

Arthi Kumar is a disciple of Shri Madurai R. Sundar (Detroit, Michigan) & Shri K. Vijayaraghavan (Chennai, India). Her gurus are disciples of Sangeetha Kalanidhi Shri. T.N. Seshagopalan.



Arthi has won many prizes in several competitions in India and USA. ISAI VELVI 2008 Competition, by Sri Ghatam Suresh (Chennai, India).

- Concert competition at the Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana (Cleveland, OH) . Also many other prizes in various other competitions at the Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana.
- Samagana Music Competition (Detroit, MI)
- Papanasam Sivan Competition (Columbus, OH)
- Tambaram Music Club Competition (Chennai, India)
- Harikessanallur Muthai Bhagvathar Competition held at Narada Gana Sabha (Chennai, India)
- Chicago Thyagaraja Utsavam Competition (Chicago, Illinois)

She has given and continues to give various concerts in India, USA & Canada.

She regularly gives performances in the December music season in Chennai, India.

Arthi graduated "**Summa Cum Laude**" from Westlake High School with honors for a high GPA score. She has been selected to the prestigious University of Pittsburgh's Doctor of Pharmacy graduate program and will commence September this year.

Arthi Kumar believes that music is the language of the soul.

Carnatic music gives her inner peace and its intricacies entice her intellect.

Keerthana Sankar from Auburn Hills, MI started learning violin at the age of 6 from Shri. Jayshankar Balan. She is currently learning from Shri. Delhi Sunder rajan. She gave her first solo violin concert at the age of 11 in Detroit. Since then, she has given violin duet concerts along with Shri Jayshankar Balan in the US and Canada. She has also provided accompaniment for several visiting artists from India in Detroit, Flint, Chicago, Toronto and Pittsburgh. Keerthana has won several prizes in Krithi, Kalpana Swaram and Alapana categories at Cleveland festival and Chicago Tyagaraja Utsavam. Keerthana is also undergoing vocal music training under Shri. Madurai Sundar. As the winner of Cleveland festival's talent competition in 2009, she performed in several sabhas in Chennai during last December season along with her elder sister. Keerthana is a Junior at Avondale High school.



Rajna Swaminathan is a disciple of Mrudangam Maestro Padma Vibhushan Dr. Umayalpuram K. Sivaraman.



Rajna is the youngest and one of only a handful of female Mrudangam artistes in the world. Rajna has accompanied several renowned musicians from India. During Spring 2009, she completed an all female ensemble tour led by Smt. Lalgudi Vijayalakshmi. She has also given Mrudangam accompaniment for several dance performances. Rajna performs lecture demonstrations and workshops at prominent Percussion events such as PASIC (Percussive Arts Society International Convention), KOSA International Percussion Camp, etc. Rajna is a sophomore at the University of Maryland, College Park. Rajna performs in USA and travels to India for performances. She has learned Piano and Bharathanaatyam for many years. For audio/video samples and to learn more about Rajna, please visit her website

www.rajnaswaminathan.com

Rajna's goal is to promote her divine art to the Western audience.