

Soundness of Soul

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Project Report on

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1. Project Overview

The *Soundness of Soul* initiative was born from the intersection of lived social work experience, deep engagement with the Art of Living Foundation - Bangalore, and the timeless wisdom of Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar's teachings. Its core vision is to harness the healing power of devotional music, Vedic mantras, and sacred chants as a means to foster emotional well-being, inner peace, and social connection. The aim of the project is to emphasize the cultural link between music and mental health by bringing in ancient Indian manuscripts and presenting them in an audio format that people can listen to on a daily basis. The concept took root during the my formative years as a student of Sociology and Social Work, working directly with elders' homes, children's shelters, rehabilitation centres, and communities of the differently abled. These interactions revealed unseen burdens - grief, isolation, and trauma - and highlighted music's unique ability to reach where words could not. I would also like to acknowledge that my husband, Divahar Selvaratnam, accompanied me in this album, contributing his support and presence throughout the project.

Guided by Gurudev's profound insight that "Music is the science of consciousness," the project aligns breath, sound, and awareness to harmonise both hemispheres of the brain, reduce stress, and uplift the human spirit. Through the practice of meditation, we awaken and align the seven chakras - the vital energy centres within us - fostering balance, clarity, and inner harmony. Drawing from the Art of Living's emphasis on breathwork, meditation, and holistic well-being, *Soundness of Soul* bridges spiritual traditions and creates a universal soundscape for healing. The 12 carefully curated multilingual tracks - in Sanskrit, Tamil, Pali, Sinhala, English, Gujarati, and Biblical verses - draw from Hindu scriptures, Buddhist canons, and Christian liturgy, offering chants and bhajans designed for meditation, emotional restoration, and spiritual upliftment.

The album's practical applicability extends beyond personal meditation to serve as a therapeutic tool in institutional and community settings. Immediate beneficiaries include residents of elders' homes, children's homes, and centres for the differently abled or incurable illnesses - groups often facing social exclusion and emotional distress. In addition, CDs were shared with yoga and meditation centres, mental health facilities, rehabilitation centres, and temples, enabling the music to be integrated into wellness practices, therapy sessions, and spiritual gatherings.

By combining ancient wisdom, social empathy, and the transformative art of sound, *Soundness of Soul* not only honours the cultural heritage of sacred music but also addresses pressing mental health needs in society. It offers a portable, accessible form of emotional support, fostering resilience, reducing anxiety, and creating moments of stillness in environments where healing is most needed. In doing so, it embodies the Academy's commitment to using art as a bridge - connecting individuals to themselves, to each other, and to a deeper sense of peace.

The successful realization of *Soundness of Soul* was made possible through the generous financial support of the India–Sri Lanka Foundation, committed to cultural and social well-being. I sincerely thank the Foundation for their support, which enabled high-quality recording, multilingual production, and wide distribution of the 12-track album. By investing in this initiative, the Foundation reinforced the shared cultural heritage of the region and underscored the importance of accessible tools for emotional and spiritual wellness.

2. Album Details

Album Title: Soundness of Soul – An Album of Vedic Echoes

Vocalists: Srivathsala Ramanathan & Divahar Selvaratnam

Number of Tracks: 12 (multilingual)

Track List & Benefits:



Listen to..

<p>1. Gayatri Mantra – (Chanting)</p> <p>Rig Veda [3.62.10] Rishi Vishwamitra Enhances mental clarity, focus, memory, and spiritual awakening; balances all three doshas in Ayurveda.</p>	<p>7. Sudarshana Ashtakam</p> <p>Sri Vaishnava Stotra Sri Vedanta Desika Destroys energetic disturbances, removes obstacles, and restores inner order and clarity.</p>
<p>2. Guru Pāduka Stotram</p> <p>Guru Bhakti Tradition Adi Shankaracharya Removes inner blocks, strengthens discipline, and channels divine wisdom through reverence to the Guru.</p>	<p>8. Panchakshara Mantra (Chanting)</p> <p>“Om Namah Shivaya” Yajur Veda / Shiva Puranas Balances the five elements, aids in detoxification, and calms the nervous system; connects to inner silence.</p>
<p>3. Narasiha Gāthā</p> <p>Pāli Canon Princess Yashodhara A protective chant that calms anxiety, dispels fear, and cultivates courage and equanimity.</p>	<p>9. Whispers of Grace</p> <p>Verses from the Holy Bible (KJV) Instills hope, faith, and divine reassurance; opens the heart to healing through grace.</p>
<p>4. Lingashtakam</p> <p>Shaivite Stotra Adi Shankaracharya Chanted to dissolve negative karma, overcome limitations, and harmonize the energy of the spine (linga as inner pillar).</p>	<p>10. Dhanwantri Mantra (Chanting)</p> <p>Puranic and Ayurvedic Texts Traditional Promotes healing from chronic illness, supports immunity, and brings vitality; ideal for physical and emotional restoration.</p>
<p>5. Mahalakshmi Ashtakam</p> <p>Padma Purana Lord Indra Invokes abundance of energy, wealth, fertility, and emotional nourishment; promotes inner and outer prosperity.</p>	<p>11. Maha Mrityunjaya Mantra (Chanting)</p> <p>Rig/Yajur Veda Rishi Markandeya Known as the “healing life-force” mantra - protects against accidents, reverses stress damage, and supports longevity.</p>
<p>6. Buddham Saranam (Yoga Dhammam)</p> <p>Buddhist Refuge Chant Traditional Brings mental stillness, emotional healing, and alignment with a life of peace and mindfulness.</p>	<p>12. Vaishnava Janato & Raghupathi Raghava</p> <p>Bhakti Tradition Narsinh Mehta Softens ego, fosters compassion and service; promotes inner peace through humility and simplicity.</p>

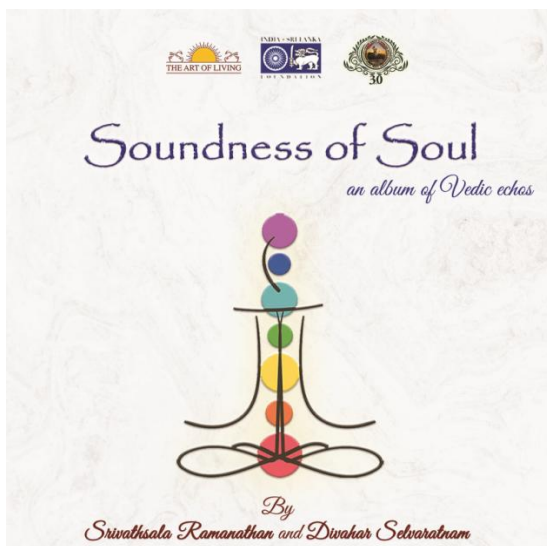
“Music is the rhythm of the soul; when science meets this rhythm, healing and harmony naturally follow.” - Sri Sri

Each track in Soundness of Soul carries a unique intention - a journey through sacred sound designed to heal, inspire, and uplift. Whether you seek meditation, prayer, reflection, or simply wish to sing along, this album embraces every path. Rooted in the Vedic tradition yet resonating across faiths, it is an interfaith offering that transcends boundaries. With chants, hymns, and verses echoing timeless wisdom, this is a heartfelt attempt to calm the mind, restore balance, and awaken inner peace.

Credits : Hill Country Academy of Indian Fine Arts | India - Sri Lanka Foundation | The Art of Living Foundation |
| Music Arrangements - Vinayagamorthy Senthuran & Kasun Madushanka Wickramasinghe | Veena - Wageshan Sivanathan |
Flute - Dinanjana Madhusanka | Mixing & Mastering - Asian Records & Rabbittunes Studios | Backing vocals - Baby Naxshathra



Vocals :
Srivathsala Ramanathan and Divahar Selvaratnam



Album Cover design

The cover design of *Soundness of Soul – An Album of Vedic Echoes* visually embodies the spiritual essence of the project. At its centre is a stylised meditative figure, illustrated with the seven chakra colours arranged vertically, symbolising the alignment and awakening of the body’s vital energy centres through meditation and music. The minimalist, flowing line art reflects harmony and stillness, while the chakra palette conveys balance and vibrancy.

3. Album Launch Event Highlights

Project: *Soundness of Soul – An Album of Vedic Echoes*

Event Date: 25th July 2025

Venue: Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Colombo 07

Event Patronage by: Hill Country Academy of Indian Fine Arts, Bandarawela

Project Supported by: India-Sri Lanka Foundation

The album launch was held at the **Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre** in Colombo, on the 25th of July 2025 coinciding with the **30th Anniversary of the Hill Country Academy of Indian Fine Arts**.

Dignitaries Present:

- **Swami Gunatitananda Saraswathi** – Chinmaya Mission, Sri Lanka
- **Swami Aksharatmananda** – Ramakrishna Mission, Sri Lanka
- **Dr. Satyanjal Pandey** – Deputy High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka as the Chief Guest
- **Hon. Suntharalingam Pradeep** – Deputy Minister of Plantation & Community Infrastructure as the Guest of Honour
- **Dr. Sharmini Ramanathan** – Co-founder, Hill Country Academy of Indian Fine Arts, Bandarawela
- **Prof. Ankuran Dutta** – Director, Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Colombo
- **Representatives of the India-Sri Lanka Foundation & Art of Living Foundation**

Key Performances & Activities:

1. **Bharatanatyam Performance** – “Sri Shankara Gurum,” by Hill Country Academy of Indian Fine Arts students.
2. **Solo Dance – “Heal through Music”** – by Dhakshith Samaraweera, exploring body-energy alignment (Chakra) and the healing essence of music.
3. **Live Rendition of Vaishnava Janato** – by Srivathsala Ramanathan & Divahar Selvaratnam, accompanied by a dance presentation symbolizing unity in diversity.

Special Messages were delivered by:

- Deputy High Commissioner of India commended the project for strengthening **India-Sri Lanka cultural ties** and its **therapeutic musical approach**.
- Hon. Deputy Minister highlighted the **value of art in student development and emotional health**.

The evening concluded with blessings from spiritual leaders and a reflection on the Academy’s 30-year legacy in promoting Indian classical arts in upcountry Sri Lanka.

























4. Social Outreach & Beneficiaries

As part of the project's **social impact initiative**, audio CDs and USBs were distributed to social care institutions and spiritual/wellness centres:

- **Bhaktivedanta Children's Home** - Wattala
- **The Serendip Children's Homes** - Kilinochchi
- **Sri Jinananda Children's Home** - Colombo 06
- **Victoria Home for Incurables** - Sri Jayawardenepura
- **Sana Udaya Elder Retirement Home** - Dehiwala
- **Suwa Sewana Social Service** - Horana
- **Sathya Sai Elders Home** - Padukka
- **Sjaloom Children Home** - Kawdupellela, Matale
- **Sri Ahilandeswary Children Home** - Kovilkulam, Vavuniya
- **Salvatorian Girls Home** - Cheddikulam, Vavuniya
- **Sri Shanmuga Girls Home** - Trincomalee
- **Jinananda Children's Development Centre** - Kelaniya
- **National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)** - Mulleriyawa New Town, Colombo
- **Mithuru Mithuro Drug Rehabilitation Center** – Ratnapura
- **National Council for Mental Health (NCMH)** - Colombo 08
- **Muhandiram D. F. Perera Abayasiriwardhana Elders' Home** - Balapitiya, Galle
- Nawajeewana Amadayapa Handa Sewaya (Voice of New Life Center) - Galle
- **Sambodhi Home Location:** Magalle, Galle
- **Aischarya Gangadari (Counseling Psychologist)** Galle
- **Elders Homes and Retirement Homes – Mulgampola and Ampitiya** - Kandy
- **Mavilmada Sarana Sewana Elders' Home** – Kandy
- **Kandy Friends-In-Need Society** – Kandy
- **Jayawickrama Children's Home** - Kandy
- **Upcountry Children's Home** - Badulla
- **NDDCB Youth Prevention, Treatment & Rehabilitation Centre** - Kandy
- **Mental Health Resource Centre – Katugastota** - Kandy

These beneficiaries, including children, elders, differently-abled individuals and Institutionalized are the primary recipients of the album's healing intent. Future distributions will target **yoga centres, meditation centres, and religious centres** ensuring wider social impact.

5. Media Coverage

The Album launch received coverage across:

- **Print & Online Media** – Local newspapers, Websites, TV news and Social media pages highlighted the spiritual and social significance of the Album, event and the Collaborations.
- **Social Media Platforms** – Album snippets and launch photos were shared through cultural pages and personal handles, reaching a wider audience.
- **Institutional Newsletters** – Hill Country Academy of Indian Fine Arts, ICCR in Sri Lanka and Art of Living Sri Lanka featured the initiative in their cultural posts.

The project initiative was covered in 2024 and a follow-up article post launch was also covered by **The Morning** Newspaper in 2025. They had published in Print and digital media.

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13-14 July at Lunuganga Estate, Bentota

■ **SRI LANKA DOG FESTIVAL**
13-14 July at Viharamahadevi Park

■ **GOLDEN LEGENDS WITH SARITH SURITH**
13 July at Nidum Pokuna Theatre

■ **'THE ODYSSEY' BY THE ROYAL COLLEGE WESTERN ORCHESTRA**
12 July at Bishop's College Auditorium

the sunday morning brunch



THE SHIFTING TERRAIN
OF ADVENTURE TRAVEL
IN SRI LANKA
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■ HAYEED ROZAKS

Music has long been regarded as a profound connection between the physical and the spiritual realms. In the ancient Hindu Vedic tradition, music was seen as a direct conduit to the divine, transcending the material world and accessing higher states of consciousness.

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achieving 'moksha,' the ultimate liberation from the cycle of birth and death.

Today, with the ever-increasing demands of daily life taking their toll on us, it is more important than ever to lean into spirituality and the mind-body connection. So, *The Sunday Morning Brunch* sat down with a musical artist who understands the power of

Vedic music and has, over the last few months, been crafting an album of secular, multicultural, and multilingual Vedic music – music that harnesses the inherent spiritual power of Vedic music, yet remains something that any listener of any community can connect to on a non-religious level.

Srivathasala Ramanathan is a celebrated vocalist and performing artist. In 2013, she won the title of 'Shakti Super Star'. She has since gone on to release multiple singles and albums across a variety of genres of music.

Vedic music is a personal passion of Srivathasala's, and at the end of August, she will be releasing 'Soundness of Soul: An Album of Vedic Echoes,' an album dedicated to Vedic music that she hopes will offer listeners a therapeutic and spiritual listening experience that can serve to ground and heal.

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Healing through spiritual balance

- Srivathasala Ramanathan on the power of Vedic music and 'Soundness of Soul'



Srivathasala
Ramanathan

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THE NEXT IN A LONG LINE OF MUSICAL HERITAGE

Hailing from Bandarawela, Srivathsala's musical journey is deeply rooted in her family background. "I come from a musical family," she explained. "My mother is a music teacher, and my father, who was an Education Department Director in the Uva Province, was also into music. My sisters are involved in fine arts, and our family runs the Hill Country Academy of Indian Fine Arts." This academy, founded by her parents in 1995, offers instruction in Carnatic music, Bharatanatyam, and other traditional arts.

Her mother, in particular, played a pivotal role in nurturing her musical talents. "Through my mum, I got into music," Srivathsala said. "She has been my guiding light and inspiration."

This strong musical foundation was further solidified when Srivathsala won the prestigious reality show 'Shakthi Super Star' in 2013. "Winning 'Shakthi Super Star' was a turning point," she recalled. "It opened doors to live music, cinema music, and recording opportunities."

The concept for Srivathsala's upcoming album 'Soundness of Soul' is a unique blend of Srivathsala's experiences across the many different fields she traverses in life – music, social work, and spirituality.

While pursuing her studies in sociology and law, she engaged in extensive social work, spending time in elders' homes, children's homes, rehab centres, and hospitals. "During my university years, we were placed in various institutions every six months," she recounted. "These experiences taught us to connect with communities and just listen to them. I saw the power of music in these situations – how it could transcend language and cultural barriers and reach deep into the hearts of individuals."

This profound impact of music in social work settings inspired Srivathsala to create an album that could offer similar comfort and healing. "I always wanted to give back to those I worked with," she said. "Vedic music, with its minimal lyrics and powerful vibrations, seemed perfect for this purpose. It has the ability to touch the soul and evoke emotions."

Vedic music, a profound and ancient form of spiritual expression, originates from the Vedas, the oldest scriptures of Hinduism. This genre of music is deeply intertwined with the spiritual and cultural fabric of India, often used in rituals, ceremonies, and meditation practices to evoke divine presence and inner tranquillity.

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Srivathsala emphasised the inclusivity and universal appeal of Vedic music. "Though rooted in Hindu tradition, Vedic music transcends religious boundaries," she said. "It speaks to the essence of human spirituality and can be appreciated by anyone seeking peace and harmony. The mantras and chants are not just sounds; they are carriers of profound energy that can transform one's inner state."

Through 'Soundness of Soul,' Srivathsala aims to bring the healing power of Vedic music to a broader audience, offering a secular and accessible way to experience its benefits. "Vedic music has the ability to touch the deepest layers of our being," she added. "It is a timeless tradition that continues to inspire and uplift."

CRAFTING 'SOUNDNESS OF SOUL'

'Soundness of Soul' is meticulously crafted to provide a therapeutic experience. The album features Vedic mantras and echoes, incorporating both Hindu and Buddhist elements.

"It's not a religious album," Srivathsala emphasised. "It's multilingual and secular, designed to help people meditate, relax, and find peace."

Each track is carefully composed using specific 'ragas' to evoke different emotions and facilitate healing. "I used specific 'ragas' to help with healing," she explained. "The melodies and harmonies in the mantras are designed to give listeners a sense of flying and letting go."

Vedic music originated from the chanting and recitation of the sacred Vedic scriptures, which date back thousands of years. The Samaveda in particular was focused on the musical aspects of Vedic rituals and ceremonies.

The basic musical elements of Vedic music, such as the three Vedic notes ('udatta,' 'anudatta,' and 'svarita') later evolved into the seven-note scale that forms the foundation of classical Indian music.

Various musical instruments used in Vedic rituals, like the veena, dundubhi, and tunava, were also incorporated into



The intersection between music and social work – Srivathsala contributed to a song dedicated to commemorating the centenary milestone of the Sri Lanka Girl Guide Association's Differently Abled Branch

classical music traditions.

The oral transmission of Vedic music from teacher to student, known as the 'guru-shishya parampara,' was a key aspect that was carried forward into the classical music lineages.

Over time, Vedic music diverged into the two main classical music traditions of India – Hindustani music in the north and Carnatic music in the south. However, the core elements of 'raga,' 'tala,' and 'sargam' (solfege) can all be traced back to the foundations laid in Vedic music.

Srivathsala involved her family and students from the Hill Country Academy of Indian Fine Arts in the production of the album. "Some of the kids from our academy did backing vocals," she shared. "My husband, who is also a vocalist, contributed as well. The music arrangements are soothing, featuring instruments like veena, flute, and piano, without heavy percussion."

Balancing multiple responsibilities posed significant challenges during the album's creation. "As a mother, law student, and musician, managing everything was hard," Srivathsala admitted, describing how she balanced her multiple roles while working on 'Soundness of Soul'. "Recording used to be simple; I would just drop by the studio and finish. But now, with family and studies, it requires careful planning and dedication."

Financial constraints also added to the difficulty. "I didn't initially have financial assistance," she said. "But the India-Sri Lanka Foundation supported me after I submitted a proposal. Its assistance has been invaluable."

MUSIC FOR THE SOUL

Speaking on the therapeutic power of music, Srivathsala said that through 'Soundness of Soul,' she aimed to reach those in need,

providing comfort and healing through music. She plans to distribute the album among the institutions where she has worked, including elders' homes, rehab centres, and hospitals.

"I want to share this album with all the institutions I've worked with," she said. "It's not just about public release; it's about making a difference in the lives of those who need it."

She emphasised the secular and inclusive nature of the album.

"The album features important mantras from both Hinduism and Buddhism," she explained. "It's designed to be accessible to everyone, regardless of their religious background. Music goes beyond these barriers."

For Srivathsala, 'Soundness of Soul' is more than just an album; it's a culmination of her life's work and a testament to her belief in the healing power of music. "This album connects all the dots of my experiences as a social worker, musician, and spiritual practitioner," she reflected.

"As a social worker, I saw how music could heal. As a musician, I understood its power. And as a spiritual practitioner, I felt its ability to connect deeply with the soul."

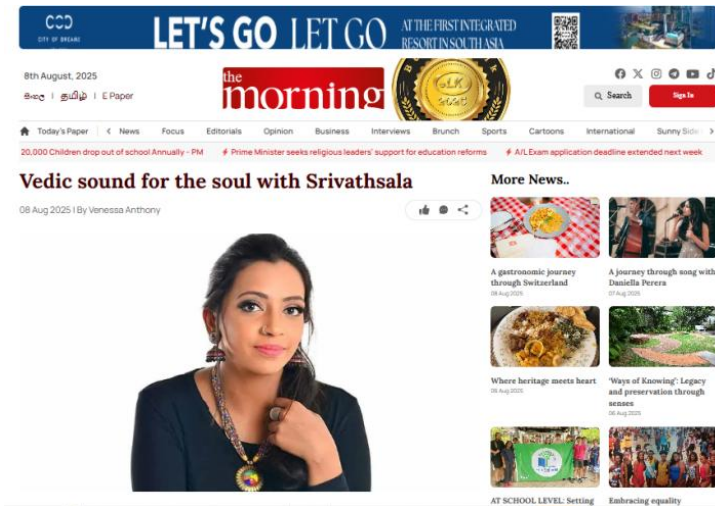
Her collaboration with the Art of Living Foundation has also been instrumental. "I've been with the Art of Living Foundation since 2005," she said. "They've supported me in my spiritual journey, and for this album, they've been incredibly supportive. Their inclusive approach to spirituality aligns with my vision for the album."

Srivathsala remains committed to her diverse musical pursuits, including cinema music and commercial voice work. However, her focus is increasingly on the spiritual side of music. "I still perform other genres, but my focus is on the spiritual side of music," she noted. "I sing bhajans and other spiritual tracks, often in collaboration with the Art of Living Foundation."

As she prepares for the album's release, Srivathsala hopes that 'Soundness of Soul' will make a lasting impact. "If even one person finds comfort and healing through this album, it will be the biggest achievement of my life," she said. "I hope 'Soundness of Soul' will help people find self-confidence, harmony, and peace."



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Srivathsala, the Executive Director of the Hill Country Academy of Indian Fine Arts and a State Award recipient, has long merged her passions for sociology, music, and service. “We know now that trauma often sits in the body. We also know that vibration can gently dislodge it,” she said. “That’s the purpose of Soundness of Soul. It’s not entertainment and it’s alignment.”

Each track is intended to align and awaken the body’s energy centres, or chakras, using the natural rhythms of breath and chant. The pieces are composed in a way that invites the listener not only to hear, but to experience.

A multilingual call for unity

What distinguishes ‘Soundness of Soul’ is its embrace of multilingualism and spiritual pluralism. Sanskrit shlokas sit alongside Biblical psalms and Buddhist gathas, not in opposition, but in harmony. According to the artists, this was a deliberate choice.

“There’s no monopoly on peace,” said Divahar. “Whether it’s the Bhagavad Gita, the Dhammapada or the Bible, the message is often the same; breathe, be still, know that you are not alone. These words may come from different traditions, but the energy behind them is universal.”

The decision to incorporate multiple spiritual traditions also speaks to the artists’ Sri Lankan roots. Both come from a country shaped by multiple languages, religions, and histories, often in tension, sometimes in harmony. Soundness of Soul is their way of choosing harmony.

“We wanted to honour that complexity,” Srivathsala added. “This country has carried a lot. We all have. So this is our prayer. Let sound do what words no longer can.”

From practice to preservation

While deeply spiritual, Soundness of Soul also serves as a work of cultural preservation. The chants and verses featured are drawn from ancient sources, yet performed with contemporary sensitivity. The artists were intentional in crafting a soundscape that is accessible even to those unfamiliar with Vedic or classical traditions.

“There’s a kind of simplicity we wanted to preserve,” said Srivathsala. “You don’t need to understand every word. You just need to listen. The body understands. The heart does the rest.”

The album’s release also coincides with the 30th anniversary of the Hill Country Academy of Indian Fine Arts – Bandarawela, co-founded by Dr. Sharmila Ramanathan and the late Kumara Ramanathan.

• A musical offering rooted in healing and spirit

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‘Soundness of Soul’

Launched recently in Colombo, ‘Soundness of Soul’ was developed in collaboration with the Art of Living Foundation and supported by the India–Sri Lanka Foundation. The album features twelve carefully selected tracks, chants and verses from Hindu, Buddhist, and Christian traditions, brought together to explore the therapeutic and spiritual resonance of sacred sound. This multilingual Vedic music compilation draws from sacred scriptures and spiritual wisdoms across faiths to create what the artists describe as “a soundscape of healing, unity, and deep stillness.”

At its heart, the album is a continuation of a journey that began far from concert halls or recording studios. “This wasn’t conceived in isolation,” shared Srivathsala. “It was born in elders’ homes, in shelters for children, in rehabilitation centres. In spaces where pain is quiet, but constant. Music reached them in ways language could not.”

Music as a bridge between body, mind and spirit

The tracks are deeply informed by the teachings of His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Gurudev, who often speaks of the intimate connection between breath, sound, and emotional wellbeing. For the artists, this connection is not theoretical, it is lived.

3. News First – Prime Time News at 8 PM in Shakthi TV on 26 July 2025



4. Virakesari Newspaper 2nd August 2025



5. Thamilan | Thamil Murasu – 3 August 2025

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'Soundness of Soul'
கிசைத்தொகுப்பு
வெளியீடு



இந்திய நுண்கலைப்பீடத்தின் 30ஆவது ஆண்டு நிறைவையும் குறித்து நிற்கின்றது. அன்றைய கலை நிகழ்ச்சிகள் இதைத் தொகுப்பின் சாராம்சத்தைப் பிரதிபலித்தன. பூர்வீக பூர்வீக லலிதனின் நடன அமைப்பில் மலையகத்தின் இந்திய நுண்கலைப்பீடத்தின் மாணவர்கள் வழங்கிய பூர்வீக குரல் எனும் நாட்டியாஞ்சலி, குரு தத்துவத்துக்கும் கலையின் மூலம் ஆன்மீக ஞானமூட்டப்படுகின்றமைக்கும் மரியாதை செலுத்தியது.

இதனைத் தொடர்ந்து அருபூர் கலையகத்தின் நிரந்தர நடன அமைப்பாளரும் ஸ்டூடியோ D இன் நிறுவு நருமாள தக்சித் சமரவீரனின் இசையின் மூலம் 'ஆற்றப்படுத்தல்' எனும் அற்புதமான தனிநடனம் அரங்கேறியது.

காலத்தால் அழியாத பக்திப் பாடலான 'வைஷ்ணவ ஜனதோ' எனும் கீதம் பூர்வீக வல்லா மற்றும் திவாகர் ஆகியோரால் நேரடியாகப் பாடப்பட்டது. அத்துடன், அக்கடமியின் மாணவர்களின் நேர்த்தியான நடனப் படைப்பும் இடம்பெற்றது. இக்கலைப்படைப்பு வேற்றுமையில் ஒற்றுமை என்ற கருத்தை அழகாக வெளிப்படுத்தியதுடன், அனைத்து வழிகளும் உயிர்களும் இறுதியாக ஒரே தெய்வீக உணர்வின்கீழ் இணைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன என்ற மையக் கருத்தை உறுதிப்படுத்தியது.

இந்த நிகழ்வில் உரையாற்றிய இந்திய பிரதி உயர் ஸ்தானிகர், 'Soundness of Soul' இதைத் தொகுப்பின் வெளியீட்டை இந்தியாவுக்கும் இலங்கைக்கும் இடையிலான ஆழமான கலாசார மற்றும் ஆன்மீகப்

பிணைப்புகளைப் பிரதிபலிக்கும் ஓர் அர்த்தமுள்ள முன்முயற்சி - எனப் பாராட்டினார்.

அத்துடன், மலையகத்தின் இந்திய நுண்கலைப்பீடத்தின் 30ஆவது ஆண்டு நிறைவையும் அவர் வாழ்த்தினார்.

தோட்ட மற்றும் சமூக உட்கட்டமைப்பு பிரதி அமைச்சர், இவ்வாறான முன்முயற்சிகளைப் பாராட்டினார். மாணவர்களின் வாழ்க்கையை வளப்படுத்துவதிலும் முழுமையான வளர்ச்சியை மேம்படுத்துவதிலும் இசை, நடனம் மற்றும் இணைப்



பாடவிதானச் செயற்பாடுகளின் முக்கியத்துவத்தை அவர் வலியுறுத்தினார். 'Sound of soul' என்பது வெறும் புனித நூல்களின் தொகுப்பு மட்டுமல்ல, அது ஒரு குணப்படுத்தும் ஆன்மீகப் பயணம். முச்சுவிடவும் அமைதியாயிருக்கவும் உள்ளே இருக்கும் அமைதியை மீண்டும் கண்டடையவும் ஒரு மென்மையான அழைப்பு.

இந்த இசைத்தொகுப்பு விரைவில் முக்கிய டிஜிட்டல் தளங்களிலும் வெளியிடப்படும்.



'Soundness of Soul' – இசைத்தொகுப்பு வெளியீட்டு நிகழ்வில்...



'Soundness of Soul' இசைத் தொகுப்பானது இலங்கை சின்மயா மிசனின் சுவாமி குணாதீதானந்த சரஸ்வதி, இலங்கை இராமகிருஷ்ண மிஷனின் சுவாமிகள் அக்ஷராத்மனந்தா, இலங்கைக்கான இந்திய பிரதி உயர் ஸ்தானிகர் கலாநிதி சத்யாஞ்சல் பாண்டே, தோட்ட மற்றும் சமூக உட்கட்டமைப்பு பிரதி அமைச்சர் சுந்தரலிங்கம் பிரதீப், மலையகத்தின் இந்திய நுண்கலைப்பீடத்தின் இணை நிறுவநர் மற்றும் பணிப்பாளர் கலாநிதி சர்மினி இராமநாதன், கொழும்பு சுவாமி விவேகானந்தா கலாசார நிலையத்தின் பணிப்பாளர் பேராசிரியர் அங்குரன் தத்தா, இந்திய-இலங்கை மன்றத்தின் பிரதிநிதிகள் மற்றும் வாழும் கலை அமைப்பின் இலங்கை உறுப்பினர்கள் ஆகியோர் முன்னிலையில் வெளியிடப்பட்டது. இந்து ஆகமங்கள், பெளத்த நியதிகள், விவிலிய நூல்கள் மற்றும் பக்திபூர்வமான பஜனைகளிலிருந்து தீவிர சிரத்தையுடன் தொகுக்கப்பட்ட 12 இசை வடிவங்களுடன் வெளிவரும் "Soundness of Soul" இசைத் தொகுப்பானது மந்திர உச்சாடனைகள் மற்றும் அதிர்வுகளின் ஆற்றுப்படுத்தல் சக்தியைப் போற்றிப் பணிகிறது. வாழ்க்கை அனுபவங்களைப் பிரதிபலிக்கும் ஓர் இசைத் தொகுப்பெனக் கூறப்பட்ட இந்தத் தொகுப்பானது சமூகப் பணிகளின் சகல முனைகளிலும் அதாவது முதியோர் இல்லங்கள், சிறுவர் இல்லங்கள் மற்றும் புனர்வாழ்வு மையங்களில் ஆரம்பித்த ஓர் அனுபவப் பயணத்தின் ஒலிவடிவமாக விவரிக்கப்படுகிறது. ஒரு சமூகவியலாளரும் சமூகசேவகருமான ஸ்ரீவத்ஸலா, இவ்விடங்களிலேயே துயரம், மனஉளைச்சல் மற்றும் தனிமை ஆகியவற்றின் சுமைகளை வேத இசையின் மூலம் ஆற்றும் தனித்துவமான திறனை இசைக்கொண்டிருப்பதைக் கண்டறிந்தார். வார்த்தைகளால் எட்ட முடியாத இடங்களை இசையால் சென்றடைய முடியும் என்ற இந்த உணர்விலிருந்துதான் "Soundness of Soul" பிறந்தது.



ஸ்ரீமதி ஸ்ரீவத்ஸலா இராமநாதன் மற்றும் ஸ்ரீ திவாகர் செல்வரட்ணம் ஆகியோரால் கலைப் பாரம்பரியங்களை உள் எடக்கிய இசைத் தொகுப்பொன்று கடந்த வாரம் வெளியிடப்பட்டது. இலங்கையின் முன்னணி குரலிசைக் கலைஞரும் சக்தி குப்பர் ஸ்டார் – 2013 வெற்றியாளரும் 2015 ஆம் ஆண்டு அரசு விருதைப் பெற்றவரும் மலையகத்தின் இந்திய நுண்கலைப்பீடத்தின் நிறைவேற்றுப் பணிப்பாளருமான ஸ்ரீவத்ஸலா இராமநாதன் மற்றும் இலங்கை, இந்தியாவில் பல பாரம்பரிய இசைக் கச்சேரிகளையும் படைப்புகளையும் வழங்கிவரும் இலங்கையின் அர்ப்பணிப்புமிக்க கர்நாடக இசைக் கலைஞரும் அரங்கக் கலை விற்பன்னருமான ஸ்ரீ திவாகர் செல்வரட்ணம் ஆகியோரின் 'Soundness of Soul' எனும் இசைத்தொகுப்பு வெளியீடு சுவாமி விவேகானந்தா கலாசார நிலையத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. பண்டாரவளையில் அமைந்துள்ள மலையகத்தின் இந்திய நுண்கலைப் பீடத்தின் 30ஆவது ஆண்டு நிறைவை முன்னிட்டு இவ்வெளியீடு இடம்பெற்றது.



வாழும் கலை அமைப்பின் ஆன்மீகநெறி நின்ற ஒருங்கிணைவுடனும் இந்திய-இலங்கை மன்றத்தின் ஆதரவுடனும் உருவான இந்த இசைத் தொகுப்பானது, இசை சார்ந்த படைப்பாக மட்டும் நோக்கப்பட முடியாத ஓர் உயர்ந்த படைப்பாகும். ஆன்மீக நோக்கத்திலும் சமூக உணர்விலும் வேரூன் நியிருக்கும் நிலைமாற்று சக்தி உண்மையானதென்ற ஆழமான நம்பிக்கையை இது பிரதிபலிக்கின்றது.



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இலங்கையின் மலையகத்தில் இந்தியப் பாரம்பரியக் கலைவடிவங்களைப் பாதுகாக்கவும் மேம்படுத்தவும் 'கலிமணி', 'கலாஜோதி' (அமரர்) குமார இராமநாதன் மற்றும் 'இசைக் கலைமணி', 'அருட்கலைத்திலகம்', 'கலாபூஷணம்' கலாநிதி ஷாமினி இராமநாதன் ஆகியோரால் 1995இல் நிறுவப்பட்ட பண்டாரவளையில் உள்ள மலையகத்தின்

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Ramanathan Srivathsala is with Divahar Selvaratnam and 3 others.

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Soundness of soul - வேத த்வனிகளின் இசைத்தொகுப்பு வெளியிடப்பட்ட நிகழ்வின் தகவல்களையும் அன்றய தின புகை... See more



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Apart of these, the tracks are being uploaded in the Youtube Channel / online music platforms. The initiative has had a multifaceted impact - culturally, it revived interest in Vedic and devotional music as a medium for holistic well-being; socially, it brought music therapy to institutionalized and marginalized communities, addressing their emotional needs; educationally, it inspired young students of the Academy to combine classical training with meaningful social contribution; and therapeutically, early feedback from beneficiaries highlights its positive effect in fostering emotional calmness and deeper engagement.





@mithutalukder1772

I make it listen to my 5 months daughter for her heart development. Thanks to our beloved Gurudev



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Reply



@lenaoct1

I am 73 years old and I meditate every morning at 4.30, Your rendition is good and it creates a deep sense of oneness. I learn you are from Srilanka upcountry being a Tea planter my association with the upcountry is quite strong and I know the the topography well. God bless you my child



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Reply



@NaliniKanagasabai

Jgd soulful prayer



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Reply



• 1 reply



@arunakharche8758

JAI GURUDEV 🙏

Shrivatsalaji 🙏

Sumadhur mantra . Roj Subah surya namaskar karte samay ye sunti hu ,bahot hi achcha lagta hai



@hemadarshini8543

a song that calms the mind



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Reply



• 1 reply



@poonamakotkhane7300

I have almost all gayatri mantras by various singers but the devotion and love ,this one has...is the best it heals....I feel very serene and calm after hearing this one, love you... ❤️



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Reply



@maheshnirmalan1238

Great effort Srivathsala. I am sure you are aware of people like Mr Kuldeep Pai in India, who are attempting to bring the nation together through divinity. I am sure there is a similar need in Srilanka.....perhaps a role for you in this sphere



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Reply



@jayanthibala950

Very very beautiful voice, my mind and body very silent this voice listen , thank you very much



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Reply



• 1 reply



@ritugoel2187

The serenity we get from hearing this gayatri mantra chanting is just awesome. Thankyou.



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Reply



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With Heartfelt Gratitude

Presented to

Hon. (Dr) Satyanjal Pandey

Deputy High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka

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7. Conclusion

The *Soundness of Soul* project has successfully fulfilled its mission of preserving and celebrating Indian cultural and spiritual heritage while extending music's healing touch to society's most vulnerable groups. The warm response from dignitaries, institutions, and beneficiaries reaffirms the album's unique potential to serve as a bridge between Music, Science, spirituality, and social work. With its forthcoming digital release, *Soundness of Soul* is poised to inspire and comfort listeners across Sri Lanka and beyond, creating ripples of healing, inner peace, and cultural harmony.

I am especially grateful to the India-Sri Lanka Foundation, whose vision and generosity were instrumental in transforming this endeavour from aspiration to reality. Established to foster Indo-Sri Lanka relations through economic, scientific, educational, technical, and cultural cooperation, the Foundation has, over the past 25 years, supported around 600 projects - including more than 360 in Sri Lanka. I am honoured that my project is among these initiatives, and I sincerely thank the Foundation for their steadfast commitment to enhancing the India-Sri Lanka partnership and for their continued support in carrying forward projects that celebrate our shared heritage and enrich the cultural and spiritual life of communities.

