



PRASHANT VISWANATHAN
Mridangam

Prashant commenced his Mridangam training under Sri Gana Ganapathy's tutelage. Prashant continued his mridangam and Kanjira training under Sri. Ganapathy until December 2011. Prashant commenced his Carnatic vocal training with Smt. Raji Gopalakrishnan in 2002. Prashant performed his debut Carnatic vocal concert in 2007 and has been performing regularly since then. In addition to music, Prashant enjoys all kinds of sports, with a passion for cricket and lawn tennis. Prashant has an undergraduate degree in Systems Design Engineering from the University of Waterloo and is currently working as a Software Engineer in Toronto.



NITHARSHAN KANESHAIAH
Mridangam

Nitharshan began his career at the age of 6 under the guidance of Dr. Gowrishankar Balachandran. Under his guru's guidance, he was able to learn the complexities of thalam, really awakening his passion for mridangam. He has completed six grades in mridangam and is going to do his teacher's examination this year. He has also had the opportunity of learning how to play the kanjira and the morsing from Shri. Nagarajan Shanmugalingam. He has finished up till grade 3 in Vocal under the guidance of Shri. Mohan Thiruchelvam. He is also currently learning Flute from Ms. Ajanthy Mathanakaran. Currently Nitharshan is pursuing his Bachelor's degree in Design at OCAD University, with plans to start his own advertising agency.

SAVECA MUSIC ACADEMY
MINI CONCERT SERIES

SAVECA started organizing music concert series in 2012 to provide an opportunity for member students who have attained adequate training to be able to perform concerts in front of other students and families, in preparation for their full-fledged performance to a larger audience. Concert Series I and II were presented by Thakshana, Abhinav, Archana and Sumant in 2012.

These concerts are entirely funded by the contributions made by students and families only. The SAVECA committee tries to organize and execute these concerts on behalf of the students, keeping the logistics and costs as low as possible. We thank all the students who have contributed thus far and based on feedback received from students, we hope to continue this in the years to come.

CANADA DAY CONCERTS

Canada Day concerts are funded by the Canadian Heritage to promote and encourage diverse culture in the local community. SAVECA has been organizing Canada Day concerts since 2011 to motivate emerging musicians to continue concert performance on stage, thus enhancing their professional development in this field. Concerts under this category have been performed by Prashant, Vaaraki, Meenuja, Srinidhi and Myuran who have all presented their debut concerts under the guidance of Smt. Raji Gopalakrishnan.

ANNUAL DAY EVENT

Annual Day event marks the culmination of the yearly workshop, providing a forum for students who have undertaken vigorous training over the summer from their guru, Smt. Raji Gopalakrishnan, to present their skills on stage. Each student presents a 5 to 20 min song (depending on their level of training). Nominal contributions from students, donations from well-wishers as well as SAVECA funds are utilized to organize this event.

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SAVECA Canada/SAVECA MUSIC ACADEMY

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CARNATIC VOCAL CONCERTS

by

**Arjun Nagarajan and
Nivetha Kaneshiah**

Disciples of Suswara Sukhalaya Swara Raaga Saraswathi
Smt. Raji Gopalakrishnan

With

Shivaani Shanawaz on Violin

and

**Prashant Viswanathan & Nitharshan
Kaneshiah on Mridangam**

MONDAY AUGUST 5th, 2013
SHRI SIDDHI VINAYAK MANDIR
Mississauga

Mini Concert Series III - Concerts 1&2 (2013)
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ARJUN NAGARAJAN - Vocal

Arjun comes from a musical family and was exposed to music from a very early age. Arjun started his initial training in Carnatic music under Smt. Sandhya Srivatsan. Since 2009, Arjun has been attending SAVECA music workshops and receiving advanced musical training from Smt. Raji Gopalakrishnan.

Arjun has given several concerts in and around the GTA. He has also been a regular participant at the BKM Thyagaraja Aradhana and Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana. In April 2013, Arjun won a special prize in the "Kalpana Swaram" category for senior students at the Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana. Arjun also learns western classical, blues and pop instrumental music from Mr. Karthik Ramalingam. Arjun has completed Grade 4 in Piano with the London College of Music (LCM). Arjun enjoys Carnatic, Western and fusion genres of music.

Arjun Nagarajan currently attends the IBT program at Gordon Graydon Memorial Secondary School. He is going to Grade 12 in September 2013. Other than music, Arjun loves to workout, play American football and soccer. Arjun plays American Football with the Mississauga Warriors Club, and is currently working with the Ontario Provincial Soccer League as a referee. In his free time, Arjun likes to perform cover songs of some of his favourite music artists and post it on You Tube.



NIVETHA KANESHAIAH - Vocal

Nivetha began her tutelage in vocal music at the age of 3 under vocalist Malani Ponnuthurai. At the age of 10 Nivetha had begun receiving Carnatic Vocal training from vocalist Smt. Raji Gopalakrishnan. She has completed four vocal examinations conducted by Tamil Isai Kala Mandram. Nivetha has also taken part in several cultural and musical programs such as Thyagarajah festivals, and temples. Additionally, she is a grade 11 student studying at Middlefield collegiate Institute. As a hobby, Nivetha enjoys art, dance and singing Tamil film music.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mini Concert Series IV - Concert 1 & 2 - Aug 10th (Saturday) @ Shri Siddhi Vinayak Mandir

Carnatic Vocal Arangetram - Aug 18th (Sunday) @ Yorkwoods Theatre

SAVECA Annual Day - Aug 24th (Saturday) @ Yorkwoods Theatre (Please arrive by 10 am)



SHIVAANI SHANAWAZ Violin

Shivaani has been learning Violin from Sangeetha Vidwan Smt. Thanathevy Mithradeva for the last 11 years. She did her Violin Arangetram in 2011 by accompanying Papanasam Sri Ashok Ramani. She has held workshops at AGO (Art Gallery of Ontario). She has participated as accompanying violinist in in Dance (Toronto based Dance Company led by Hari Krishnan). She has also accompanied the Whistle Wizard Sri Siva Prasad, and many young artists.



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Sankara Vedic Culture and Arts Inc., a not-for-profit organization, has been organizing vocal carnatic music workshops for the benefit of music students in and around Toronto since 2004. Services offered include vocal carnatic music workshops (in summer) as well as Vedic services. Vocal carnatic music workshops are conducted by Suswara Sukhalaya, Swara Raaga Saraswathi Smt. Raji Gopalakrishnan, an A-grade artist in India, who has won several prestigious awards in India and abroad for her contribution to music.