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October Events

Special festival performances for Navaratri this month at the Shri Krupa studio. Signup for Navaratri performances here. Great opportunity for all students!



Vijayadasami

Don't miss out on receiving Guru Vishal Ji's blessings on this auspicious day

Date: Oct 24
Time: 5 pm
Venue: Shri Krupa studio

Do Not Miss !!!

Vijayadasami Celebrations

Vijayadasami celebrations are just around the corner! Students will be performing snippets of Shiva Skandham dance drama that they have been learning. There will also be other group and solo performances by all the students across all batches at all levels!! We will be welcoming the incoming students. We will also witness the receiving of bells by students.

Date: Oct 28, 2023
Time: 9am-5pm
Venue: Bishop Elementary School Theatre, 450 N Sunnyvale Ave Sunnyvale CA 94085

Parents and students are invited to signup here for volunteering for Vijayadasami celebrations! We also welcome any sponsorship for the event and any help in seeking sponsors. Contact skdcdance@gmail.com for sponsorship details.

InFocus

Guru Vishal Ramani featured in El Estoque

Check out Guru Vishal's interview by Sania Nadkarni for El Estoque student publication here.

Shri Krupa artistic director Guru Smt. Vishal Ramani is the founder of the oldest Bharatanatyam dance school in the Bay area. A pioneer in the field of arts, and with more than 300 student arangetrams under her belt, Guru Vishal Ramani is a treasure trove of knowledge and wisdom.

It is in this capacity that Guru Vishal Ji's expert opinion was sought in this article where Vishal Ji talks about what it means to do an arangetram and what goes into its preparation.

El Estoque is the national award-winning student publication of Monta Vista High School in Cupertino, California.

To enroll a new student this Vijayadasami, visit shrikrupa.org/registration

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From the Artistic Director's Desk

These words resonate in me:

"I am more than merely me;
I'm the hearts I touch, the air I breathe,
The thoughts I think, the things I see,
And the footprints that I leave." - Jimmy Osborne on Who Am I?

We are all flawed to some degree, and seeking flawlessness in others is neither fair, nor possible. Be that as it may, I wish you would cherish the vibrancy and excitement of our studio - for long after you exit Shri Krupa, I wish you would cherish memories of your beginnings - entries into training sessions, and exaltation upon the stages that bring you awards and recognitions.

I always try to be radiant when I enter my classrooms. At times I busy myself, connecting wires and preparing to begin the classes with my thattu kazhi and other paraphernalia, but my thoughts are always filled with love for this music and dance world that gives a feeling of freedom, a sense of floatation, a deep feeling of dedication to this mission of teaching, and infusing love for this ancient dance art of India - I do enjoy every moment I spend with all of you!

-Guru Vishal Ramani

JOIN IN THE JOY OF NAVARATRI GOLU

SHRI KRUPA STUDIO WILL SPORT A NAVARATRI GOLU DISPLAY THIS YEAR. PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO BRING SMALL INEXPENSIVE DOLLS FOR THE STUDIO GOLU TO SHARE FOR THE DURATION OF THE FESTIVAL!!!

Key Links

- Monthly Performance Series Signup Sheet
- Student/Parent Volunteer Signup
- Studio Rental for Students
- Dance School Policy Handbook
- Music School Policy Handbook
- Festival performance signup sheet

Upcoming Timelines

- New Quarter Fees due Oct 10 - Any credit card updates to be done at Mindbody here

Outgrew your dance costume? We invite you to drop off your used and in-fair-condition costumes at the studio.



Your donations will be made available to other students to buy at low cost.

The School At A Glance

Shri Krupa and Gandharva Vidya Center Shine at the Bay Area Papanasam Sivan festival 2023

The renowned Papanasam Sivan Festival conducted by the Sivan Fine Arts Academy, Bay Area chapter, saw Shri Krupa students win laurels and great appreciation .



Sarasvati Bhat won the first prize in the Senior Padham category while Riya Deviprasad did Shri Krupa proud by emerging the first place winner in the Junior solo category charming everyone around with her dance to “Gowri Manohara”, a composition of Papanasam Sivan in Gowri Manohari raga.



In pic (above): Sarasvati Bhat performing to ‘Dhikku verillai thiruvadiyallal” in Raga Varali.

Shalini Subramanian landed the first place in the Senior Varnam category. Rupa Sundaram bagged the second place in the Adult Padham category for her performance to the Kamboji composition by Shri Sivan “Kaana kan kodi vendum”.







In Pic (above): Guru Smt. Vishal Ramani with the contest winners

Gandharva Vidya Center students also lit up the event with their winning performances - The group performance of 'Thanjam Endrale' varnam in raga Abhogi won the first place in sub junior Varnams category for Ananga, Riya Deviprasad, and Prasanna. Aadarsh Vivek won the second prize in the Sub senior solo category winning hearts with his rendition of “Mata innum vaadha” in Raga Sriranjani.







The 14th annual festival saw participants from all over Bay area, where these deserving winners served as true ambassadors of Shri Krupa and Gandharva Vidya Center. Congratulations!!

CONGRATULATIONS

The School At A Glance

Festival season performances underway



The mood is getting festive at Shri Krupa studios!

September saw two days of special performances for Krishna Janmashtami and Ganesh Chathurthi where Shri Krupa students took the opportunity to make their dance offerings through solo and group performances.

All students and their families are encouraged to attend the festival performances and the monthly performances and show their support to the participating students.

Don't forget to sign up for the student performance series at the studio! This is a great opportunity for students who want to showcase their newly learnt or an earlier item to an audience.

Sign up for the upcoming special festival performances for Navaratri and Diwali here.

Adavu Practice Classes!!!

There will be free additional dance practice classes every Friday from 5.30 to 6.30pm at the studio led by volunteer Sukanya Sudugu. All students at all levels are welcome.

The practice sessions aim to help students practice adavus and beginner dances with focus on araimandi, hand gestures and body alignment needed for each adavu while also working on aspects like basic talas, and panchanadais.

Students shall dress appropriately for the practice classes; also, when students drop by they will need to sign in at the sheet at reception with emergency contact numbers.

In person attendance is recommended but a zoom session will also be available for students who can not make it in person.

While classes are free, you can drop in donations in the donation box which will go towards studio rental.

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The School At A Glance

CALL for VOLUNTEERS

Shri Krupa Dance Foundation is looking for volunteers!!! All the events at SKDF are put together by your efforts - the students and parents of Shri Krupa. We are looking for volunteers to help with building SKDF sponsors for events, to help with event promotions, prop making, creating flyers and posters, web development, handling social media presence and more!

Bring your skills, passion and willingness and match to one of many opportunities available at SKDF - TODAY! Check out the Student and Parent Volunteer Signup form.

Contact skdcdance@gmail.com for more details.

Students earn volunteer hours for their time!

Star Student Volunteers can win the Student Of The Month title!

SKDF is also certified to award the Presidential Volunteer Service Award to eligible volunteers!

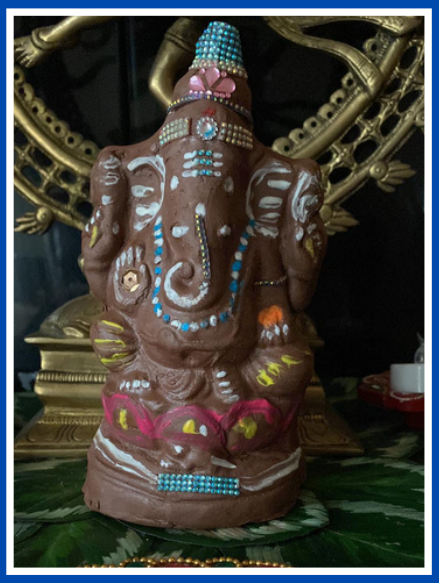


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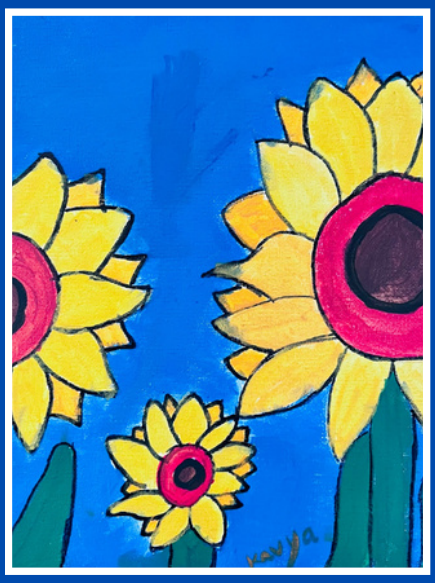
To feature a student's art/literary work in Student Corner, email skdcdance@gmail.com



Art by Nia Srinivasan (Mayura)



Clay Ganesha by Sukanya Sudugu and Adithi Dileep



Art by Kavya Singh (Mantra)

Quiz

Four brothers Chinnayya, Ponnayya, Sivanandam and Vadivelu, who lived during the early 19th century contributed to the development of Bharatanatyam and Carnatic music. They gave the actual form of the present day repertoire of Bharatanatyam - The Margam. They are credited for a number of compositions that are extensively used in Bharatanatyam recitals even today. What are they popularly known as?

See next month's issue for answer

Answer to last month's quiz: Alarippu