



**Ravi Gudipati(Singer)** , a native of Tanuku, has been in the US for 13 years and currently lives in Dublin, CA. He owns a software consulting company and works as a freelance software consultant in the Bay Area. He is the Lead Singer & Coordinator for this current event. He has been a music lover/singer since his childhood and sings all old and new Telugu/Hindi songs with the same passion and energy. He is quoted as a professional stage performer with an expressive, energetic and melodious voice. He started a group called SRUTHI in 2001 in the Bay Area and gave quite a few local and country level performances along with his troupe. He recently sang for a local Telugu Association (Ugadi 2009) in Canada. He has performed in a lot of charity shows and fund raising events done by Sankara Eye Foundation (SEF), Bay Area Telugu Association (BATA) and Silicon Andhra for the last 10 years. Some of his significant performances included the TANA conferences such as 1997 (Los Angeles) and 2003 (San Jose). He released an audio devotional album in Andhra Pradesh in 2005 and it went on becoming a huge success back home.. he was accompanied with none other than Smt.Vani Jayaram and S.P.Sailaja for this album. He got an opportunity to sing with the music director, Koti when his troupe performed a show for NY/NJ people in 2008. He shared the dias with the popular playback singers like Mano, Vijaya Lakshmi and Usha for major performances across the US.

**Prasad Durvasula(Singer)** an Engineer by profession and Singer by passion has been singing since his early childhood. He has won numerous awards/prizes in college and University competitions. He was a three time winner at Light Music Competitions conducted by Delaware Telugu Assn. Prasad has performed in the presence of Late Pitapuram Nageswar Rao, G. Anand, SPB, V. Rama Krishna, P. Suseela, Usha, K.V.Mahadevan , Dr. Rama Naidu, Satyam & Kodanda Pani. He has a keen interest in music and continues to learn and improve his talent.



**Ravi Shankar Tata(Singer)** originally hails from Vizianagaram. He has been in the US for 13 years and currently lives in San Jose, CA. He works as a S/W Dev Manager for a reputed company in the Silicon Valley. He has learnt Carnatic Music from renowned musicians in the field such as Sri. Nukala Chinnu Satyanarayana and Smt. Dwaram Vijaya Lakshmi(D/O Dwaram Durga Prasad Rao) for about 15 years. He has been a first round winner of the SP Balu's popular program "Paduta Teeyaga" in the very first series of episodes of the program in April 2006. He was a winner of "Paduta Teeyaga (U.S.A)" program, conducted by ATA in 2000 and hosted again by Sri S.P.Balu. He has also participated in many fund raising charity concerts in the Bay Area over the last 10 years. He says that Balu and Ilaya Raja are his favorite singer and composer respectively.

**Murali Krishna Sambara(Singer)** Murali was born in Bala Nagar (Hyderabad) and his original roots are from Vizianagaram. He lives in Fremont and works as a Program Manager. Music is in his family and he has been singing since his childhood and won many prizes at district/state level singing competitions in Andhra. He has also been a lead singer in college orchestra and performed in many inter collegiate events. Thanks to his mom's encouragement, he got trained in Carnatic music (7 years; Guru - Sri. Balakrishna Sastry) & Mridangam (4 years; Guru - Sri. B.L. Narasimham). He gave his first US stage performance for Sankara Eye Foundation fund raiser (Roshni) held by BATA in Jan 2009 and just can not wait to do his second one with this event.



**Vijay Kumar Vemuri (Singer)** - Vijay originally hails from Nellore, but most part of his childhood, he grew up in places like Vijayawada, Guntur and Chirala. He has been in the US for 11 years and currently lives in San Ramon, CA. He works as a software developer in a company located in the East Bay. He is a music lover who happens to be a singer as well. He has a strong penchant for the melodious Telugu/Hindi songs. He still remembers the nostalgic songs he used to listen over Radio before leaving to school. He is very happy to re-live the same moments through the concerts like this one.



**Sudha Shastry(Singer)** Though Sudha was born in Kurnool, she was brought up in Chennai and Mumbai and it is because of her parents' strong penchant for Telugu language, she has a perfect Telugu diction though is not fluent in Telugu reading/writing. She has been in the US for 8 years and currently lives in Fremont, CA. Music has always been an integral part of her life. She dabbled with Carnatic music in her childhood and later went on to pursue serious Hindustani classical music under an able tutelage of Pandit Prabhakar Karekar in Mumbai. Although deeply fond of melodious Hindi music and Ghazals, language has never been a barrier for her when it comes to performing any kind of melodies. Motherhood has resulted in a long sabbatical from learning music, but she would love to get back to some serious music soon.

**Yamini Potti(Singer)**, was born in Narasa Rao Peta (Guntur), but she grew up in various places in India because of her dad's bank job. Thanks to her mom, she never lost touch with Telugu language. In fact, her mom took special care to teach her how to read and write Telugu . She currently lives in Fremont, CA with her husband. She hails from a music loving family and is an avid music listener/singer and given many stage performances since her childhood. She holds a diploma in vocal classical music, and is a B-High grade artist in All India Radio (AIR) in the 80's/90's. She has released many audio albums in India and Bay Area. She is widely known and recognized artist in many of bay area cultural associations. She teaches Telugu language and classical music to the kids in the Ardenwood area

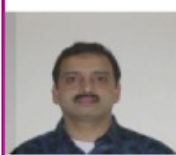


**Hemamalini Kota(Singer)**Hema originally hails from Gudiwada and done schooling in several places in Andhra. She has been in the US for 14 years and currently lives in San Ramon, CA. She works as a Speech Therapist in the East Bay. Her parents encouraged her to sing since her childhood. Her mom, who is a renowned Telugu writer, is the main inspiration for her to realize that she had a passion for singing. She won many singing competitions since her childhood. She used to be an AIR and TV artist before moving to the US. She released an audio cassette along with her sister, Vyjayanthi under the direction of the popular classical singer, Smt. Shobharaju.



**Padimini Saripella(Singer)** Padmini originally hails from Vizianagaram. She has been in the US for the last three years and currently lives in Sunnyvale, CA. Padmini has been a music lover since her childhood and has been trained in both Carnatic and Hindustani classical music in India. She has worked with the popular Telugu music director, M.M. Keeravani as a playback singer for some of his movies. Besides playback singing for movies, TV serials and devotional albums, she has also performed in a variety of live shows and concerts in India and Africa. She enjoys voice modulation and likes to experiment in new voices and languages.

**Satya Vaidyanathan(Tabla)** makes a fine Tabla player with no formal training under his belt. His profound interest in music spans across genres from pure classical to traditional folk music. Along with being a percussionist, he also sings ghazals in its traditional form. Satya's other interests include long distance running and volunteering for Team Asha with whom he has been training and running marathons for the last four years.



**Venky Subramaniam(Drums)** Music to Venky, in any form, has been (and will be) always an undying passion.. Venky conducted many programs as a senior executive of the music club at BIT, Ranchi. He won First Prize among 25 in a competition to compose and render a Ghazal in 1 Hr. Though Drums is his forte, Venky can play conga, tabla, mridangam as well. He also dabbles with different instruments like the keyboard and guitar to explore and utilize the palette of possibilities that these instruments offer to enrich a composition. Venky has worked with music groups *Surabhee* and *Pallavi* in the Bay Area. Currently he is a freelancer looking to jam with similar passionate people.