

# Purandara Namana, a musical salutation to the Saint Purandara that stole the hearts of Kannada Art Lovers.



On 10<sup>th</sup> July 2010 the musical salutations to Saint Purandara performed at the central Studios of Queen Mary College in Basingstoke was a marvellous experience that remain in our memories for a long time. Mrs. Seetha Ramamurthy and Mr. Ramamurthy who have been successfully organising this performance for the past 10 years, are well known to the art lovers of Basingstoke.

It is a proud fact that for the past one year this performance is conducted under the auspicious of Kannada Balaga U.K.

At this years performance, our local upcoming and budding artistes Dr. Ramya Mohan and Smt. Shruthi Sudhir gave music recital and filled our hearts with joy. The accompanying artistes Dr. Jyotsna Srikanth and Mr. R. N. Prakash gave this performance an additional brilliance.

The programme started with an introduction of artists by Dr. Uma Venkatesh and Mr. Ramamurthy.

Dr. Ramya Mohan and Smt. Shruthi Sudhir rendered the 'Devara Namas' of Purandara in choice ragas that floated the audience on a musical wave that made every one filled with emotion.

Dr. Jyotsna Shrinkanth gave a performance through the strings of her violin the rendition of 'Jagadoddaarana aadisidaleshoda' that succeeded in making the melody stay in our emotion. Smt. Shruthi Sudhir not only sang Devara Namas, but also sang Vachanas of Basavanna and Akka Mahadevi that made us unaware of the time like a magic. Mr. Bangalore R N Prakash revealed his excellent percussion skills.

After the musical performances, Dr. Balasubramanyam who had come from Ban-





galore, introduced the charitable work done by his organisation regarding the uplifting of the tribal people of Karnataka. He also suggested the ways in which the Non Resident Indians can cooperate and help the uplifting of these tribal people. After a snack of tasty 'Puliogare' prepared by Smt. Seetha Ramamurthy, and enjoying a comedy film 'Crazy Kutumba'. We all reached back safely to our respective places.

On the whole there is no doubt that this experience will remain evergreen in our memories for a long time.

We hope that Kannada Balaga U.K will organise more of such musical and cultural programmes in the future.

With best wishes,  
Dr. Uma Venkatesh.