Radio and a disciple of Shri Trichy Swaminatha Iyer.

Following that she came under the guidance of Shri V Vamanan, an A Grade Artiste of All India Radio and a disciple of Shri Pallavur Mani Iyer and Thanjavur Shankara Iyer.

She is currently training under renowned veteran musician and musicologist , Sangitha Kala Archarya Kalaimani Prof Shri S R Janakiraman.

Ramya has won several prizes from various prestigious institutions and has performed at various sabhas in Mumbai , Pune and Chennai.

## **Shri. Balaji Jagannadhan– Violin**

Balaji hails from Jamshedpur, India, and learnt vocal and instrumental music from Bangalore Smt R Thangammal, a disciple of Vidwan Sri R R Keshavamurthy. Balaji is a regular performer at SMC, having accompanied all leading vocalists in Sydney. He is a keen enthusiast of both Carnatic and Hindustani music.

## **Chi. Bala Sankar - Mrudangam**

After Initially learning tabla for a number of years with Sri Niranjan Deodar, Bala studied mrudangam under Sri. Vallish Herur. He had advanced training from the late Sri Kumbakonam Rajappa Iyer and Sri K. R. Ganesh and performed his formal arangetram accompanying Sri T.M. Krishna in 2004. Bala has since played at prestigious music festivals in Chennai and Cleveland. A sought after percussionist, Bala regularly plays for dance programs and is now teaching young students.