

LAVANYA KARTHIKEYAN

CARNATIC VOCALIST, VIOLINIST,
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ACADEMIC EDUCATION

- Pursuing Bachelor of Fine arts Program with a major in dance.
(Commenced in January 2025)
- Advanced Diploma - Carnatic Vocal at Tamil nadu Dr J. Jayalalitha Music And Fine Arts University.
(Commenced in September 2023)
- High school Diploma from Pearson Online Academy, USA June 2023

Lavanya Karthikeyan, a budding vocalist, dancer and violinist, began her journey into dance at a very young age with her mother Smt. Radhamani Varadhachary. Along with dance, she also started violin lessons with Smt. Sandhya Anand from the age of five having showing affinity to the sounds of violin.

Currently, she is receiving advanced training in all 3 disciplines - Vocal, Violin and Dance.

She is privileged to be under the tutelage of Vid. Sri Abilash Giriprasad in order to broaden her musical abilities in vocal and is refining her violin skills under the tutelage of Vidwan Sri. Rajeev Mukundan, Pittsburg, USA.

Additionally, Lavanya is receiving advanced Bharathanatyam training from Sri. Shankar Kandasamy, Head of Dept. of Dance, Temple of Fine Arts, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

From a young age, Lavanya has been performing on stage with many appearances for the Vocals, Violin and Bharathanatyam in the New York and New Jersey area.

For the past 3 years, Lavanya has been traveling extensively between India, Malaysia and USA to refine her skills in all the disciplines. Additionally, she has been performing in Chennai during the December music and dance season for the past 3 years while also performing in the major cities in the USA.

Lavanya, through her passion, talent, hard work, and love for her craft, exhibits a promising future in music and dance. As a young artist, she is determined to learning and growing, hoping to make her own mark in the world of music and dance.

AWARDS

YoungArts Winner with Distinction in Dance World Dance/Indian for the 2024 YoungArts national competition

Vazhuvoor Ramiah Pillai prize at Cleveland Thyagaraja festival 2024

CONCERT EXPERIENCE ACROSS DISCIPLINES

- During the December 2022, 2023 and 2024 Margazhi music Season she performed several Vocal and Violin accompaniment concerts at prestigious sabhas including VVS Foundation - Naadharpanam, TTVV trust, Kartik Fine Arts, Pammal Sangeetha Sabha, Papanasam Sivan Trust, Hamsadwani, YADA's Margazhi Yuva utsav, Gandharva Gana Sabha, Maha Periyava Sannidhanam -at Kancheepuram, Paalam TV's - Global fest and Sharadamba temple - Pondicherry among others.
- During the 2023, 2025 January dance season she performed solo recitals for Anusham arts academy, Ilamayil Thiramai, TAPAS Natyotsav, Aadhyah Center of Performing Arts, Lasya's Sangamam Season-16 among others.
- Her Dance Arangetram was held in Vani Mahal, Chennai in March 2024 in the presence of esteemed guests including Padma Shri Leela Samson, Smt. Bragha Bessel, Sri. Jayachandran Surendran, Smt. Rhadha Ramanathan, Smt. Savithri Jegannatha Rao among others.
- Her Vocal Arangetram was held in Vani Mahal, Chennai in July 2023 in the presence of esteemed guests including Vid. Prince Rama Varma, Vid. Sri A.S.Murali, Sri. V.V.Sundaram, Kalaimamani Sri. Tiruvarur Vaidyanathan, Neyveli Sri. B. Venkatesh, Sri. Ashok Ramani among others.
- She has participated in the Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana's flagship program Sustaining Sampradaya in the years 2023 and 2019 as part of RK Srikantan stream and S.Rajam stream. She also presented a margam in Bharathanatyam as part of the North American dance Ensemble at the Cleveland Festival 2024.
- Lavanya has performed in all disciplines widely in the USA including LA Mama theater, NY, Srivari Sri Balaji temple, NJ, Guruvayoorappan Temple, NJ, Sri Krushna Vrundavana, NJ, Sai Datta peetam, NJ, Srutilaya, NY, and Mahaperiyava mani mantapam, NJ, Sai center at the Hindu Temple of Oklahoma City, OK, Sarva Sanskriti Samsthan, NJ among others.
- She has played major roles in dance productions, including Sri Krishna Geetham, Karnan, and Rama Charitha Geetham.
- She has also been singing for dance Arangetrams, Performances and Productions since June 2024.

PRIZES WON

- Has been placed 1st, 2nd 3rd in multiple categories including Advanced categories at the Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana, CMANA, NJNS dance competitions, Saptami competitions for Vocal, Violin, and Dance from 2015 - present
- 1st place - Varnam and Dasara Krithi Shravya Season 4 by Sudharnava Academy of Musical Excellence; January 2023
- Finalist - Tanpura Competition, Spring Nectar Foundation; June 2021.
- 2nd Place- Poruri Sangeetha Sabha, Junior category; December 2020.
- Special mention- Samaa arts; September 2020.
- Special mention - Live4you Vocal competitions in Junior category, August 2020
- Best Vocalist & Best Violinist - Spring Nectar Foundation; May 2020.
- 1st Place- Vocal under 15 category. Papanasam Sivan Competitions, New Jersey. September 2019, 2018
- 1st place - Art N Beat competitions in Violin in Junior category - June 2018
- Topped the Championship board for Indian Raga contests in both Violin and Dance; 2017 (Intermediate category).

WORKSHOPS FOR DANCE

Apart from being trained under her gurus in Bharathanatyam, she has gained extensive knowledge by participating in several workshops conducted by established senior artists, choreographers and layam vidwans in the dance field.

- Navadarshana in NJ – led by Smt. Priyadarshini Govind, Sri. Jayachandran, Sri. Vaibhav Arekar.
 - Sri. Renjith Babu and Smt. Vijna Vasudevan – Yoga for dancers.
 - Smt. Shruti Gopal – Abhinaya workshop from Punyah Dance company.
 - Dr. Guru Bharadwaaj – Basics of Nattuvangam.
 - Sri. Narendrakumar Lakshmipathy – Rekha Peetam, Varnams, Thillana.
 - Smt. Indira Kadambi – Dasara Padams.
 - Smt. Suma Krishnamurthy – Dasara Padams.
 - Sri. Madurai. R. Muralidharan – many of his compositions.
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UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2025

- Shivarathri Vocal Concerts in NJ, PA
 - Winner dance performance at Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana – April 26, 2025
 - Violin Solo Debut – Summer/Fall 2025
 - Yavanika – Fall tour 2025 – She'll be part of the Yauvanika team led by Smt. Priyadarshini Govind this fall.
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WESTERN ARTS TRAINING

- Attended a month long Summer Musical Theatre Intensive at NYCDA (New York Academy of Dramatic Arts) – July 2024
 - Currently receiving Ballet, Modern and Contemporary training
 - Receiving Basic guitar training and to read sheet music
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TEACHING AND WORK EXPERIENCE

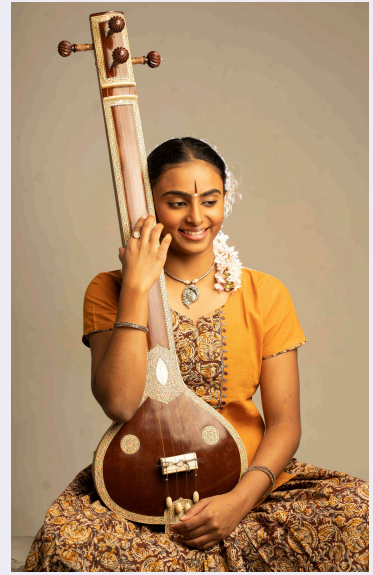
- Working as a Research and Marketing Associate for ArtsIndiaUS Since Dec 2023 – Along side researching for Arts grants for music and dance artists, creating content for social media and reaching out to young Indian art talents and promoting young and upcoming talents to have an awareness of opportunities for their arts growth in the US.
 - As an assistant teacher of AICA, handling carnatic vocal classes to beginners Since 2024.
 - As a Teacher's Assistant, Teaching and training younger students at her Bharathanatyam school – alma mater Shree Nrithya Niketan since 2022.
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HOBBIES AND OTHER INTERESTS

- Guitar
- Rock climbing
- Reading
- Basketball

VOCAL CONCERT LINKS

- [Palinchi Kamakshi - Madhyamavathi](#) - Samaa arts - Sri. Kapaleswarar temple - Dec 2024
- [Maa Janaki - Kambhoji](#) - Sai Center - Oklahoma - July 2024
- [Bhajan](#) - July 2024
- [Vocal Arangetram](#) - July 2023



VIOLIN CONCERT LINKS

- [Kalyani Alapana](#) - Dec 2024
- [Saveri Alapana](#) - April 2023
- [Bhairavi - Upacharamu jese varunnarani](#) - Jan 2021



DANCE CONCERT LINKS

- [TAPAS Natyotsav](#) - Jan 2025
- [Choreography category - Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana](#) - April 2024
- [Dance Arangetram](#) - March 2024
- [Varnam category - Cleveland Thyagaraja Aradhana](#) - April 2023





To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of YoungArts, I am pleased to send this letter in support of Lavanya Karthikeyan. Lavanya was named a YoungArts Winner with Distinction in Dance World Dance/Indian for the 2024 YoungArts national competition.

YoungArts applicants are between the ages of 15–18 or in grades 10–12, and each of our winners demonstrate outstanding artistic achievement in the visual, literary or performing arts.

YoungArts was established in 1981 by Lin and Ted Arison to identify exceptional young artists, amplify their potential, and invest in their lifelong creative freedom. YoungArts provides space, funding, mentorship, professional development, and community throughout artists' careers.

YoungArts has a highly competitive application process for talented artists, judged by an independent panel of highly accomplished artists through a rigorous blind adjudication process. YoungArts winners, who represent the top 8% of applicants, are eligible to receive valuable financial awards of up to \$10,000; presentation opportunities at renowned institutions across the country; and the chance to learn from notable artists and mentors such as Debbie Allen, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Germane Barnes, Wynton Marsalis, Salman Rushdie and Mickalene Thomas.

YoungArts Winners with Distinction are further eligible for exclusive opportunities including nomination as U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students; a wide range of fellowships, residencies and awards; presentation opportunities at major venues nationwide; additional financial support; and access to YoungArts Post, a free, private, online platform for YoungArts award winners to connect, share their work, and discover new opportunities. Past YoungArts winners include accomplished leaders in their fields such as Daniel Arsham, Terence Blanchard, Camille A. Brown, Timothée Chalamet, Viola Davis, Amanda Gorman, Judith Hill, Jennifer Koh, Tarell Alvin McCreaney, Andrew Rannells, Desmond Richardson and Hunter Schafer.

I hope that the prestige and recognition Lavanya has received as a YoungArts winner will be considered as you make decisions on your application submissions, as well as for potential awards.

Sincerely,

Lauren Slone
Vice President, Artistic Programs
YoungArts
The National Foundation for the Advancement of Artists

DANCE ARANGETRAM CERTIFICATE

