



Sri Lakshmi Temple

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On the occasion of Diwali
Sri Lakshmi Temple
Presents

SRI KRISHNA MAHATHMIYAM

A thematic Veena concert by

Smt. Durga Krishnan

Accompanied By

Sri. Pravin Sitaram on Mridangam

on

Saturday, 18th October at 6:30 PM

at

Sri Lakshmi Temple Annex Hall

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Free Admission

About the Artists



Durga Krishnan is a graduate of Carnatic Music College of Madras, India. She holds the degree “Sangeetha Vidwan” – Scholar of Music and is also a certified teacher of Carnatic Music. She is also one of the primary disciples (student) of the legendary veena player the late Dr. Chittibabu. She has accompanied him on several of his CDs and LPs.

She is also a composer who has composed, arranged, directed and played music for several productions such as Sakunthalam, Ramayanam, Dasavatharam and Festivals of India by the dancer teachers in the local area. She has been performing solo concerts and also concerts with other artists in and around Boston and in many other cities in the USA and Canada. She has given numerous lecture demonstrations on Carnatic music and veena and their origin, history and development in several universities including Harvard and Tufts Universities and Berklee College of Music and also in Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. She is a very popular veena and vocal teacher in the Boston area and is committed to the promotion of the fine arts. Durga Krishnan had been learning under the guidance of Padmabhushan Sri Lalgudi G. Jayaraman. She teaches both veena and vocal at her house in Marlborough. Several of her students have won prizes at the Cleveland Thyagaraja festival and other competitions.



Dr. Pravin Sitaram hails from a family in Mumbai that is steeped in Carnatic music tradition. Introduced to mridangam at the age of 8, Pravin has learnt this art from his Guru, Shri P. S. Parameswaran - a disciple of the legendary Palghat T. S. Mani Iyer. He has also had some advanced training under Shri Palghat Raghu in Mumbai.

Pravin's sensitive and unobtrusive approach to mridangam accompaniment has been appreciated by one and all. Pravin has accompanied several artistes of outstanding caliber & repute the likes of whom include

Sangeetha Kalanidhi Dr. R. K. Srikantan, Sangeetha Kalanidhi Smt. R. Vedavalli, Violin maestros – Shri G. J. R. Krishnan, Lalgudi Smt. Vijayalakshmi & Shri Mysore Manjunath to name a few. Pravin has accompanied several visiting and local artistes in many concerts.

Pravin is a sought after teacher in the Boston area, teaching mridangam to several students over the past several years.