

Shri Krupa Dance Foundation March 2021 Newsletter



At Shri Krupa Dance Foundation (SKDF), our mission is “*To build a diverse, and inclusive community of artists and audience that promote and support creating, nurturing classical dance and music forms of India, contributing towards the overall growth and propagation of cultural richness in the USA*”

Towards our mission, we have made progress on several fronts. We are sharing these updates with you, our Rasikas and Donors!

Margazhi Marvelous Mahotsavam (MMM)

Shri Krupa premiered MMM to celebrate the dance season, with 28 dancers performing across a span of 12 days from Dec 18, 2020 until Jan 3, 2021. It was a delight to play host to 9 guest performers!

“MMM series was an opportunity to exhibit the ability of the dancer to understand the details of RasA (sentiment), BhAvA (expression), Abhinaya (exposing the ideas) and Anga Shuddhi (body clarity.)” - Guru Smt Vishal Ramani.

Thank you donors! We plan to donate the proceedings to **Community Seva** (an organization involved in feeding the hungry and homeless in the Bay Area) and musicians who are affected due to COVID with lack of opportunities. We are deeply humbled by the generous contribution by the Rasikas and the audience.

March 2021 Events

SKDF hosted the **first Arangetram of 2021** on March 13! Congratulations to **Dhiya Padmanabhan** and **Vidhyalakshmi Venkitakrishnan**! You can watch their arangetram from our [announcement post](#). We have several more lined up for 2021. Stay Tuned!

We have been collaborating with other dance organizations in the USA and India to bring forth the essence of our mission.

- As part of the Mahashivaratri festivities, Soundarya Natya Kala Foundation brought together various artists from around the globe into a virtual festival - “*Soundarya Noopuram - the Resonance of Anklets*”. Our own Guru Smt. Vishal Ramani was invited to be part of this festival! Please watch the brief intro (https://youtu.be/OAwC_g28-WQ) and her beautiful dance (<https://youtu.be/w0eIZVExfS4>)
- Shri Krupa participated in the *inSyncKathak We D.A.N.C.E Performance Series*. Watch our beautiful dances here - Madhuvanti Thillana (<https://youtu.be/H9SkVnMQpoY>), Gokula Bala Varnam (<https://youtu.be/UQ8CsNvA8s4>), Mahathi Thillana (https://youtu.be/3X_Qg4bFNZ0), Kenu Sang Kheloon Holi (<https://youtu.be/AG-SaGNPXGw>). Thank you to our Shri Krupa dancers - Swati Vemulapalli, Meghna Krishnan, Vidhya Venkitakrishnan, Dhiya Padmanabhan, Sharmila Vijay, Gayathri Radhakrishnan, Vidya Gopalakrishnan and Sachita Kashyap!

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