

MELATTUR
SRI LAKSHMI NARASIMHA JAYANTI
BHAGAVATA MELA NATYA NATAKA SANGAM
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76th YEAR
BHAGAVATA MELA NATAKA MAHOTSAV
INVITATION

The great Bhagavata Mela tradition, a rare temple/theatre art in a unique blend of Bakti, music, dance & drama in vogue over 4 centuries, is the only surviving link today in Tamil Nadu that connects us with the ancient Sanskrit theatre.

The Bhagavata Mela natakams, composed in chaste Telugu by Melattur Venkatarama Sastry (1743-1809 A.D), are performed annually, in adherence to the Natya Veda, in the sannidhi of Lord Sri Varadaraja Perumal of Melattur village as part of Sri Narasimha Jayanti Vasantotsav.

Members of SLNJ Bhagavata Mela Natya Nataka Sangam, residents of Melattur and the sponsors cordially invite you and your family to the

BHAGAVATA MELA NATAKA MAHOTSAV – 2016

VENUE : Sri Varadaraja Perumal Sannidhi, Melattur

DATE: On & from the 23rd. May, 2016

PROGRAMME

23-05-2016	9.00 a.m. onward	Poorvngam	Unchavritti, Naamasangeertan (by Kumbakonam Sri Ananthanarayana Bhagavata & troupe), Veda Chanting, Gata Sthapanam & Homam, Maha Thirumanjanam, Mangala Aarathi, Samaarathanai.
	6.30 p.m.	"Arayar Sevai" by	The President of India awardee, Thiru Narayanapuram "Arayar Sri Rama Sarma"
	7:00 p.m.	Carnatic music by	"Sangeetha Shiromani" Smt. Chitra Bilvam, Sri Vittala Rangan (violin), Thanjavur Sri G Sankara Subramanian (mrudangam), Sri Sekar (kanjira).
	9.00 p.m.	Naama Sankeertan by	Dr. Udayalur Sri Kalyanaraman
24-05-2016	7.30 p.m.	Mangala Isai – Nadaswaram by	Thirukarugavoor Bros. Sri TK Ramanan & Sri TK Saravanan (Invitations printed separate)
	9.00 p.m.	Inauguration of Mahotsav	
	9.30 p.m.	Bhagavata Mela Natakam	PRAHLADA CHARITAM
25-05-2016	6.40 p.m.	Kuchipudi Dance by	Disciples of Nematikanti Suvarnalaha, Hyderabad
	7.00 p.m.	Bharata Natyam by	Students of "Bhagavata Mela Vidyalaya", Melattur
	7.30 p.m.	Bharata Natyam by	Member-Artistes of ABHAI (Association of Bharata Natyam Artistes of India), Chennai
26-05-2016	9.30 p.m.	Bhagavata Mela Natakam	HARISCHANDRA – Part I
27-05-2016	9.30 p.m.	Bhagavata Mela Natakam	HARISCHANDRA – Part II
28-05-2016	7.00 p.m.	Bharata Natyam by disciples of Padma Ganesh, Chennai	Kum. Subashree (grand-daughter of Melattur S Gopala Bhattachariar) and artiste-colleagues)
	8.30 p.m.	Bharata Natyam	Kum. Kavya Kasinathan (disciple of Guru Sri Mithun Shyam, Bengaluru)
29-05-2016	9.30 p.m.	Bhagavata Mela Natakam	RUKMINI KALYANAM
30-05-2016	9.30 p.m.	Tamil Opera	VALLI THIRUMANAM
31-05-2016	6.30 p.m.	"Hindu Marriage Songs" by	"Marabu Foundation", Thillaisthanam (conceived & directed by Dr. (Selvi) Rama. Kousalya)
	8:00 p.m.	Sri Anjaneya Aradhana & Concluding rituals - Naamasankeertan by Udayalur (Sri) Balarama Bhagavata & troupe and Bhagavata Mela Artists followed by procession of deity, Sri Nrusimha with His Consorts	

ALL ARE WELCOME

AN APPEAL

Conduct of the annual Bhagavata Mela Nataka Utsav and implementation of projects including management of BHAGAVATA MELA VIDYALAYA that imparts systematic training to younger generation to preserve, protect and promote the great Bhagavata Mela tradition need huge funds. We appeal to connoisseurs and patrons of music, dance and other performing arts, and the ardent devotees to contribute their mite for the cause of the divine art-form and be a recipient of bountiful blessings of Lord Sri Nrusimha.

Your donation may kindly be sent to :- The Secretary, Sri L.N.J. Bhagavata Mela N.N.Sangam, 63-64 South St., Melattur 614 301, Thanjavur Dist. by D/D, Cheque or M.O drawn in favour of Sri LNJ Bhagavata Mela, Melattur.

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