

OM SAI RAM

Dear Singers,

After our choir concert on January 1st of this year we - representing all countries in the world - have again been given the great grace to prepare a concert for Swami's 80th birthday.

This concert will take place during the cultural programs between 19th and 25th November.

Words are short to express the great honour and golden opportunity for us to be part of this holy festival.

Heaven is preparing an enormous feast to honour the greatest being on earth, our most beloved Lord.

My preparation has been full of inspiring happenings, and with the help of the technical geniuses Niels and David all will be safely on the internet from today.

I notice that a number of our singers and musicians from our concert of January 1st have somehow made it to be able to return for the actual birthday and are ready to celebrate Swami again with the gift of their musical talents in total love and dedication.

I am looking forward to seeing you all, and create together a divine musical experience in the presence of the Lord, which will shine as a bright light through all our lives.

Herewith you receive 2 documents:

- this letter with all instructions
- the texts of the songs

Please carefully read the following points so that we all are well informed about the organisational aspects.

Important note is that we need more MEN to join.

Right now we have a waiting list for ladies.

If there are more men, more ladies can be allowed.

Please spread the word in your own creative way so that we don't have to disappoint people.

Maybe you ask via your country coordinator.

- Auditions will be held in Prasanthi on knowing our individual parts on 7th and 8th November in small groups, so we have to master our parts already by then.
We will announce at the entrances of the North buildings where and at what time on the 7th or 8th you will have to be.
Please make sure you don't miss your chance.
Don't worry about the word auditions; just learn your parts and all will be so easy.
Let's trust in Swami's will.
From then onward, we will put the harmonies together during our rehearsals.

- The practice material in sound will be given out on a website, which will be held available until the 30th of October. Take your own voice kind.
After you have downloaded the songs you can burn your own CD or use your computer to learn the songs.

- The songs are in 4 part harmonies namely soprano-alto-tenor-bass.
Each kind of voice contains 11 items.
So what you take from the website has to correspond with the voice kind you have given to

us.

Ladies high is sopranos, low is altos. Mezzo sop. I advise you to listen and see if you can take high.

Who can easily learn them, take both. Some real high notes you can forget about.

Men high is tenors, low is basses. Baritones, I prefer you try bass for the balance.

Do not change your type of voice without mentioning to Mynavati.

All your data are on our list.
It will create a difference in the balance of the voices if you change.

- The words you will find as attachment in this mail.
Please **learn your words by heart**, so that we can sing as much as possible without paper.
- Of 2 songs music sheets are not available: Baba father, and Yakanaka.
Baba father we learn together there.
Yakanaka is not sung in words by me, but each voice is played on the keyboard.
I have also shortened songs for the sake of saving space on the website.
- The possibility exists that some sounds are not totally clear on the recordings.
Also the quality of some recordings is not ideal.
Don't worry about that. My means and time for making the recordings were limited.
The other voices are added played on a keyboard or some recording,
which gives an example of the sound together.
Tenors, if you cannot reach some of the real high notes, don't worry,
we'll fix that in Puttaparti.
- **Your next step** has to be to confirm to Mynavati that you have received your songs
from the website.
If we do not receive your confirmation we may have to cancel some ladies their membership,
and take people from the waiting list.
All people get the practise material, also waiting list, so learn, pray, and bring men, that helps.
- The name of the website is: <http://www.sathyasai.org/news/2005/music.html>

If you have still questions please feel free to ask, musical to me, organisational
to Mynavati.

I will arrive in Puttaparti on the 5th of November.

I wish you all joy and happiness with the preparation of your songs,
and a wonderful trip to Swami!

Let us create such a love in all our preparation work that Swami will be very happy with us!

In Sai's love and service,
Sai Ram,
Alma