



Concert @ CMANA Community Middle School, 95 Grovers Mill Road, Plainsboro NJ 08536 – Sikkil Gurucharan -Vocal , Sri Sanjeev Venkatramanan- Violin , N C Bharadwaj (Mridangam)

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Sikkil Gurucharan is a leading musician and a youth ambassador for Carnatic music. A prime time artist during the Chennai music season and a recipient of numerous awards including the prestigious Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar Award, Isai Peroli, Shanmukha Sironmani, a TOP grade recognition from All India Radio among many, Gurucharan has not only made a mark in the traditional concert paddhati style but also worked to broaden audience appeal by creating collaborative projects with world renowned musicians while

retaining the spirit of the art form. In 2015, Gurucharan received a Nehru-Fulbright Excellence Award, and was in residence at UC Davis between January and April 2015. He is also a visiting faculty at Florida International University for their Tamil and Tamilar Diaspora studies initiative. He is one of the artists who first toured with CMANA in the year 2007. On the cusp of our 50th year we are proud to feature him as part of our celebrations.

The album “Miles from India”, a collaborative effort, was nominated for the Best Contemporary Jazz Album at the 51st Grammy Awards. The magazine India Today featured him among 35 Game Changers under the age of 35 in India. The Tamil Nadu Government conferred its highest honour of Kalaimamani on Gurucharan in 2020. He has also been part of two feature films Sarvam Thaala Mayam and Putham Pudhu Kaalai.



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Sanjeev Venkataramanan



Sanjeev Venkataramanan, a disciple of Sangita Kalanidhi Kum. A. Kanyakumari, has been a performing Carnatic violinist since 1994. He performs at major sabhas in Chennai. Expanding into Western orchestration in 2015, he pioneered a unique blend of raga and orchestral textures, creating an instrumental repertoire for Carnatic music. His works include Mix and Match (2024), Lost in Harmony (award-winning short film), Balahamsa in Symphony, and Raindrops. He has released acclaimed violin albums and curated tribute DVDs. Recognized with the Yagnaraman Award (2016) and Shanmukha Sangeeth Shiromani Award (2014), Sanjeev continues to innovate in raga-based orchestration.

N C Bharadwaj



Embarking on his Mridangam journey at a tender age, N C Bharadwaj's musical path flourished through mentorships with Srivancheyam Sri S Gopalan and Nanganallur Sri R Sriram. Currently guided by Padma Vibhushan Mridangam Legend Dr. Umayalpuram Sri K Sivaraman, he holds an 'A Grade' Artiste title from All India Radio, Chennai. Acknowledged with titles like "Laya Vadya Praveena" from Kalalaya, USA, and the "Kalki Krishnamurthy Memorial" award,

Bharadwaj's remarkable career includes accolades such as the "Yuva Kala Bharathi" title and the "Best Mridangam Artiste" Award from the Madras Music Academy. His collaborative spirit shines through accompaniments with renowned artists and extensive tours across the globe, enriching the musical landscape.



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