

SVTC SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS TEACHERS PROFILE

Sri Arunkumar Kumaraswamy (Vocal)

Sri Arunkumar (Arun) has a Masters degree in Computer Applications and is a Software Engineer by profession, working for CH2M HILL in Denver, CO.

Arun Kumar's vocal training began with his paternal grandmother, Smt. C.S. Lalitha, disciple of Late Sri. Kittamani Iyer. Arun's grandmother also absorbed the tradition of 'Sangita Kalanidhi' Smt. T. Brinda and was able to transfer this to him. Over the course of 15 years, under the guidance of 'Sangita Kala Acharya' Guru Smt. Seetha Rajan, one of the senior disciples of doyen Semmangudi Dr. Srinivasa Iyer, Arun has progressively expanded his repertoire to over 2000 compositions including Varnams, Kritis, Javalis, Tillanas, etc. During his time as a student, Arun had the fortune of accepting various laurels and prizes, including titles like 'Sangeetha Sri,' 'Swathi Kiranam,' 1st Prize from All India Radio competition, conducted at the All India National platform in 1999 and 7 Tambura prizes. Arun is currently B-High grade artiste of the All India Radio, Chennai. He has been giving public performances since 1999, all over India and all around the United States.

Arun also serves on the Board of Directors for Colorado Fine Arts Association (CFAA), a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of Fine Arts, with focus area on program development.

Smt Sudha Ramesh (Vocal)

Ms Sudha Ramesh (Sudha) comes from a family of musicians her Grandfathers Late Sh.Kumara Thathachari and his brother Late Sh. T.S Rajagopala Thathachari were direct disciples of the famous Tiger Varadhachari. Her Father Late Sh.Tiruppukkuzhi K. Varada Thathachari who was her guru was a renowned singer in Carnatic classical and Western Classical. She studied at the Semmangudi School of music and had the privilege of learning music from members of that great family. Her initial gurus being Mrs Lakshmi Ramanan and Mrs Annapoorna Nagarajan.

Ms Sudha has been teaching Carnatic music for over a decade and it has been one of her passions. She has won several awards in inter-schools and inter-collegiate competitions and has performed as a regular artist in Ilaya Baratham – AIR.

Smt Srimohana BalaSubramaniam (Dance- BharataNatyam)

Ms Srimohana Balasubramaniam (Mohana) has Masters Degree (M.A.) in Fine Arts (Dance) from the University of Bharathidasan, Trichy. She also has Bachelors degree in Dance from University of Jaffna, Srilanka.

Ms Mohana started learning dance from the age of 4 from Smt Devaki Kuloththunka Bharathi and subsequently learned from different teachers in India and Sriilanka. She performed several Dance dramas and composed many dance dramas, Padam and she Keerthnai. She gave many stage performances at the University of Jaffna. She did research on Dance movement therapy.

Smt Saritha Rao (Dance - Kuchipudi)

Dr Saritha Rao (Saritha) is well trained for over 12 years in both Kuchipudi and Bharathanatyam and Fusion dance forms. She did her Arangetram at the age of 10 years and Kuchipudi Rangapravesham at the age 15. She had a valued opportunity to be the disciple of Guru Manjula Rammurthy, Umaramarao garu, Shobhanaidu garu, and Sri Sudhakar garu a privileged disciple of Guru Sri Vempati China Sathyam Garu.

Dr Saritha has choreographed more than 50 classical dance numbers. She started to choreograph dances for inter school competitions from the age 7 and progressed to choreograph major events for international schools and colleges like St Pios Degree College and Jawahar-Bal Bhawan in Hyderabad for important events like Prime Minister Visits. She was invited as a Judge to various dance competitions in St Frances and St Ann's Schools in Hyderabad on various occasions.

Smt Mala Raghuraman (Vocal Music)

Smt Mala Raghuraman hails from a family of musicians and was extensively trained by late Sri. Ramaswami of Bangalore who was a student of Dr. Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer at the Trivandrum College of Music. Mala also received training by her father Sri. K. Arjunan who is a Mridanga Vidwan in Bangalore. Mala has participated in music competitions and won accolades and has been teaching music for over twenty years in Colorado.

Smt Suhasini K. Shetty (Kuchipudi Dance)

Smt Suhasini was initiated into Dance in her childhood by Guru Smt. Veena Murthy Vijay a well-known Kuchipudi exponent. After traversing for such long by a fine blend of Dance, Music, & Arts, she believes that dance is an integral part of her life which acts as a tonic and elixir to the soul within. Apart from learning Kuchipudi and Bharathanatyam styles of dance under the

guidance and tutelage of her Guru Smt, Veena Murthy Vijay, She is also learning Karnas and Natyashastra under Guru Shama Krishna.

Sheela Dharmarajan(Hatha Yoga)

Smt Sheela teaches Classical Hatha Yoga, with a focus on alignment, the class consists of traditional poses and Pranayama. she has explored and practiced different styles of yoga and received her training from India in Eight Limbs of Classical Yoga. She also is trained to teach Vinayasa Yoga, Children's Yoga and Prenatal Yoga. Modifications and choices are offered in all poses so that students at all levels can have an opportunity to join.