



NINETEENTH YEAR ANNUAL REPORT

Chairman's report



We are thankful to the almighty for being with us in organising concerts enthusiastically. Chennai Fine Arts got back to organising concerts at different venues where the live audience could come physically and enjoy the performances. The country is slowly recovering from the effects of COVID-19 and what could be a better healing potion than good classical music!

We place on record our sincere thanks to the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi for continuing their support by means of Repertory Grant and Cultural Functions Grant. The grants ensured we continued our services in the tough times and the artistes under our support did not suffer.

The first concert organized this year was a Live YouTube performance to celebrate Sri Rama Navami, by S. Girijashankar. The second was also a Live Veena Recital by Dr. S. Nithyasree on the occasion of birth anniversary of yesteryear Veena Vidushi Smt. Kalpagam Swaminathan. Tiruvarur Girish gave a performance to commemorate the 75th year of Indian Independence. One of its kind concert, this was recorded and streamed on our YouTube Channel.

Sarathy Sangeethotsavam was held from 27th to 29th August on the occasion of Krishna Jayanthi.

A big competition for students of various percussion instruments namely Mridangam, Ghatam, Kanjira, Morsing and Konnakol was held on 29th September. More than 45 students participated and the competition judged by senior vidwans was streamed live online.

Dusserah concerts were organized at the administrative office between 8th and 15th October. The concerts were streamed live.

The Annual Music Festival, supported by the Ministry of Culture was organized at Srinivasa Sastri Hall, Luz, Chennai. Prof. Dr. T.V. Gopalakrishnan was awarded the Gotuvadyam Narayana Iyengar Award for excellence comprising Rupees One Lakh cash and a gold medal. Many senior musicians including Padma Awardees and also promising young talents performed in the festival which was for duration of ten days.

Chennai Fine Arts thanks all musicians, rasikas, media and sponsors who support the organization and ensure its successful function and growth.



Acknowledgement

My pranams to my guru Shri. Chitravina Narasimhan. Sincere thanks to all members of our advisory board. Sincere thanks to the print and online media for constant support. I thank our auditor Mr. Ashwin Sridhaaran and our Bankers, Bank of India, Adyar Branch for their services for the smooth functioning of the trust.

A note of appreciation to all the faculties for skillfully training the students of CFA Academy. I also thank Kalaimamani S Gopakumar for his services at Puducherry. Learning was a continuous process even during lockdown; the classes continued in the virtual mode online.

My sincere thanks to the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi for extending financial assistance to carry out the object of the trust more effectively and efficiently. Thanks are also due to Trinity Mirror, Makkal Kural, Online times, Aboorva Ragam, Samudhra, the Hindu, Kutcheribuzz, Chennai December Season and other press for covering our events and supporting us.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees,

P N Muralidharan, Chairman
Chennai-20.



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ACTIVITIES OF THE TRUST DURING THE YEAR



FESTIVALS
Sarathy Sangeethotsavam
Plava Dusserah Utsav
Annual Music Festival

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS
75th Independence day special concert
CFA Live Concert



CFA ACADEMY
Activities
Faculty & Students

COMPETITION
Tala Vadya Competition



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



Festivals

Sarathy Sangeethotsavam

Sri Krishna Jayanthi is celebrated by Chennai Fine Arts every year by organizing concerts at Sri Krishna Mandhiram located at Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai. This year, the festival was celebrated for three days between 27th to 29th August with concerts by Sri. Poorna pragna Rao (Vocal), Smt. Prarthana Sai Narasimhan (Vocal) and Smt. B. Suchitra (Harikatha – Krishna Namamrutam). The festival was inaugurated by Mr. and Mrs. Subramaniam Padmanabhan, who are industrialists and ardent music lovers. An endowment in the name of Sivakami Gopalaraman was also launched on the occasion to sponsor economically backward and deserving students to pursue education in the field of fine arts.





Plava Dusserah Utsav

Navaratri is a season of festival which is widely celebrated all over India. It was celebrated with concerts organized at the administrative office of Chennai Fine Arts. Named after the Tamil New Year 'Plava', the Dusserah Utsav featured eight concerts by various vocalists and instrumentalists from 8th to 15th October 2021. The concerts were streamed live in our Facebook page and viewed by many online.





ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL – Supported by Ministry of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi

The Annual Music Festival is organized every year during the famous December Music Season at Chennai. Chennai Fine Arts has a grand inaugural function in which a senior performing artiste is presented with the Gotuvadyam Narayana Iyengar Award for Excellence which comprises Rupees One Lakh Cash and a gold medal. This year, the award was presented to Prof. Dr. T.V. Gopalakrishnan.

The festival was inaugurated by Guru Chitravina Narasimhan and mridanga vidwan Srimushnam Rajarao was the chief guest. Winners of the Annual Music Competition were presented with musical instruments on the inaugural day of the music festival. The festival which was held at Srinivasa Sastri Hall in Luz from 21st to 30th December featured 19 concerts totally in which hundreds of musicians including Padma awardees, Sangita Kalanidhis and also promising youngsters performed. The concerts were not ticketed and received good response from the live audience.





Inauguration



Competition Prize Winners



Injikkudi EM Subramaniam – Nagaswaram



Adithyaram - Flute



T.S. Mahadevan – Vocal



Iyer Sisters – Vocal duet



K.N. Renganatha Sharma – Vocal



S. Srivathsan – Vocal



Dr. Salem Gayathri – Vocal



Abhilash G - Vocal



Prof. V.V. Subramaniam & Murari – Violin duet



Vishal Sapuram – Chitravina



Dr. Palghat Ramprasad – Vocal



Padmasree Srinivasan - Vocal



Prof. Dr. T.V. Gopalakrishnan – Vocal



Dr. S. Nithyasree – Veena



T.V. Shankaranarayanan – Vocal



MR Ghatams - Ensemble

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

Independence Day concert

A special concert by vidwan Thiruvarur Girish was organized to celebrate the 75th Year of Indian Independence. The concert was recorded at CFA's administrative office and streamed in our YouTube on 15th August. Apart from the usual concert pattern songs, many patriotic songs especially in the regional language Tamil were sung during this special concert organized for independence day.



CFA Live Concerts

Lockdowns and restrictions on public movements during the pandemic made it a compulsion to explore the online media to reach out to the audience. The artistes were also in need of the much deserved platform to perform to keep their enthusiasm alive. Hence, CFA streamed two live concerts in YouTube during the year. One was a vocal performance by Shri. S. Girijashankar on the occasion of Rama Navami. The concert was streamed on 24th April 2021.

Another was a Veena recital by Dr. S. Nithyasree. This was a concert in memory of late vainika vidushi Smt. Kalpagam Swaminathan, held on 4th August 2021.



Annual Music Competition

An important event organized by CFA this year was the music competition for students of various percussion instruments namely Mridangam, Ghatam, Kanjira and Konnakkol. More than 45 students belonging to various schools of learning participated in the competition. The first round was held online, where the participants recorded their performance and from the videos, the judges shortlisted the candidates for final round. The final round was streamed live on our Facebook page and appreciated by many viewers worldwide.





Winners were selected under the senior and junior categories for each instrument and awarded prizes. The first prize was the musical instrument itself. Second and third prize winners were given cash prizes. Few sponsors also volunteered to sponsor the prize money for the competition.

CFA Academy

The CFA Academy continued to function successfully with online sessions in the pandemic and lockdown situation. Many students enrolled for classes and started learning carnatic music from the able masters of the academy. Many kids have started learning music enthusiastically in various streams such as vocal, violin, mrdangam and veena.

Faculty profile	
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CFA Online

Chennai Fine Arts has remarkable presence online. The activities of the trust are regularly uploaded in its website www.chennaifinearts.com. The trust is also active in the social media. The photographs of all the performances are available at the facebook link <https://www.facebook.com/Chennaifinearts>. CFA also started a YouTube channel recently and it can be viewed in the name of Chennai Fine Arts. (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmZMfaQICrZenZciB7GYUaQ>).

Social Activities

CFA has been donating musical instruments like Violin, Veena, Mrudangam and so on to the deserving students every year. In the past ten years nearly 30 students have been benefitted by this contribution. Every year annadhanam is organized to provide food to the needy students. The trust is also supporting with



financial assistance, the economically backward school-going children towards payment of their fees and continues the same till they complete their school final, for the past five years.

During the pandemic situation, Chennai Fine Arts offered monetary support to many musicians to take care of their everyday livelihood. Also people who assisted in audio and video recordings were also given special assistance of food and money to help during the lockdown tragedies.

Chennai Fine Arts aims to reach wider audience and cater to the needs of more deserving people. The trust will continue its activities enthusiastically as ever with support from patrons, audience and the artists.