



Soor Sanskar



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Raag-Rang Newsletter

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ABOUT RAAG-RANG

Director's Note

Welcome to our first newsletter! Raag-Rang is two and half year old organization. It was born with lots of hopes & dreams to promote Hindustani & Carnatic music in the community. And we are really happy to share with you that it has been running quite successfully so far. All these have been possible because of music lovers like you. Without your support, this would not have been possible. In every Raag-Rang concert, we start with a young musician (performance by young students) followed by an invited musician either from India or from here. For the young student performance, we encourage any form of music—Hindustani vocal or Carnatic vocal, any instrument or any form of classical dance - Kathak, Bharat Natyam or Kuchipudi, Odissi etc. We always look for the quality of the performance. Besides arranging other concerts, Raag-Rang also presents a concert named Kal Ke Kalakar once a year. The purpose of this concert is to promote young talent and generate interest in music among the younger generation. Our next Kal Ke Kalakar will be held in March 2011. Please contact us for further information if interested in participating.

Our first concert started on May 4th 2008. It started with Megha Nair's vocal recital (a young student performer), followed by Indrani Chakrabarty Khare's vocal rendition. Our featured presentation was a North-South Jugalbandi by Smt. Joya Biswas on Sitar with Anantha Krishnan on violin, Pt. Samir Chatterjee on tabla and Shree Suresh Ramachandran on mrudangam. This concert was dedicated to my Guruji Late Pt. V.G.Jog and was well received by the audience.

Raag-Rang's 2nd concert was in November with Steve Gorn's wonderful Flute performance. Student performer was Smt. Girija Iyer. We had our first Lecture-Demonstration on 29th March, 2009 with Shree Kedar Naphade on harmonium. On June 13th 2009, Raag-Rang had a concert named Music Of India which was a great success and received overwhelming response. It was an informative and entertaining concert focusing on different states of India and their music with explanation and slide show.

Our first Kal Ke Kalakar concert was on October 11th 2009, where we presented a solo performance by Tejas Tope on tabla, harmonium solo by Rohan Prabhudesai, sarangi solo by Rohan Mishra, vocal by Charmie Mehta and Kathak trio by Veena Bhagabati, Ruchira Zaparde & Shiv Nadkarni.

We had our 2nd Lecture-Demonstration on December 5th 2009 by Shree Arun Rammurthy and Shree Suresh Ramachandran. On 20th March, 2010, Raag-Rang had its 2nd Kal Ke Kalakar concert with vocal solo by Ariaki Dandawate, sitar solo by Getiara Zaidi and Kathak dance by Brinda Guha. On June 20th, 2010, we had Raag-Rang concert with Ustad Mashkoor Ali Khan and student performer was Smt. Anindita Sikidar.

Today is Raag-Rang's 3rd Lecture-Demonstration with Dr. Mohan Deshpande. We are all looking forward to this. It is really important for a music student and also musicians to attend such sessions.

Raag-Rang is arranging its end of the year concert on 4th December with Shree Anirban Dasgupta, (son and disciple of Pt. Buddhadev Dasgupta) the Sarod Maestro and Shree Amod Dandawate will be accompanying him on tabla. I look forward to seeing you there.

Our sincere thanks to all the members of Raag-Rang. Our gratitude to our committee members like Indrani Chakrabarty Khare, Mayuresh Khare, Sunil Nair, Devang Upadhyay, Guru Pai and Shruti Devi. Raag-Rang needs your Feed Back. Please write to us at raagrang07@gmail.com. If you would like to submit an article for the newsletter, you can send it to us via e-mail. Please consider becoming a Raag-Rang member and help promote more opportunities for our music.

Warm Regards,

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UPCOMING RAAG-RANG EVENTS

2010

- Raag-Rang concert—December 4
Shree Anirban Dasgupta on sarod and Shree Amod Dandawate will be accompanying him on tabla.
- Annual Member Dinner—November/December
A dinner and music entertainment event hosted by Raag-Rang for its members. Date to be announced.

2011

- Kal Ke Kalakar—March
Please contact us for further information.

Other Announcements: (not affiliated with Raag-Rang)

- Rutgers Summer Camp — June 27-July 1
Music camp for children age 8-15. For more information contact Samir Chatterjee at samir@tabla.org

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