

“Gana Mukundhapriya” was inaugurated by late Semmangudi Sri Srinivasa Iyer during March 1995. The concept of starting the Sabha is to promote young and upcoming artistes in the music field. To begin with the Sabha had one programme per month on purely carnatic music in Srinivasa Sastry Hall, Luz, Mylapore, Chennai-4.

From the year 2003 the Sabha had decided to have concerts on the occasions of Sri Navami, Summer series, Sri Krishna Jayanthi, Navarathiri and December Music Season. But at the same time the sabha had been arranging monthly music concerts in Bharathiya Vidhya Bavan Mini Hall A/c, East Mada Street, Mylapore, Chennai -4. Slowly and steadily the Sabha started giving programmes as per the schedule. The Sabha is proud of saying that nearly 500 artists have performed in our programmes.

From 2006 onwards the Sabha was interested in promoting Bharatha Natyam also. The Sabha had nearly 20 to 25 programmes in Dakshinamurthy Auditorium and then switched over to R.K. Swamy Auditorium A/c. To begin with, the Sabha had 10 days Programme on Bharatha Natyam, namely, “Maha Sivarathri Dance Festival” during February 2007. The Sabha had been giving monthly programme on Bharatha Natyam. As far as music is concerned. As usual, the Sabha had Sri Rama Navami Utsavam, Krishna Jayanthi Utsavam, and December Season.

The Sabha has been registered during April 2007 with registration No. 128/2007 under Societies Act. Nearly twenty two Artistes had performed Bhratha Natyam during Dec. 2007 at R.K. Swamy Auditorium A/c., 5, Sundareswarar Street, Mylapore, Chennai – 4.

During December 2007, the Sabha had honoured the following artists with Titles:

30-11-2007	Smt. K.J. Sarasa (a veteran exponent in Bharathanatyam)	“Natya Kala Choodamani”
30-11-2007	Smt. Padma Narayanaswamy (a veteran exponent in Classical Music)	“Gana Amrudha Sagara”
12-12-2007	Smt. Kalpana Venkat (a leading exponent in the Classical Music)	“Gana Amrudha Sagara”
13-12-2007	Smt. Kousalya Sivakumar (a leading Musical Discourse Exponent)	“Gana Amrudha Sagara”

All the four events were held in R.K.Swamy Auditorium, Sivasamy Kalalaya, Mylapore, Chennai – 600 004. A Gold Medal with a citation was given to the awardees.

The Sabha had Lecture and Demonstration about Bharathanatyam on 24th February 2008 between 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. at Dakshinamurthy Auditorium, PSHS School , R.K. Mutt Road, Mylapore, Chennai – 600 004. by Sri. V.P. Dhananjayan, a veteran exponent in Bharathanatyam followed by Lecture & demonstration in “Kuchipidi” by Sri. Kishore Mosalikanti.

The organisation is celenrating “SRI RAMA NAVAMI MAHOTSAVAM” series on Bharathanatyam from 19th April 2008 to 27th April 2008 @ R.K.Swamy Auditorium “Sivasamy Kalalaya”, 5, Sundareswarar Street, Opp. R.R.Sabha, Mylapore, Chennai -4.

“SRI RAMA NAVAMI MAHOTSAVAM” Series on Classical Music Concerts from 5th April to 15th April @ “Srinivasa Sastry Hall”, Luz, Mylapore, Chennai- 600 004.