

SRIPARAN YOGANATHAN- MrIdangam



Sriparan Yoganathan began his career under the tutelage of Dr. Gowrishankar Balachandran. Under his guru's guidance, he had been able to learn the intricacies of thalam, truly igniting his passion for MrIdangam. It was through his guru that Sriparan had the privilege to learn under the world renowned Kalaimamani Thiruvarur Bakthavatsalam.

Having been trained by MrIdangists of such high caliber, has allowed him to excel as an artist in the field of Carnatic music.

At a young age, Sriparan received awards in the Cleveland competitions where he had the opportunity to perform in front of many prominent artists. In September 2007, he gave his debut performance accompanying Maharajapuram Srinivasan, Mysore Srikant on violin and Adambakam Shankar on ghatam.

Sriparan regularly accompanies many local talents as well as artists from abroad including, Vittal Ramamurthy, VVS Murari and Maharajapuram Ganesh Vishwanathan. He was even fortunate enough to have performed alongside his guru, Tiruvarur Bakthavatsalam, accompanying Ramakrishnan Murthy with Delhi Sundar Rajan on violin.

Currently Sriparan is pursuing his Bachelor's in Mechatronics Engineering at McMaster University, with plans to join a research initiative in the field of prosthetics.

Sankara Vedic Culture and Arts Inc., a not-for-profit organization, has been organizing carnatic music workshops for the benefit of music students in and around Toronto since 2004. Carnatic workshops are conducted by Suswara Sukhalaya, Swara Raaga Saraswathi Smt. Raji Gopalakrishnan (performing artist), an A-grade artist in AIR, Chennai, India, who has won several prestigious awards in India and abroad for her contribution to music. If you wish to register for future workshops, please submit an online registration form by visiting our website www.saveca.ca.

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Debut Concert

By Abhinav Narayanan – Aug 18, 2013

(At Yorkwoods Theatre)

SAVECA's 10th Annual Day – Aug 24, 2013

(At Yorkwoods Theatre)



Smt. Raji Gopalakrishnan with students before Guru Vandhana Presentation. Students who have performed debut concerts since 2007: *Prashant, Vaaraki, Srinidhi, Meenuja, Myuran, Abhishek Vaidyanathan, Abhishek Iyer*. Mini Concerts have been presented by *Abhinav, Thakshana, Archana and Sumant*.

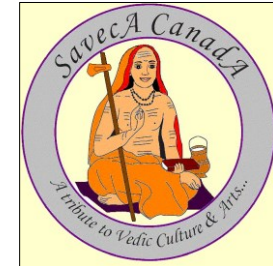


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With

Maiyuran Gireedharan (Violin)
Sriparan Yoganathan (Mridangam)

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MYURAN THANANJEVAN - Vocal

Myuran began his tutelage in vocal music at the age of 6 under dancer, scholar and vocalist, Dr. Alakananda Nath. At the age of 10, he began to receive advanced training from eminent vocalist Smt. Raji Gopalakrishnan. Under her guidance, he successfully completed his debut concert in 2010. Myuran has participated in several cultural and musical programs in the GTA and elsewhere, such as the BKM Tyagaraja Festival, Kondattam, Taste of Asia, Pongal Vizha and Nurture Your Dream, to name a few. Recently, he was awarded the title of "Sangeetha Kalajyothi" from Sri Varasiththi Vinaayagar Hindu Temple. Additionally, he has also been learning mridangam for 10 years under Shri Gowrishankar Balachandran, and violin for 7 years under Shri Jayadevan Nair. He has accompanied many local and international artists on both of these instruments. As a hobby, Myuran occasionally does playback and fusion singing, in which he has recorded songs for local and international albums. His song "Enna Kavi", was used in the local movie "Athikalai 26", in which he also made a cameo appearance for the song. Another song, "Geetham Neeeye", was used in a local dance competition. Besides music, Myuran has also excelled in Taekwon-do, where he has won many medals and trophies, most notably a silver medal in the ITF Can-Am Taekwon-do Championships. Academically, Myuran is currently pursuing a degree in Chemical Engineering at Ryerson University.



PRASHANT VISWANATHAN - Vocal

Prashant's interest in music sparked at the age of 10 when he began singing Hindi and Tamil film songs. He performed with a local orchestra group for a few years.

During the summer of 2001, he commenced his Carnatic vocal music training with Smt. Raji Gopalakrishnan and has been participating in all summer workshops since then. Under his guru's guidance, Prashant performed his debut Carnatic vocal concert in 2007.

Prashant has also received Mridangam training under Sri Gana Ganapathy and continued his mridangam and Kanjira training under Sri. Ganapathy until December 2011. He has been rendering Mridangam support to young emerging vocal musicians.

In addition to music, Prashant enjoys all kinds of sports, with a passion for cricket, ping pong 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 at a start-up company in Toronto.



MAIYURAN GIREEDHARAN - Violin

Maiyuran is the disciple of Sangeetha Vidwan Smt. Thanathevy Mithradeva (Founder, Artistic Director of Sruti Laya Fine Arts Academy). He is also the son of Mridanga Vidwan Sri Gireedharan Satchithanandam - a well known Mridangam Artist in Canada. Maiyuran has completed his violin arangetram in July 2011 with great reviews. He also had the privilege of Sangeetha Kalanidhi Prof. Trichy Sankaran's presence as the chief guest for that occasion. He has completed the grade 6 exam conducted by Thamil Isai Kalaamanram of Ontario in vocal and violin. Maiyuran regularly performs for many arangetrams - including dance arangetrams. As a soloist and an accompanying artist, he has performed at many temples and organizations such the Art Gallery of Ontario, Geethavani Radio Station, TVI, Tamil One Canada, Thamil Isai Kalaamanram, University of Toronto, etc. In addition, he is an assistant teacher at Sruti Laya, teaching violin and vocal music to the junior students of the academy. Maiyuran has accompanied many artists including Isai Peroli Papanasam Ashok Ramani, Kalaimaamani Dr. Kulabhooshani Kalyanaraman, and many other local and international artists. He was also conferred the title "Sangeetha Kala Jyothi" from Sri Varasithi Vinaayagar Deivasthanam of Canada in acknowledgement of his accomplishment in the field of music.

Maiyuran has successfully finished grade 11. He will be attending grade 12 at Lester B. Pearson C.I.