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**By Amy Protas** THE BATTALION

he music of Southern India will fill the MSC tonight at 7:30 pm. The Society for Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth will sponsor the concert that will bring Smt. Lalgudi Padmavathy Ananthagopalan and Smt. Jayanthi Ravi Kiran to Texas A&M.

Govind Rengarajan, secretary of SPIC MACAY and a mechani-cal engineering graduate student, said the organization works to bring Indian artists to universities and communities throughout the United States

The organization hosts one or two concerts or dance programs during the regular school year and one during the summer.

"SPIC MACAY was founded in India with a view to promote Indian classical music and dance among the younger generation," Rengarajan said. "The Texas A&M chapter was founded in 1989, and since then, the chapter has been bringing music and dance programs featuring renowned artists from India."

The Arts Council of Brazos Valley is a non profit organization that provides funding to organizations and artists

The organizations apply, and they are given grants based on different criteria.

Kass Prince, executive director of the Arts Council of Brazos Valley, said SPIC MACAY was chosen a few years ago to

"SPIC MACAY is non profit, and they're very accessible," Prince said. "They feature professional entertainers, and the quality is very high. It's certainly unique in that there's no other opportunity to see or hear these types of performers in the Brazos Valley.

At a school where the American culture reigns supreme, the different cultural organizations intro-

duce A&M to a different world. Pradeep Jana, president of

PEEPS

Smt. Lalgudi Padmabvathy Ananthagopalan and Smt. Jayanthi Raviki ran are performing tonight in the MSC at 7:30 p.m.

SPIC MACAY and an electrical has four main strings and se engineering graduate student, said the concerts acquaint the

Brazos Valley with a bit of India. "The beauty of a SPIC MACAY concert is that it's aimed at familiarizing and getting people interested in this kind of music," Jana said. "The programs are generally admission free, and, therefore, more people will be able to attend and everyone's invited."

Jana said 70 percent of the concert is Indian, and they would like to see other cultures also attend.

There are two different types of Indian classical music: Carnatic and Hindustani. Carnatic is from the south, and Hindustani originated in the north of

Thursday's concert will feature Carnatic.

The concert will also feature the veena, a stringed instrument. It will also feature a mridangam, the most commonly used percussion instrument in Carnatic music.

The veena is a lot like the guitar," Rengarajan said. "It lution of Veena."

eral other strings to mainta the rhythm.

The two featured performe have quite a history in the India musical world.

'Smt. Lalgudi Padmavath Ananthagopalan has been forming from a very young a Rengarajan said. "She is younger sister of the violin m tro, Smt. Lalgudi Jayarama She has also showed her skills teaching and has been a profes of music at the India Fine Ar Society, Singapore. She also hat to her credit establishing a school for Carnatic music.

The other performer, Sm Jayanthi Ravi Kiran, is the nie of Smt. Padmavathy.

"Smt. Kiran has had the portunity of getting guida from Smt. Padmavathy herself well as her uncle, the violin stro," Rengarajan said. "She ha also been a part of a famous lin-flute-vena trio. She has master's in English literatur and is currently working on he doctorate in 'The Origin and Ewo

## Weekend

**Thursday** Against the Grain, a country and western band, is playing at the Texas

Bo Andrews, a folk rock performer, is playing at Fitzwilly's.

Ruthie Foster, a rhythm and blues performer from Gause, is playing at

the Brazos Brewing Company. Storyville, a rock band, is playing at the 3rd Floor Cantina. Breedlove, Eugene's House of Java.

a rock band from Austin, is opening. Uninvited Guest, a rock band from Waco, is playing at The Tap.

Wakeland, a rock band, is playing at the Dixie Theatre. Quickserv Johnny, a rock band, is opening.

Friday

The Dirty Dozen Brass Band is playing at the 3rd Floor Cantina. Ruthie Foster, a rhythm and blues performer from Gause, is opening.

Eugene-Eugene, a jazz rock band, is playing at Sweet Eugene's

The Killer Bees, a reggae band from Austin, is playing at the Dixie Theatre.

Made in Texas, a country and western band, is playing at the Texas Hall of Fame.

Pitbulls, a rock band from Houston, is playing at The Tap.

The Wicks, a rock band, is playing at Fitzwilly's.

Saturday

Matt Cancellare, an acoustic folk performer, is playing at Sweet

Freudian Slip, an A&M improvisational comedy troupe, is performing at the Dixie Theatre.

Messina Hof is holding its annual Festival of Wine and Roses at the vineyard in Bryan from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring musical performers Eugene-Eugene, the Fish Drill Team and Sentimental

Dan Overby, a classic rock performer, is playing at Fitzwilly's.

Sunflower, a rock band from Austin, is playing at The Tap.

Don Walzer, a country and western performer, is playing at the 3rd Floor Cantina. Mark David Manders, a country and western performer, is opening.



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