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NEHTI YCEP Presents



A Carnatic Veena concert by

Guhan Venkataraman

accompanied by

Vignesh Venkataraman on Mridangam

Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 2:00 pm

At

Sri Lakshmi Temple

Guhan Venkataraman:

Guhan Venkataraman, 9th grader at Monta Vista High School, Cupertino, CA is a budding veena artist of the Karaikudi style, one of the most distinguished lineages in Carnatic music. He started learning Veena from his mother Smt. Lakshmi Venkataraman, a disciple of Smt. Ranganayaki Rajagopalan who is a direct disciple of the legendary Karaikudi Sri. Sambasiva Iyer. Last three summers Guhan travelled to India to receive advanced training from Smt. Ranganayaki Rajagopalan.

Guhan has given many concerts in the San Francisco Bay area under the auspices of several organizations, such as Nandalala Mission, Lotus, Sanatan Dharma Kendra, South India Fine Arts and Swaralahari (a local TV program). Recently Guhan visited Salt Lake City, Utah to give a special concert at the 2009 Utah Thyagaraja Festival. Guhan has participated in veena competitions at the Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana festival and has won the first place on "kriti" and "alapana" categories. He won a slot to perform in a concert at the 2009 Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana as part of their young talent search.

Vignesh Venkataraman:

Vignesh, a 11th grader at Monta Vista High School, Cupertino, CA is an mridangam artist hailing from Umalyalpuram Sri. K. Sivaraman's school. Vignesh was initiated into playing Mridangam by Sri. Anand Iyer (also from the same school). Last 5 summers, Vignesh travelled to India to undergo advanced training under the tutelage of Umalyalpuram Sri. K. Sivaraman.

Vignesh has accompanied various artists in San Francisco Bay Area concerts as well as concerts in Chennai India. This includes artists such as Sri Saketaraman (disciple of Lalgudi Sri Jayaraman), Sri. T.K. Govinda Rao, Sri Nagai Sriram (violinist), Smt Jayalakshmi Sekar (veena artist from Bangalore), Dr. Nishtala Krishaveni (veena artist from Visakhapatnam), Sri Hemmige Srivatsan (disciple of Sri KV Narayanaswamy) and Smt Asha Ramesh (disciple of Sri D.K.Jayaraman). He has given many performances organized by LOTUS, Nandalala Mission, Swaralahari (local TV program), South India Fine Arts and San Francisco Sangati Center. He was invited to give a special performance called "Laya Vinyasam" at the 2009 Utah Thyagaraja Festival. He has participated in San Francisco World Music Festival three years in a row. Vignesh has

participated in mridangam and vocal competitions at the Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana festival and has won several prizes in vocal and mridangam categories