

Theme for October programme

As all of us know, Navarathri is a nine day celebration for Devi. For the last two years Sydney Music Circle has been celebrating Navarathri with a theme in praise of Goddess Kamakshi in the monthly program on October. This year the songs of Shyama Sastri have been chosen which are in praise of Goddess Meenakshi of Madurai. Some of Shyama Sastri songs will be rendered in groups.

25th Anniversary of SMC

The 25th Silver Jubilee of SMC will be celebrated over 2 days on 25th and 26th April 2009. The event is planned to be used partially as a fund raising opportunity for SMC. Please block your calendar and stay tuned for details of some exciting programs. We will need many volunteers to make this program a success and will approach each of you for assistance.

The structure for the 25th Anniversary celebrations will be focused on presenting events of significant interest to the Carnatic Music Community and celebrate the land mark.

More information to follow...soon!!!

What's Coming up?

Program	Venue
25 October , Saturday 5 PM Special programme based on Shyama Sastri rendered by many artistes	Dundas Community Centre
29 November Saturday , 5 PM Concert 1 5 Pm to 6.30pm Smt Raji Ramachandran Concert 2 6.30 pm to 9.30pm Smt Lavanya Sampath	Dundas Community Centre
Feb 28th and March 1st 2009 (Sat & Sun) Thyagaraja Aradhana	Dundas Community Centre
25th and 26th April 09 25th Anniversary celebration of SMC!!	TBA

Programs are subject to change. Our web page has the most current details.

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Dundas Community Centre
28 September 2008

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28 Sep 08 Performers' Profiles

Students' Program- Guru Vandanam

Chi.Nirmal Ayyar – vocal

Disciple of Smt.Prema Ananthakrishnan

Nirmal Ayyar is a disciple of Smt. Prema Ananthakrishnan and Smt. Uma Ayyar. In mrudangam he is a disciple of Sri Suthanthiraraj and Sri Bala Shankar. He has played mrudangam for SMC Thyagaraja festival and Swathithirunal festival. He is currently doing Degree at UTS in Business and IT.

Chi.Sanjay Ramaswami – violin

Sanjay Ramaswamy has been learning violin from Sri Balaji Jagannathan for the last 6 years. He along with his brother Dilip are regular participants in SMC Programmes and in the Annual Thyagaraja Aradhanai. He learns vocal music from Dr. M.S Ramanathan. He is a Year 10 student at Trinity Grammar School and enjoys playing Cricket and Tennis

Sri Bala Sankar - mrudangam

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Senior artiste program

Smt Uma Ayyar - vocal

Uma Ayyar had her initial training in music from her grandmother at the age of 8 and then from Shri. Shencotta Narayanan, a disciple of Shri Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer. She also had training from Shri Vechoor Harihara Subramanya Iyer and later from Shri. J. Venkatraman of Trichy. She is a Gold Medalist for her Masters Degree in Music from Kerala University. She served as Assistant Professor of Music in Seetha Lakshmi Ramaswamy College in Trichy. She was a B Grade artist in AIR Trichy and AIR Trivandrum. She has performed numerous music radio programs in India. Uma has given both carnatic as well as light music concerts in Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne on behalf of various cultural, religious and charity organizations. She is one of the founding members of Sydney Music Circle and is very active in it for the past 23 years. Uma with her team organizes Swathi Thirunal Music Festival in Sydney every year.

Chi. Shyam Balasubramanian- mrudangam

Shyam began his training in vocal music at a young age from his mother Smt Shantha Balasubramanian. He trained in mrudangam under Sri Karaikudi Chandramouli and Sri S. Shankaranarayanan in Mumbai. He was won numerous prizes for mrudangam and has represented Mumbai in the State Level Youth Festival in mrudangam. Shyam has accompanied senior artstites such as Smt Aruna Sairam and Palakkad Shri Anantharaman Bhagavathar and has performed at various major venues in Mumbai and Chennai. He has also accompanied for several dance programs. Shyam was inspired to learn the kanjira through his association with the late maestro Sri G. Harishankar

Sri Bala Sankar - kanjira

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 imparts his knowledge to a number of young students.

Sri Mohan Ayyar - synthesizer

Brought up in Sydney, Mohan is a well-known musician who has developed his own technique to bring out the subtle nuances of Carnatic music on this Western instrument. Mohan has received training in vocal music under Smt Prema Anantakrishnan and Smt Hemalatha Ganesan. Over the last 20 years, he has been giving solo performances across Australia and has also accompanied a number of local and visiting artistes. Recently, Mohan has composed music for a number of dance dramas such as Prakriti and Yatra. He also teaches music and organises concerts under the auspices of Pallavi. Mohan is currently pursuing a PhD in Indian music at Macquarie University. He also teaches keyboard to a number of students. He has a popular music web page at www.carnaticcorner.com

Other carnatic music events

November 2008- GIV Series

2008 GIVseries is scheduled for 15.11.2008. This year's event is dedicated to Sri Mysore Vasudevacharyaru and Sri Koteeshwara Iyer. The function will be held at Homebush Boys High School from 4 Pm to 7Pm. Please visit www.carnatic.has.it for additional details or contact Smt Radha Giridhar on (02) 9746 7264 for all details