



Please join us for an evening of  
**Semi-Classical, Ghazals, and Bollywood Songs**  
 by **Guruji Surendra and Ms. Sejal Ghayal**

at  
**Brevard Hindu Temple**  
 1517 Avenida del Rio, Melbourne, FL 32901

on  
**Friday, March 28, 2025**

**Reception and Dinner at 6:00 p.m. • Concert at 7:00 p.m. • Conclusion at 10:00 p.m.**



**Pandit Surendra Katthula (Guruji)**  
**Vocal: Semi-classical**

India, in the Shotokan Style. He is a Gold Medalist in Karate and refereed several international Karate championships in India and abroad. An IT Analyst in his earlier career, Guruji quit that job 24 years ago and founded SwarSaagar LLC, a center for performing arts. SwarSaagar seeks to promote the culture of India by offering classes in a variety of areas like Hindustani Classical Vocal, Sugam Sangeet, Tabla, Harmonium, and Yoga. Guruji was an elected Committeeman of Middlesex County, New Jersey. He served two terms between 2017 and 2023. Guruji is also the founder of the Shirdi Saibaba Temple in North Brunswick, NJ, which he founded 15 years ago.

Pandit Surendra Katthula (Guruji) received intensive training in Hindustani classical music under eminent gurus: Pandit Madhukar Shanker Rao Pendse, Pandit V.U. Rajurkar, Pandit Radhakrishna Murthy, and Pandit Govind Rao N. Dantale.

Guruji, with his unparalleled dedication and incessant practice, did his "SANGEET VISHARAD" in Hindustani Vocal in the year 1969. He had the unique opportunity of being a supporting vocalist to world famous and distinguished artists like Ustad Amir Khan, Pandit Bhimsen Joshi, Pandit Kumar Gandharva, Rajguru Basvaraj, and Pandit Dinker Kaikani, to name some.

With Hindustani classical music grounding, Pandit Surendra has molded his voice into singing Thumri, Ghazals, Bhajans and Qawwali. He is a great composer and composed several ghazals and bhajans. He has given many performances of Hindustani Vocal and Sugam Sangeet in different parts of India and the United States.

Theatre and Kathak dance were important parts of Guruji's life since his childhood, and he has been an actor. Besides giving several stage performances in Telugu, English, and Hindi, he has acted in a variety of T.V. serials and received several Best Actor awards, most notably the prestigious Jawaharlal Nehru Centenary National Award from the Andhra Pradesh Film Council in 1990. He also choreographed several dance ballets.

Guruji has been practicing yoga for over 65 years. He is a Yoga Alliance certified teacher and has the highest degree, "E-RYT 500 YACEP", in Yoga. He did his postgraduate diploma in Advanced Yoga Science and Therapy from Kundalini Yoga Research Institute, Hyderabad, India and is a disciple of Yogaacharya Padma Bhushan Dr. Kovvuru Balaiah. He is one of the very few teachers who practices and teaches Kriya Yoga. He is an expert in techniques of teaching Jala-Nethi and Sutra-Nethi, which are yoga procedures that cure sinuses and allergies.

In addition to making the arts an integral part of his life, Guruji has been practicing the martial arts and has the distinction of being the first Black Belt holder in Karate in the state of Andhra Pradesh, India, in the Shotokan Style.



**Rajesh Bhandari**  
**Accompanying on Tablas**

Rajesh Bhandari has been playing tabla for over 20 years and has studied with Pt. Samir Chatterjee and Ud. Zakir Hussain and has worked with many amazing artists including Ud. Zakir Hussain, Lakshmi Shankar, Suresh Wadkar, Falu, RagaBoyz, Shakira and many others. Rajesh has also been a dance accompanist and composer for over 15 years. His new album, In This Moment was released in late 2020, in which he continues to collaborate with musicians of all genres to aspire to create new music.



**Sejal Ghayal**  
**Bollywood vocal**

Ms. Sejal Ghayal is a prominent artist of Indian Classical, light Indian vocals, folk music and Ghazals. She is a disciple of Ustad Ghulam Abbas Khan of the eminent school of Indian Classical Music known as Rampur Sahaswan Gharana.

Gifted with very soothing and sweet voice, Sejal sings Ghazal, Geet and Folk songs with equal ease and dexterity. She has released few albums of Ghazal & Geets. Recently she released a very successful album 'Azm-e-Safar', in which she shared tracks with Hariharan, Jaspinder Narula, and Ghulam Abbas Khan.



**The dinner is graciously sponsored by BIMDA – Florida's leading Medical Association, serving all of East Central Florida since 1999.**

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