Vocal: Thanmayee Krishnamurthy

Thanmayee Krishnamurthy is an acclaimed vocalist in the Karnatak music tradition (South Indian music). Thanmayee studies with the renowned vocalist-scholar T.M. Krishna. Born into a family of musicians, Thanmayee started learning music from her mother Rajalakshmi, and grandmother Krishnaveni and also has received training from her aunt Rajarajeshwari Bhat and maternal uncle, Vittal Ramamurthy. After her debut performance at the age of 11, Thanmayee has been a regular performer and has given concerts in major music festivals in India and the USA. She has performed in several prestigious venues and major festivals including Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana, Music Academy (Chennai), Chowdiah Memorial Hall (Bangalore), The Bangalore Gayana Samaja and Vigyan Bhavan (New Delhi, for the National Conference of Education).

Besides live performances, Thanmayee has lent her voice for South Indian commercial ads and jingles. She has a Karnatak album and a Bhavageethe (which is a form of expressionist poetry) album to her credit. In Jan 2020, Thanmayee released “Kagga Lahari,” an album presenting select verses from DVG’s Mankutimmana Kagga in Karnatak ragas. She has also composed music for "Grahabedha", a short film. She holds a masters degree in ethnomusicology from University of North Texas and her thesis “Sing Raga, Embody Bhava: The way of being Rasa” explores how the Indian aesthetics of rasa philosophy account for creative presence and its experiences in a Karnatak raga performance.

Violin – Vidwan Sri. Umammahesh Iyer

Umamahesh is an ardent lover of music and started learning Mridangam and later his interest continued as a violinist. He started learning violin from the young age of 5 from Guru Pala Balakrishna Pillai who was an eminent violinist and was known for his unique style. Umamahesh had his first public concert at the age of 9. He continued his lessons from Shri. Nedumangad Sivanandan in Kerala and Prof. R Thyagarajan of Swathi Thirunal Music college, Trivandrum, Kerala.

Umamahesh Iyer is now pursuing advanced lessons from Smt.Vaikom Padma Krishnan who is a senior disciple of Kalimamani/Padmashree A. Kanyakumari and consulting lessons from Shri. TKV Ramanujacharlu of Srirangam. Umamahesh actively participates and supports music activities & vocal and dance arangetrams in the DFW area.

Umamahesh Iyer is a Software Engineer /IT Professional and employed in a

reputed IT company in a Senior management position and currently lives in Plano, TX, USA.

Mridangam - Vidwan Sri. Ramakrishna Neti

Sri. Ramakrishna Neti, a Data Analytics professional, hails from a family of musicians and is a well-known Mridangam vidwan and teacher in the Dallas area. He is a disciple of Mridangam maestro, Padmashri Dr. Yella Venkateswara Rao, and is mentored by Vidwan Sri Bombay CN Balaji. His uncle late Sri Neti Srirama Sarma was a top-grade Voco-Violinist at AIR Hyderabad. His elder sister Smt. Indira Kameswara Ra is a top-grade vocalist at AIR Visakhapatnam. Ramakrishna has performed in various Sangeetha Sabha concerts in India and North America as well as the Prasara Bharati network in India. He has also learned Hindustani vocals.