

You are cordially invited to a *grand Carnatic music vocal concert* by

***Rudrapatnam Brothers (Vocal)***

***Mysore V. Srikanth (Violin)***

***Dr. P. K. Swaminathan (Mrudangam)***



***Sunday, October 19, 2003 at 3.00 PM***

*At "Bandhavya" the residence of*

***Mrs. Veena Mohan & Mr. Mohan Cadaba***

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***Suggested donation: \$10 and above per head***

**R. N. Thyagarajan** and **R. N. Tharanathan**, popularly known as the Rudrapatnam Brothers, hail from a family of reputed musicians, who are zealously keeping their tradition for 3 generations from Rudrapatnam, a sleepy village on the banks of the Cauvery river in Karnataka state, South India. Music was an integral part of the family along with Veda adhyayana, study of Sanskrit and agriculture. They are trained by their father Sri R.K. Narayanaswamy, a disciple of Sri Musiri Subramania Iyer and their uncle late Sri R.K.Venkatarama Sastri, violinist and a disciple of Sri Mysore T. Chowdiah. The brothers possess a chaste classical style and demonstrate excellence in rendering compositions. Clarity in Ragam, purity in Sruti, stability in Gamakas, and correctness in the articulation of the Sahitya characterize their highly style. Among vocal duets, they distinguish themselves especially for the exquisite manner in which their voices blend together.

**Srikanth Venkatraman**, disciple of Vidwan H.K. Narasimha Murthy of Mysore, started learning Violin at the age of 9 and gave full fledged concerts from his 15th year. Srikanth has gained rich experience by accompanying great stalwarts like Sangeetha Kalanidhi R.K Srikantan, Sangeetha Kalanidhi Dr.N.Ramani, Sangeetha Kalanidhi Dr M Balamurali Krishna, T.N Seshagopalan, T.V Shankaranarayanan, Dr K.J Jesudas, Mandolin U.Srinivas, Flute K.S.Gopalakrishnan, T.V. Gopalakrishnan, Chitravina Ravi Kiran, Trichur V.Ramachandran, Rudrapatnam Brothers, and others & received their appreciation.

**Dr. P. K. Swaminathan**, a senior disciple of Mrudangam Maestro *Padma Bhushan* Sangeetha Kalanidhi Sri Umayalpuram K. Sivaraman, is a highly sought after Mrudangam artist residing in Maryland. He has been praised for his pleasant 'naadha', vibrant embellishment of songs, accuracy in closely following the nattuvangam and the dancer's footwork. He has been accompanying dancers and musicians for over two decades. He has accompanied several renowned musicians from India, Padma Bhushan B. Rajam Iyer, Padma Bhushan Trichur V. Ramachandran, Sri T. K. Govinda Rao, Prof T. R. Subramanian, Charumathi Ramachandran, Papanasam Ashok Ramani, Neyveli R. Santhanagopalan, Sri T. V. Gopalakrishnan, Ravikiran, to name a few, as well as artists from USA. He has performed in the orchestra of several renowned Dancers/Gurus, Sri Swamimalai Rajarathnam, Sri Vempatti Chinna Sathyam, Smt Kamala, Sri Adayar K. Lakshman, Smt Saraswathi Sundaresan, to name a few, and their students, and in several dance dramas, in various styles of South Indian classical dance.

**Directions:** From Garden State Parkway Take Exit 131 and make a right on to 27 south. Make right at wood ave (BP/Amoco gas station on right). Go past Oak Tree Rd signal light and continue on Wood ave. At the next signal light make a left on new Dover rd. Make 2nd left on Darwin blvd after Methodist church. First house on the right is 571 Darwin blvd

**From 287: going south** - Take exit 3 towards new Durham ave (Red Roof inn on the right). Make right on to new Durham ave. At first light make right on to Talmadge road and go all the way until it meets Plainfield ave and make a left at the T-junction. Go past Oak Tree Rd and continue it becomes New Dover Rd. Go past Grove ave lights and continue for about a mile and make a right on Darwin blvd, before Methodist church. First house on the right is 571 Darwin blvd.

**Parking instructions.** Park anywhere on the street or park in the church parking lot in front of the house

**Dinner will be served after the concert**