

## Concert Offerings

I offer three unique and very different styles of concert experience. Please feel free to email me for more information. I can be reached at [Aishu@divinestrings.com](mailto:Aishu@divinestrings.com)

### The Divine Strings Orchestra

The Divine Strings Orchestra is comprised of two components, a traditional South Indian ensemble and fifteen-piece Western Classical Chamber group. The repertoire of the orchestra includes traditional Carnatic pieces placed in an orchestral setting. A typical concert performed by the Divine Strings Orchestra will follow the Aryakudi style of Concert Paddhati beginning with a Varnam, followed by melodic pieces called Kirtanams, an elaborate Ragam-Tanam-Pallavi concluding with a Mangalam.

A unique blend of South Indian and Western classical music, more in the vein of Beethoven meets Saint Thyagaraja, traditional South Indian scales called ragams are harmonized or ornamented without compromising the precision or the aesthetics of either musical genre. Each piece has its own instrumental texture that is either Indian or Western, Indian with a harmonized drone played by the western ensemble or Indian with traditional heterophonic response—Indian melodies that are instantly followed and elaborated by the western ensemble in a kind of musical cat and mouse game with a wonderful, not quite homogenous texture. As a result of these textures, the Divine Strings Orchestra is a creative, clever and clear interpretation of the musical cultures of India and the West, both alone and together.

### Delhi Fresh

Delhi Fresh is a five-piece jazz combo band, which answers the question, “What happens when east meets west?” In a delightfully innovative blend of sound, style and culture, Delhi Fresh offers a new take on this crossover genre by seamlessly blending the harmony and repertoire of modern jazz with the tradition and improvisational techniques of South Indian Classical music.

### Members of Delhi Fresh

Aishu Venkatarman: Jazz and South Indian Violin

Eric Hirschhorn: Saxophone

Adrian Foy: Keys

Rain Gregorio: Bass

Wyatt Johnson: Drums

Special Guests include

Marc Rossi: Piano

Bob Tamagni: Drums

Vinod Venkataraman: Indian Percussion

Carnatic Solo Performance:

In collaboration with artists from India, I also offer a very traditional South Indian style violin performance which includes accompaniment on Mridangam, Ghatam, Kanjira and Moorsing.