

## Arsha Kalarangam 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Festival

Arsha Kalarangam celebrated its 6<sup>th</sup> annual music festival at Kikani Higher Secondary School, Coimbatore from 16<sup>th</sup> November 2012 to 18<sup>th</sup> November 2012. Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswathi blessed it by his presence.

### DAY 1

Sri Sanjay Subramaniam is a genius in Carnatic music combining tradition and modernity. By profession he is a Chartered Accountant. He gave an enthralling Carnatic music concert on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2012. His energetic voice kept the rasikas captivated. He was well supported by Sri S. Varadarajan on Violin and Neyveli Sri P. Venkatesh on Mrdangam.

### DAY 2

Selvi Pavithra Srinivasan teaches bharata-natyam and Vedic heritage at Arsha Vidya Gurukulam in Saylorburg. She gave a delightful dance performance on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2012. She was supported by Sri Arun, Vocalist, Sri Karthikeyan on Mrdangam, Sri Muthukumar on Flute and Sri Rajesh on Violin. She, along with her Gurus, Sri Dhanjeyan and Smt Shantha presented "Ram Nadagam", a dance drama presentation on one episode from Ramayana. The performance was a feast to eyes, ears and heart.

### DAY 3

Aridwaramangalam Dr. A.K. Palanivel, Tavail Vidwan and his troupe presented a programme "Swara Layam", a musical ensemble on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2012. The other artists were Sri Durai Bharatidasan on Nadaswaram, Neyveli Sri C. Radhakrishnan on Violin, Sri Sivaramakrishnan on Sitar, Sri Ganesh Rao on Tabla and Adambakkam Sri Shankar on Ghatam. After the programme, Pujya Swamiji congratulated the artists for the excellent concert of instrumental music.

Rasikas of Coimbatore enjoyed the enlightening cultural utsav on all the three days.

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