

# अवनी

Avni is a rising junior at the Scotch-Plains Fanwood High School. She began her dance journey at 5 years old with Guru Bala Devi Chandrashekar and has been with Gurus Suba Parmar and Swamimalai K. Suresh for the past seven years. Avni has participated in many showcases by Subanjali through her dancing journey.

Practicing Bharatanatyam over the years has allowed Avni to connect to her culture while building physical and mental stamina. She has developed habits, such as focus and commitment, which will aid her in all future endeavors.

Aside from Bharatanatyam, Avni's interests include sports and music. She has been a member of her school's varsity tennis team for two years as well as an instructor at a local tennis club. After seven years practicing Tae Kwon Do (martial art form) she has earned a third degree black belt. She spent the past two years learning how to play the Cello and has played the Alto Saxophone for her school's band for the past six years. Avni is involved in her school's Model UN and Future Business Leaders club and enjoys attending their conferences.

# अनिका

Anika is a high honor roll student who will be entering freshman year at Newark Academy this year. She started dancing at the age of five with Guru Bala Devi Chandrashekar, following in her sister's footsteps. Anika envied her sister's involvement in the art form and when able to partake, was quickly swept into it. For the past seven years, she has been learning dance from Gurus Suba Parmar and Swamimalai K. Suresh, and has performed for Shubhanjali at various cultural and temple events.

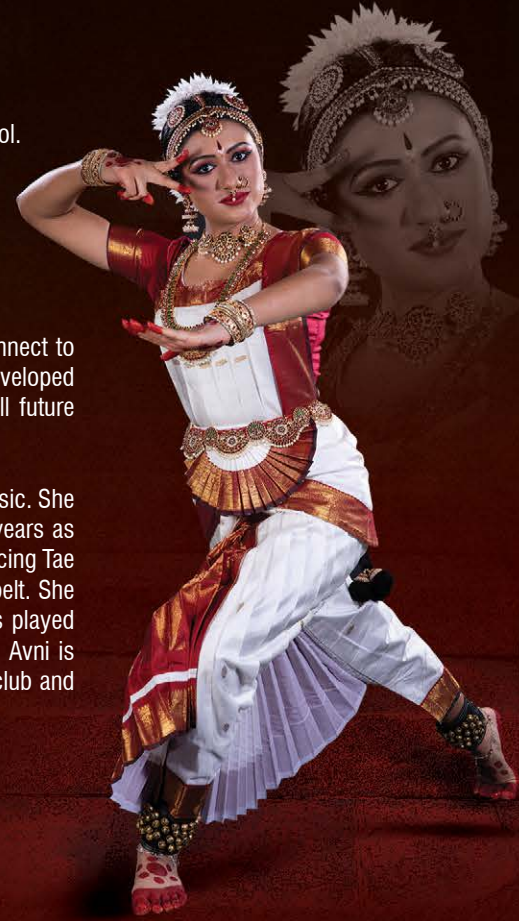
The Arangetram process has exposed her to the spiritual and mental side of Bharatnatyam, allowing her a deeper understanding of the art. It has opened up a whole new perspective of thinking for her and has helped her find the hidden joys in life and dance. Her Gurus have aided her in obtaining the skills required for the Arangatram such as grace, mobility, stamina, focus, determination and mental resilience.

Apart from dance, her passions include sports, music and art. She has been playing soccer for the past eight years, including the last four years as part of two elite travel teams. She has spent seven years practicing Tae Kwon Do, where she has a third degree black belt. In addition, she enjoys seasonal activities, including skiing in winter and hiking in summer. She has also dedicated much of her time using color pencils to draw and paint portraits along with playing musical instruments such as trumpet and guitar.

Bharatnatyam Arangetram

*Avni & Anika Vasani*

12<sup>th</sup>  
2023  
Saturday, August



## गुरु सुभा पारमार

Guru Suba Parmar, founder of Shubanjali, is a highly sought after dancer, teacher and choreographer in NJ. She is the direct disciple of Kalaimamani Guru Indra Rajan and Pandanallur Srinivasa Pillai, respected doyens of the Pandanallur tradition. Guru Suba is recognized as a pioneer in the arts community and her original artistic creations like 'Santa N' Shiva,' 'Splash the Wonder,' 'Chauladevi,' 'Beauty and the Beast,' 'Lured by the Myths,' 'Oneness,' 'Tribute to the Legends,' 'Tattva Tapas Tejas', "TATHASTU" among many others have received rave reviews from critics and connoisseurs. She is the recipient of many prestigious awards including the US Presidential Scholar's "Most Influential Teacher Award", presented by the Obama Administration, the Balasaraswati Award of Excellence from Mauthamizh Peravai, the "New Jersey Naatya Kalanidhi" and the most recent "Lifetime Achievement Award" from Spandana, NJ. Her brainchild Shubanjali is celebrating its 30th year in the US and will successfully present the 125th graduation in 2023.

## गुरु स्वामिमलै के. सुप्रेम

Guru Swamimalai K. Suresh, Director of Samarpana Academy of Fine Arts, Chennai & Artistic Director, Shubanjali, NJ, hails from a traditional family of nattuvanars and musicians. His father and guru Pandanallur P.V. Kalidas is a renowned Nagaswara vidwan, of the Pandanallur lineage. His great grandfather Pandanallur Guruswamy Pillai was an Ashtavadani, meaning he could concentrate on eight different activities at a given time. Guru Suresh is the fifth generation artist from his family. He is the grand nephew and disciple of veteran Guru Swamimalai S.K. Rajarathnam under whom he mastered bharatanatyam, vocal and nattuvangam. He is also a senior disciple of violin maestro Shri. Lalgudi G. Jayaraman. Guru Suresh is an accomplished dancer, singer, choreographer and nattuvanar and is the recipient of several awards, including Kanchi Kamakotipeetam Asthana Vidwan Title from Kanchi Shankaracharyar, Ustad Bismillah Khan YUVA PURASKAR from Sangeet Natak Academy, Natya Sangeetha Kala Bharathi from Bharat Kalachar, Chennai and the most recent "Service Award" from Spandana, NJ.



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Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
at Middlesex County College Performing Arts Center  
2600 Woodbridge Avenue, Edison, NJ 08818

Reception : 3:00 pm  
Seating : 3:30 pm  
Performance : 4:00 pm

We invite you to join us for dinner after the program

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