



The 8th Indira Sivasailam Endowment Medal to be conferred on Violin duo Lalgudi Krishnan and Lalgudi Vijayalakshmi

Chennai, August 22, 2017: The Indira Sivasailam Endowment Fund was established in 2010 by Ms. Mallika Srinivasan as a tribute to her mother Smt. Indira Sivasailam - a lifelong disciple and patron of traditional art forms, especially Carnatic music. Instituted under the auspices of The Music Academy, Madras, the endowment fund aims to encourage and recognize Carnatic musicians par excellence in their prime. The winner is chosen every year to receive the Indira Sivasailam Endowment medal and perform at The Music Academy.

This year, the artists selected to be honored with the Indira Sivasailam Endowment Medal are siblings, Lalgudi Krishnan and Lalgudi Vijayalakshmi. The violinist duo through their immaculate performances, and unique ability to innovate within the Carnatic music framework have enthralled audiences world over. Their concentrated practice, determination to excel, aesthetic compositions have made them a renowned name in the country and abroad.

The artist is selected by a panel comprising of members from the Endowments Committee of The Music Academy, Madras, and Ms. Mallika Srinivasan – Chairman & CEO, TAFE. The artists are judged on the basis of an established set of criteria - excellence in performance, audience appeal, adherence to classical tradition while innovating within its framework, depth of knowledge, demonstrated efforts to disseminate knowledge and the ability to bring about a greater and deeper public appreciation of Carnatic music.

Lalgudi Krishnan and Lalgudi Vijayalakshmi are practitioners of the '*Lalgudi Bani*' style founded and evolved by Lalgudi Jayaraman - their father and *guru*. Together, they bring the traditional Lalgudi style alive, adorned with their own innovations. Their style of music rests on its ability to reveal the *raga* of the song in the shortest span of time, and naturally facilitate the choice of tempo, *gamakas*, and other musical nuances making it a refreshing experience for the audience on every occasion.

The Indira Sivasailam Endowment Concert will be held at The Music Academy, Madras, on September 22nd, 2017, during the *Navaratri* season.



About The Indira Sivasailam Foundation

The Indira Sivasailam Foundation has been contributing towards perpetuating and promoting our rich culture and tradition and preserving and propagating various art forms. The foundation was established by Ms. Mallika Srinivasan, Chairman & CEO, TAFE, in the year 2010, in memory of her mother, the Late *Smt.* Indira Sivasailam. The foundation is constantly involved in activities such as care and welfare of senior citizens, women's empowerment, Hindu philosophy, Sanskrit literature and *annadana*.

Through the Indira Sivasailam Endowment Fund, under the auspices of The Music Academy, Madras, the foundation organizes The Indira Sivasailam Endowment Concert during the *Navaratri* season every year, recognizing an outstanding Carnatic musician with The Indira Sivasailam Endowment Medal and citation. Since 2010, renowned and coveted Carnatic musicians like *Smt.* Sudha Ragunathan, *Sri.* Sanjay Subrahmanyam, *Smt.* Aruna Sairam, *Smt.* Bombay Jayashri Ramnath, *Sri.* T. M. Krishna, the Malladi Brothers – *Sri.* Malladi Sreeramprasad and *Sri.* Malladi Ravikumar and the RaGa Sisters – *Smt.* Ranjani and *Smt.* Gayatri have been conferred this honor. With the noble aim of promulgating South Indian classical music, the foundation ensures that the concert is open to all, without any fee.

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