

## Entertainment

This section is all about entertainment - dance, music, drama, concerts etc. Any type of entertainment that has a stamp of class and grace will be featured here.

### Svanubhava'

Spelt swaa-nu-bha-va, this is an event (first of its kind) by Matrka and YACM (Youth Association for Classical Music), exclusively for students of Classical Music and Dance. Here, as part of the event there will be concerts, lec-dems, lec-cons, educative programmes, movie reels, panel discussions, face to face conversation sessions with artists, listening sessions etc. This festival was held last year and received an overwhelming response. Each day of Svanubhava saw more than 800 students of music and dance. The organizers have some great new ideas in store for the next festival. These include discussions about music & humor in films, plays, inclusion of arts, and much more. Visit [www.svanubhava.blogspot.com](http://www.svanubhava.blogspot.com) for the full schedule and to register now!

This year, the festival will also be held at the 5 venues as given below. The festival will be taking place from August 2nd - 7<sup>th</sup> August.

Mark your calendars the Dates between August 2nd and August 7<sup>th</sup> from Time: 9 AM - 3 30 PM as per the schedule given below.

#### 2nd August - Kalakshetra

Inauguration

Performance by the students of Kalakshetra

Concert - Nedunuri Krishnamurthy with Malladi Brothers (Sriram Prasad and Ravikumar), M A Sundareswaran, Mannargudi A Easwaran, T V Vasam

Dance - 'Samanvaya' by Alarmelvalli and Madhvi Mudgal

Lunch

Face to face - P Unnikrishnan with Karthik Kumar

Tala Vadya Concert - T K Murthy with B Sivaraman, K P Parameshwaran, A

M Hari Narayanan, N Guruprasad, V Anirudh Athreya

#### 3rd August - Kalakshetra

Performance by the students of Tamilnadu Government Music College

Concert - A K C Natarajan Clarinet and group

Folk Theatre presented by V R Devika

Lunch

Pallavis - Creation, Evolution and Innovation - Chitravina N Ravikiran with M A Sundareswaran, K Arun Prakash

Humour in films - Y G Mahendran, A R Srinivasan, Crazy Mohan

#### 4th August - Chettinad Harishree Vidyalayam

Performance by the students of Chettinad Harishree Vidyalayam

Special Concert - O S Thyagarajan, O S Sundar and O S Arun with

Suresh, M R Gopinath, A V Manikandan, Ramakrishnan, Ganapathy, Kumar

Vina Concert - E Gayathri with B Ganapathiraman, Trichy K Murali

Lunch

Music in films - Rajiv Menon and S P Balasubramaniam

Pancha Vadyam Concert - Chottanikkara Subash Narayana Marar

#### 5th August - PSBB, KK Nagar

Performance by the students of Padma Seshadhri Bala Bhavan

Special concert by stars of the future with leading accompanists

Concept and Direction by R Vedavalli

Kunnakudy M Balamuralikrishna, Prasanna Venkatraman, Nisha Rajagopal, Amrita Murali

with HN Bhaskar and Poongulam Subramaniam

Concert - Priya Sisters with M A Krishnaswamy, Patri Satish Kumar, B Shree Sundar Kumar

Lunch

Koothupattarai

Talk about the role of Upa Pakkavadhyam in a concert by  
S Karthick, B S Purushothaman, Bangalore S Rajasekhar with G  
Ravikiran, H N Bhaskar, Sherthalai Ananthakrishnan

### **6th August - Music Academy**

Performance by the students of The Music Academy

Concert - N Rajam, Sangeetha Shankar, Ragini Shankar and Nandini Shankar with Ojas Adhiya  
Dance - Malavika Sarukkai

Lunch

Concert - S Shashank with B U Ganesh Prasad, Parupalli Phalgun, Sai Giridhar A

Retro on T Viswanathan - Sriram Parasuram and Anooradha Sriram

### **7th August - Vidya Mandir**

Performance by the students of Vidya Mandir

Concert - Hyderabad Brothers (D Raghavachari and D Seshachari) with Nagai Sriram, K V  
Prasad, T V Vasan

Concert - S Sowmya, Nithyasree Mahadevan with

M A Krishnaswamy, Poongulam Subramaniam

Debate

Lunch

'Varakari Sampradaya Harikeerthan' by Tukaram Ganapathy Maharaj

Treasure Hunt

You can check out photos from [Svanubhava 2008](#) and [Svanubhava 2009](#). Also, visit their [channel on youtube to see videos](#) from the festival last year. You can also join them on [Facebook group](#) or follow on [twitter](#) to stay posted on updates.

**The program will be from 9 to 3.30 pm.** Please contact 9840211166.

## **Music Concert**

Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer Golden Jubilee Foundation celebrates 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival. On this occasion they are organizing a music concert on:

29<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30 pm - **M. Narmada** (Violin), Shertalai Ananthakrishnan (Mrudangam), N. Guruprasad (Ghatam)

The concert will be staged at Raga sudha Hall, 85/2, Luz Avenue, Mylapore. \*\* Entry Free\*\*.

## **Music Concerts by Naada Inbam**

Naada Inbam is organizing music concerts according to the schedule given below.

On 30<sup>th</sup> July at 6 pm - - **J.T. Jeyaraaj Krishnan & Jaysri Jeyaraaj** (Veena), Madrimangalam Swaminathan (Mrudangam), Madipakkam Murali (Ghatam)

On 31<sup>st</sup> July at 6 pm - **Thamarakkad Govindan Nambudiri** (Vocal), V.V. Ravi (Violin), Trichur Narendran (Mrudangam)

These concerts will be held at Raga sudha Hall, 85/2, Luz Avenue, Mylapore. \*\* Entry Free\*\*.

## **Sunday Kutcheri In the Park**

Sundaram Finance is organizing Sunday Kutcheri In the park by young upcoming artists.

**Music concerts by Divya R (Vocal), Sharaddha R (Violin) Asiwini S (Mridangam)** will be on 01 Aug Park, Mylapore at 6.30 AM. At Nageswara Rao, Chennai. All are welcome.

## **Pecha-Kucha Nights Chennai Vol. 2**

### **"Share an Idea! Hear an Idea!"**

This is an event unlike any you may have witnessed. You are invited to Volume 2 of **Pecha-Kucha Nights Chennai** on Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup> at The Madras Center. **PechaKucha Night** was devised in Tokyo in 2003 by Astrid Klein and Mark Dytham as an event for young designers to

meet, network, and show their work in public. It has turned into a massive celebration, with events happening in hundreds of cities around the world, inspiring creatives worldwide. Drawing its name from the Japanese term for the sound of conversation ("chit chat"), it rests on a presentation format that is based on a simple idea: Each presenter shows 20 images and is allowed just 20 seconds of talking time per slide. It's a format that makes presentations concise, and keeps things moving at a rapid pace. **Pecha-Kucha Nights Vol. 1** happened on May 15 this year and it was a huge success. So, if you want to have some intellectual stimulation in a relaxed atmosphere, go for it. Pecha Kucha Night is for Content and not profit.

At New #21, Dr. Thirumurthy Nagar Main Road, Nungambakkam. Chennai - 600 034 (Near Hotel Ranjith) at 6.30 pm = Doors Open. 7.00 pm = Presentations start

For more information on what Pecha Kucha is about, check out:

<http://www.pecha-kucha.org/night/chennai/>, <http://pkv2.doattend.com>  
<http://www.pecha-kucha.org/what> . Contact Sidharth on 95000-13461 for more details

## At Unwind Center

**Null Friction's Great Indian Summer Tour 2010** ends this Friday at Live 101, Unwind Center, Adyar. The Mind-blasting tour covered Hyderabad, Bangalore, Mumbai & Kolkata! The Chennai boys even played at the prestigious Sullivan Hall, NY this Feb! Also featuring this Friday is **BLACKLISTED**, Chennai's Top Listed act!

### About Null Friction

Null Friction is an Indian rock band formed in 2005 in Chennai. The band consists of Abhishek Singhal (bass), Ansh Sanyal (drums), and Shreyans Jha (vocals and guitars). Following the DIY route, the band released their self-produced album, "Madras," in 2009 which went on to sell almost all its copies in the first week of distribution and stayed at 1 on Reverbnation's charts for two weeks. Known for their on-stage vivacity and their melodic yet head-bang-able tunes, Null Friction has played two-country wide tours and over a hundred independent shows till date in India, Canada, and the United States. NullFriction has been rightly described by others as angry, powerful, and unpredictable. They are young, passionate, talented, and driven to do whatever it takes to go all the way.

Date: 30 July 2010 at 7pm. Entry donation pass is priced at: Rs.100

67, 3rd Cross Street, Gandhi Nagar, Adyar, Chennai - 600 020. (Behind Ladies Club)  
Tel: +91-44-65379572, 9841379494, 9941005949

## Nalli Annual Aadi Naataka Vizha

Brahma Gana Sabha is mid-way through its Nalli Annual Aadi Naataka Vizha programme. Given below is the list of plays that will be staged.

July 29: Kovai Padduh's '**Pavithra**'

July 30: Amirtham Gopal's '**Lakshmanan Kodu**'

July 31: Rail Priya's '**Enakkul Iruvar**'

Aug 01: Maapillai Ganesh's '**Mama Mapplae**'

The plays are staged at Dakshnamurthy Hall (P.S.H.S School) at 7 pm daily. Entry for the performances is free.

## Play - Lakshmana Kodu

Gitanjali Amrtham Gopal inaugurates drama "LAKSHMANANAKODU" by K.S.N. Sundar at MFAC Hall on 29 July at 7 pm. At Mylapore Fine Arts Club, 16, Musiri Subramanian Salai, Chennai. Ph : 24997755. Tickets are priced at Rs.30 & Rs.50.

## Play - Madhu +2

Sri Devi presents Madhu +2, comedy play by Crazy Mohan & Madhu Balaji on 31 July at 7 pm. At Vani Mahal, 102, GN Chetty Road, Chennai. For details contact 044 28151266. Tickets are priced at Rs.200 / 350/500/750/1000.

## Metro Plus Theatre Fest 2010

Though there is a fortnight left for the MetroPlus Theatre Fest, we are featuring it here now nevertheless, as tickets for these performances do not last two long. If you are a keen Play enthusiast, it may be a good idea to grab your tickets right away.

Chennai starts the "drama season" with **The Hindu MetroPlus Theatre Fest**, which will be held from August 6 to 15 at the Sir Mutha Venkatasubba Rao Concert Hall, Harrington Road, Chetpet. The fest will feature national and international groups, ranging from the spectacular to the bare minimum and covering in its scope, the classic with the modern.

Given below are the Plays that will be staged in Chennai.

06 Aug at 7.15 pm - **Break Out - Extreme Dance Comedy** - 75 minutes

'**Break Out**' combines the hottest street dance moves with eye-popping gymnastics and a comic spectacle. It is directed by Sang-Hoon Lim & Seung-Youl Lee.

'Break Out' is co-produced by Sevensense and Yegam Theatre Company.

07 Aug at 7.15 pm - **Ms. Meena by Rajiv Krishnan** - 100 Minutes

This play has been made possible with the support of the Goethe-Institut and Pro Helvetia — The Swiss Arts Council.

Aug 8 at 7.15 pm - **Taramandal by Neel Chaudhuri** - 110 minutes

The Tadpole Repertory is a group of theatre practitioners in Delhi committed to producing original work. This play was selected as the winner of the MetroPlus Playwright award this year. '**Taramandal**' is Tadpole's first independent production. In April, the group was awarded a prestigious anniversary grant from the Goethe Institut for a forthcoming theatre project titled 'Ich bin Fassbinder'. Much is expected from this play.

12th Aug at 7.15 pm - **Rafta Rafta by Dinkar Jani** - 120 minutes

The play, written by British-Indian Ayub Khan-Din, won the Laurence Olivier award for Best New Comedy 2008. HuM Theatre first performed 'Rafta Rafta' in Singapore in May 2010 where it was critically acclaimed and well received. The story is about a couple forced to live with the bridegroom's family as a result of which there is intrusion into their privacy.

13th Aug at 7.15 pm - **Khatijabai of Karmali Terrace by Quasar Thakore Padamsee** - 65 minutes.

'**Khatijabai of Karmali Terrace**' is not just the story of one woman, but of all of us, trapped in lives that are not our own. It tells the story of an orphan Khatija, who marries into the Karmali household.

13th Aug at 8.30 pm - **The Agony and the Ecstasy of Steve Jobs by Jean-Michele**

**Gregory** - 60 min. The play is about the power that technology gives to control but at the same time about how it also enslaves one. It is being performed at this festival with the support of the U.S. Consulate General, Chennai.

14th Aug at 7.15 pm - **Quick Death - Sankar Venkateswaran** - 50 minutes

In 'Quick Death', from Trissur in Kerala, the story, the plots, the theme, are all embedded within 51 scenes, and it is an experimental play.

On 15th Aug at 7.15 pm - **One on One** - 100 minutes

'One On One' brings together Mumbai's finest actors, and is written by some of India's most talented playwrights and directed by six of our best-known directors.

**Tickets are priced at Rs.600, Rs.350 and Rs.200 (balcony). Season passes are available for Rs. 3,500 and Rs. 2,100. Tickets for all shows can be purchased online at [www.hindu.com/theatrefest](http://www.hindu.com/theatrefest).** Tickets will also be available from July 23 (Friday) at the venue (Sir Mutha Venkatasubba Rao Concert Hall, Lady Andal School, Harrington Road, Chetpet) and all four outlets of Landmark (Spencer Plaza, Apex Plaza, Nungambakkam, Chennai Citi Centre and Ampa Skywalk) and The Hindu office, 859 & 860 Anna Salai, Chennai 600002, (between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.).

**These programmes will be held at Sir Mutha Venkatasubba Concert hall, 7, Shenstone Park, 13/1, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai. For details contact 044 28363921.**