

CLASSICAL ARTS SOCIETY OF HOUSTON

Presents

Spring Festival 2018

May 12 and 13

(all events at MATCH – 3400, Main Street, Houston TX 77002)

Centenary Tribute to

The Queen of Bharatanatyam, T. Balasaraswathi

With Instrumental, Music and Dance Presentations

Ramana Balachandran – Veena Concert

Featured Dance Presentation – Rama Vaidyanathan & Ensemble
in VIVARTANA

Co-sponsored by SAMSKRITI



Unforgettable Abhinaya of Bala

Satyajit Ray's outstanding biopic on Balasaraswathi, shows Balamma, as she was popularly known, bringing Krishna to life through her evocative abhinaya as she performs to the lilting strains of Purandara Dasa's Yamuna Kalyani composition, Krishna nee Begane Baro.

It is impossible to separate the art of Bharatha Natyam from the iconic Balasaraswathi. She came from a family of brilliant musicians; her grandmother,

Veenai Dhanammal, mother Jayamma, who sang for her dance recitals, and her brothers T. Viswanathan and T. Ranganathan who accompanied her on the flute and mridangam respectively. She is the only dancer who had the distinction of being an excellent singer as well. She sang many of the padams even as she danced to them. Western dance experts like Martha Graham and Merce Cunningham admired the purity of her style and her ability to emote and transport her audience to a state of bliss.

Classical Arts Society takes great pride in paying tribute to the legendary Smt. Balasaraswathi with a performance by Rama Vaidyanathan on May 12, 2018, and with a Nrityanjali, an offering, by the outstanding dance teachers of Houston, on May 13, 2018. In addition, we present Devi Krithis, in honor of Mothers' Day led by Prema Bhat. The Spring Festival will conclude with a Veena Concert by the prodigy from Bangalore, Ramana Balachandran.



Saturday, May 12, 2018. 7:00 PM.

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7:00 PM –Welcome by Rathna Kumar and Prabha Bala



Two Worlds. One Stage.

Jointly Present

“Vivartana”

a presentation in Bharatanatyam that celebrates the power of dance
by the Mesmerizing Dancer

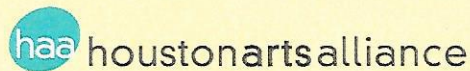
RamaVaidyanathan & Troupe



Vivartana is commissioned by NCPA Mumbai

National Sponsor: Daniel Phoenix Singh Dance Company

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Upcoming Samskriti Event:

Malladi Brothers in Concert, Friday, May 18, 2018, 7 PM

at The Anjali Center for Performing Arts

Sunday, May 13, 2018. 10:30 AM to 5:00 PM
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10:30 AM	Welcome Remarks- Anuradha Subramanian Brief Instrumental Opening Music by Manjula Rao, Deepa Ramachandran, Sastry Vedam, Vishal Setlur
10:45 AM	Centenary Celebrations of the Legendary T. Balasaraswati by Leading Houston Area Music & Dance Teachers Dancers: Rathna Kumar, Padmini Chari, Indrani Parthasarathy, Sunanda Nair, Lavanya Rajagopalan, Surabhi Veeraraghavan, Madhuri Mukhopadhyay, Lavanya Prabhu, Meenakshi Venkatraman. Musicians: Anuradha Subramanian, Geetha Radhakrishnan, Manjula Rao, Vishal Setlur.
12:30 to 1:30 PM	Lunch Break
1:30 to 2:00 PM	Emcee: Lakshmi Srivaths Houston Area Senior Musicians celebrating Mother's Day with Devi Kritis by Prema Bhat, Purnima Bhat, Neela Chakravarthy, Laxmi Vidyasagar, Jothi Venkatesan, Shriya Vaishnavi Alli, Satvika Parthasarathi, Shobhana Srikant, Accompanists: Manjula Rao, Naga Srinidhi Kuruvada Krithi, Raga, Tala, Composer: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sri Gayatri, Valachi, Adi, Sri Ogirala Veera Raghava Sarma(Sri JnananandaTheertha) 2. Kamalamba Na Chinthadeerchavamma, Kanada, Deshadi Sri Karur Dakshinamoorthi (Pedda Devudu) 3. Amba Sri Raja Rajeshwari, Bhogavasantha, Adi, Mysore Sri Jaya Chamaraja Wodeyar 4. Mavur Valam Peruga, Sindhubhairavi. Adi (Tishra Gathi), Muthaiah Bhagavathar



2:30 PM – 5:00 PM Grand Finale
Veena Concert by 16-year old
prodigy, Ramana Balachandran.
 Sumesh Narayanan – Mridangam,
 Abhishek Balakrishnan – Tambura.



Upcoming Classical Arts Events:

June 30, Asia Society - Panel Discussion and Demo, "Cultures Of Music in India, China and Indonesia"
Sept 8 & 9 - At The MATCH - CAS Fall Festival Featuring TM Krishna. More details to follow.

May 13, 2018 Lunch Catered by Madras Pavilion