

Dear Students and Parents,

5/20/08

The children have been hard at work, memorizing and fine tuning their pieces. A very big thank you to all you parents for driving your children to and from practices; sometimes at very short notice! May 24th is right around the corner and I am very excited about the show!

The Ragamalika annual student recital will be held at Sri Shiva Vishnu Temple in Maryland (<http://www.ssvt.org/>). The music program will start at 4:00 pm on Saturday May 24th and is expected to last about 3 hours. Please feel free to invite all your friends and relatives to the show.

All students must report to the front steps of the temple by 3:00 pm in the afternoon for a Ragamalika group photograph. Mrs. Asha Ravada and Mrs. Lakshmi Mukundan will be there to take attendance and make sure that every one is positioned properly for the photograph. Parking may be tight that day; so please plan ahead and make sure that you are there on time for the photo shoot. I would like to invite all my students to be in the photograph regardless of whether they are participating in the program or not. In case of bad weather, please wait in the auditorium downstairs.

After taking pictures we will proceed down to the auditorium for a sound check. A section of seats in the auditorium will be reserved for participants. This will make it easy for volunteers to escort students on and off the stage.

I have requested Mr. Venkat Gopalan and Mr. Mukundan to videotape the entire program on behalf of Ragamalika. Mr. Anand has kindly offered to upload the videos of the program and will let us know the URL. We will put up the information on the Ragamalika website as soon as we have it so interested members can download their own copy.

Appreciating music is an important skill for any performer. All students are expected to stay for the entire duration of the program. Please impress upon your child the need to be an appreciative and respectful listener. I also request all of you to plan ahead, anticipate traffic congestion and parking problems at the temple. The program will start at 4:00 pm promptly and the schedule will not be rearranged to accommodate late arrivals.

Time Table	Activity
3:00 pm	Students meet at the front steps of SSVT for photograph
3:00 pm – 3:20 pm	Take group pictures
3:20 pm – 3:30 pm	Walk down to the auditorium
3:30 pm	All participants except Geetham group will take their seats in the auditorium
3: 30 pm – 3: 45 pm	Seat Geetham group on stage and conduct sound check

3: 45 pm	Open doors of auditorium to audience
4: 00 pm	Show begins
7:00 pm	Show ends

I look forward to seeing all of you at 3:00 pm on Saturday afternoon May 24th at the front steps of SSVT!

Regards,
Maragatham Ramaswamy