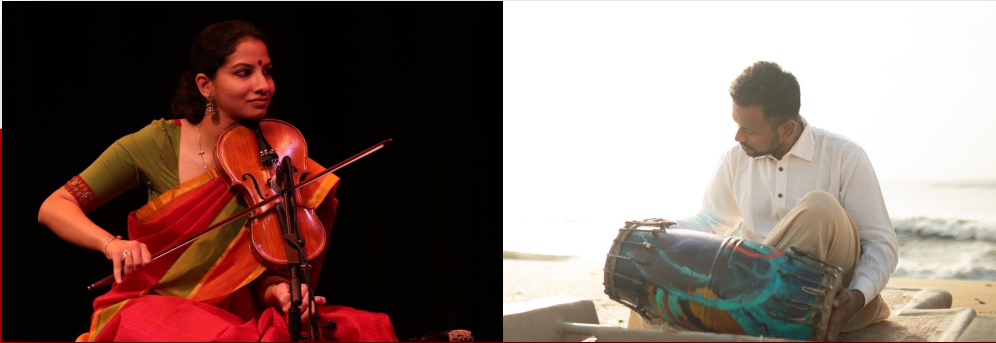




PROUD TO PRESENT **AAVAAM | WE TWO** *BRINGING ART AND PEOPLE TOGETHER*

Exhilarating performances by local artists versed in classical music and dance from the South Asian subcontinent followed by a recital by internationally renowned classical violinist and mridangam duo **Shreya Devnath** and **Praveen Sparsh**



Date : Sunday 15th March 2020 Doors Open : 16.00

Venue : The Deanery CE Academy, Peglars Way, Swindon, SN1 7DA

Ample free car parking • Bar and fresh food available from 3pm at the Venue

Tickets available from Swindon Dance : on-line, in person or by telephone. Swindon Dance, Regent Circus, Swindon, SN1 1QF.

Website : swindondance.org.uk • Telephone : 01793 601700

Adult Ticket £12 • Child Ticket £8 (4-16 years) • Family tickets £30 (2xAdults+2xChildren between 4-16 years)

Concession if 10 or more tickets are block booked: £10 for adults and £6 for children

AAVAAM | WE TWO Concert

A violin- mridangam duet by Shreya Devnath and Praveen Sparsh

Shreya Devnath and Praveen Sparsh bring you songs of traditional Indian Music, a journey through classical and folk cultures. Songs of freedom, love, joy and self belief presented in a seamless blend of composed and improvised music. The pieces will draw from the diverse cultural background that India is blessed with, exploring the lyrical and musical ideas of composers from across the country, each of whom had their own journey, but found ultimately, liberation through their music and faith.

Shreya and Praveen will explore these pieces with different emotional and musical intensities, interpreting them through the violin, vocals, multi-percussion and spoken word. As a primarily instrumental concert, the musicality of these compositions will be brought forth through the simple and pure magic of melody, rhythm and aesthetics.

THE ARTISTS:

Shreya Devnath is a student of the legendary Sri Lalgudi Jayaraman. She is a well- established solo violinist, who also curates, performs and tours with “A Carnatic Quartet”, a Carnatic instrumental ensemble, as also “An Experiment with Sound and Music”, a duet with percussionist Praveen Sparsh. A capable vocalist, and committed teacher, Shreya handles students from different parts of the world. She has toured the US and UK extensively, as also Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Dubai for concerts and workshops. She has scored and performed music for plays, ad jingles and short films. Shreya has also created music outreach programs for underprivileged children, with the intent of spreading the joy of music far, wide and deep. Her music is characterised by substance and freshness, a journey for the artiste and the audience.

Praveen Sparsh is one of the most sought after Mridangam exponents in the field of Carnatic music today. Having trained in the mridangam under Guruvayur Sri Dorai from the age of five, Praveen is now also a multi percussionist and a music producer who has scored and performed music for plays, ad jingles and short films. He has toured the United States extensively, as also, countries like Luxembourg, Germany, Belgium, France, Amsterdam, Singapore, Malaysia, Srilanka, Jakarta, Sydney, Melbourne, Israel and Palestine. Praveen’s perception of music is as nuanced as it is precise, and his boundless artistic curiosity reflects in his wide array of musical explorations.

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