



TWENTIETH YEAR ANNUAL REPORT

Chairman's report

We are ever grateful to God and more so this year because we step into a small milestone of twenty glorious years of existence. This year also has been eventful for us. 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 ensure we continued our services without any break whatsoever.

The first concert organized this year was Dasarathi Sangeethotsavam to celebrate Sri Rama Navami. Then came the Palghat Mani Iyer Award and concert. This event could not be organized during the pandemic and we are indeed happy it could be resumed this year. The award was presented to Kanjira Vidwan Shri. K.V. Gopalakrishnan.

The month of July, Chennai Fine Arts released the e-book 'Gems of Sadashiva' featuring the notations of compositions by Mysore Sadasiva Rao. This release took place at the house of Mysore Vasudevachar, an heritage site located at Mysore.

Sarathy Sangeethotsavam was held in August to celebrate Krishna Jayanthi. A concert by G. Ravikiran was also organized in this month to commemorate the birth anniversary of yesteryear vidwan Vinjamuri Dr. Varadaraja Iyengar.

A music and dance competition for students of Aditya Vidyashram Group of Schools in Puducherry was held in the month of September. More than 350 students participated and the competition was judged by senior musicians from Chennai. A concert by Dr. Suryaprakash was also organized in memory of Kalaimamani Dr. Saraswati, a longtime associate of Chennai Fine Arts.

Dusserah concerts were organized at the administrative office in October. The concerts were streamed live in Facebook page of Chennai Fine Arts.

The annual music festival of CFA was organised in a grand manner from 21st to 30th December 2022 at Gokhale Sastri Hall in Luz, Chennai. Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan, the Honourable Governor of Telangana & the Honourable Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry inaugurated the festival in which Dr. Vyjayanthi Mala Bali, was presented with Chennai Fine Arts' Gotuvadyam Narayana Iyengar Award for Excellence. Vasanth Panchami was the final event of the year which featured a Veena concert by Smt. N. Vijayalakshmi in January.



Chennai Fine Arts places on record its sincere thanks to all musicians, rasikas, media and sponsors who support the organization in its continuous growth.

Acknowledgement

I offer my respects 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. 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, The Hindu, New Indian Express, 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

CHENNAI FINE ARTS 2022-2023



FESTIVALS



AWARDS



OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS



PUBLICATION



ACADEMY



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



Festivals

Dasarathi Sangeethotsavam



Dasarathi Sangeethotsavam 2022 was conducted at Sri Krishna Mandiram, Thiruvanmiyur, for four days between 15th and 18th of April to celebrate Sri Ramanavami. The Festival was inaugurated by Dr R Radhakrishnan, Honorary Secretary & Smt. Dharmambal, Executive Member, of The Indian Fine Arts Society, which is serving for Indian classical Fine Arts over nine decades in the city. The Festival featured concerts by senior musicians and young talents from different parts of Chennai trained by different music schools.

Sarathy Sangeethotsavam

Sarathy Sangeethotsavam celebrating Sri Krishna Jayanthi was organised from 20th to 24th August at Sri Krishna Mandiram at Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai. The festival was inaugurated by Shri. Gopalakrishnan and Shri. Mani, secretaries of Sri Thyaga Brahma Gana Sabha, a 75 year old organisation in the city. Many children and upcoming musicians performed in the festival.



Subhakrutu Dusserah Utsav

The next event was Subhakrutu Dussehra Utsav 2022. A Nine-day festival between 26.09.2022 & 04.10.2022 to celebrate Navaratri, the divine festival of India. All concerts were be streamed live through Chennai Fine Arts' Facebook page daily from 11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. The concerts were held at the administrative office of CFA and many senior musicians performed on the occasion.





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

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The annual music festival was supported by Ministry of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi with financial grant under the Cultural Functions grant scheme. CFA sincerely acknowledges the Government's initiative in supporting cultural organisations.



More than 35 concerts were organized during the ten day music festival. Veterans performed in the morning, youngsters in the afternoon and evening and top-ranking musicians performed the night concerts. All concerts were well received by public.



All the concerts were video recorded and uploaded in the YouTube channel of Chennai Fine Arts. The viewership increased multifold and many positive comments were received from the viewers. Chennai Fine Arts continues to grow in stature in the eyes of the music enthusiasts and ardent rasikas.



OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

Gems of Sadashiva e-book



An e-book titled 'GEMS OF SADASHIVA' (comprising notations to the Compositions of Mysore Sadashiva Rao) was released on Sunday, 24th July, 2022, 10.30 a.m. at the residence of Padmabhushan Awardee, Vaggeyakkara Mysore Vasudevacharya's house at Sayyaji Rao



Road, Mysore, Karnataka. The house is a heritage site where concerts are organised and Dr. S. Nithyasree presented a Vina recital on the occasion accompanied by Mysore Shri. Radhesh on the Mridangam and Shri. Manjunath on the ghatam.

Palghat Mani Iyer Puraskar



This award function is done in association with the legendary Mridanga Vidwan Mani Iyer's family, which has instituted the award to be presented under the auspices of Chennai Fine Arts, to a percussion instrument artiste every year. This year the award was presented to Kanjira Vidwan Shri. K.V. Gopalakrishnan on 10th June 2022. The award function was followed by a concert of Kum. Kanyakumari on the Violin and Shri. Patri Satishkumar on the mridangam.

Concert in memory of Vinjamuri Dr. Varadaraja Iyengar



The next event of the year was celebration of 107th Anniversary of Vinjamuri Varadaraja Iyengar, in association with his family trust. Shri. G. Ravikiran performed a



special concert on the occasion on 27th August 2022, at Gokhale Sastri Hall, Luz, Chennai. He was accompanied by Madhan Mohan on Violin, Dr. Thiruvarur Bhaktavatsalam on Mridangam and B.S. Purushotham on Kanjira.

Concert in memory of Kalaimamani Dr S. Saraswati



Kalaimamani Dr. S. Saraswati, a dancer of repute was associated with Chennai Fine Arts in supporting our activities during her life time. After her demise, Chennai Fine Arts organises a concert in her memory every year. A senior musician performs and the event is partially supported by Dr. Priya Jayaraman and family members of Dr. Saraswati. This year the concert was performed by Dr. Suryaprakash along with Pappu Gyandev on the Violin, Sunaadakrishna on Mridangam and Venkataramanan on Kanjira. The concert was held on 9th September 2022, at Vani Mahal's Music Hall.

Vasant Panchami Veenotsavam

The final event of the year was the Vasant Panchami Veenotsavam celebrating the Jayanthi of Goddess Saraswati, the presiding deity of arts. Smt. N. Vijayalakshmi, a renowned Veena artist performed on the occasion. It was streamed on our YouTube Channel on 26.01.2023. The concert was accompanied by Shri. Serthalai Ananthakrishan on Mridangam and Shri. G Ravichandran on the Ghatam.

CFA Academy

The CFA Academy continued to function successfully. 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. Music competition was conducted at Aditya Vidyashram Group of Schools in Puducherry where more than 300 children



participated and showcased their talents in vocal, veena, keyboard and Bharatanatyam.

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.