




 **Amma,**
where are
you?

2024 MUSICAL + ART EXHIBITION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 2024

CHINESE CULTURAL CENTRE OF GREATER TORONTO

PRESENTED BY  SAAAC AUTISM CENTRE



Geetha Moorthy
Founder & CEO,
SAAAC Autism Centre

Welcome

A Message from Geetha Moorthy



Welcome, everyone, to Amma, Where Are You?—a musical and art exhibition that holds deep meaning for the SAAAC community. This event is about more than showcasing talent; it tells the true story of a mother and her autistic daughter, navigating love, loss, and resilience. Their journey reflects the challenges faced by many families we support at the SAAAC Autism Centre.

A heartfelt thank you to all our amazing volunteers, both onstage and backstage, whose dedication made tonight possible. We also extend our gratitude to the artists featured in the art exhibition, whose works offer a powerful visual representation of the unique perspectives and creativity of autistic individuals.

Special thanks to our generous donor, the Srinarayanathas Foundation, and to our Gold Sponsors, Azrieli Foundation and Scotiabank, for their support in making this event possible.

Thank you for joining us in celebrating creativity, inclusion, and the incredible talents of our artists and performers.

With Gratitude,
Geetha



Synopsis

About the program



Amma, Where Are You? follows the emotional journey of a mother and her autistic daughter as they face the challenges of love, loss, and resilience. After the mother's unexpected passing, the daughter must navigate a world without her primary caregiver, finding strength in new relationships and learning to rebuild her life.

Inspiration Behind the Musical

This production is inspired by the real story of Sivamany and her daughter, Maathumai, who were part of the SAAAC community. Sivamany's unwavering dedication to her daughter, despite incredible hardships, embodies the love and resilience that we honor through this musical.



In memory
of Sivamany
Varathakumaran

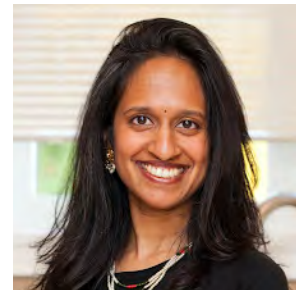
The
**cast
crew &
magic
makers.**

CAST & CREW

Lead Roles



Meera (daughter)
Taniya Moses Rajaratnam



Amma
Dr. Ramya Raghavan



Vivas (Son)
Jonathan Nalliah



Rasha (S-I-L)
Shankavi Selvanathan

CAST & CREW

Supporting Roles



Dr. Patel
Dr. Shivajan Sivapalan



Hairdresser
Ruby Bao

Singers



Kirishan Thananjeyan



Myuran Thananjeyan

DANCERS

SAAAC Dancers



Vidushan Jeyakumar



Vithushan Yoganathan



Maathumai Varathakumaran



Gajavathanan Kuruparan



Rathushan Murugatheeswaran



Jebbikka Jeyaveerasingam



Yam Pun



Laya Sri Devan

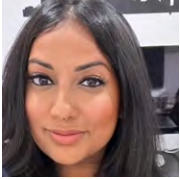


Ruby Bao

DANCERS

Narthanalaya Dancers

Centre for South Asian Dances



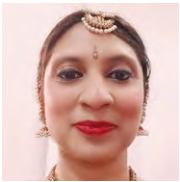
Anitha
Kadirgamar



Archana
Kadirgamar



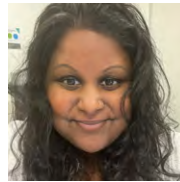
Aruntha
Antony



Bhanuja
Karunamoorthy



Geeta
Krishna



Kavitha
Aryharan



Nishkala
Arichandran

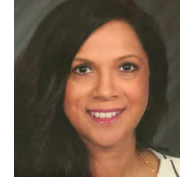


Sarojah
Antony

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Suhanki
Raviandran

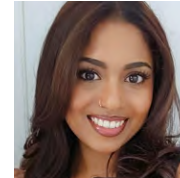


Thanuja
Karunamoorthy

Srishti Dance Company



Gisvia
Ganesamoorthy



Jenani
Nadarajah



Keerthana
Ravigulan



Pritika
Brodie



Priyanka
Brodie

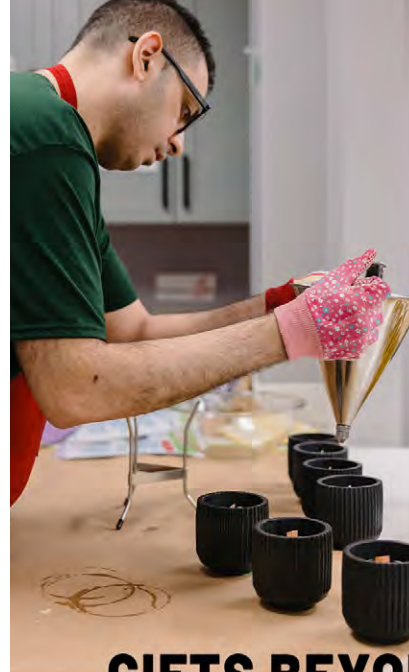


Sinthuja
Sriskanthan

CAST AND CREW

Behind The Scenes

Director & Choreographer	Geetha Moorthy
Writer	Leslie Ibon
.....	Daniel Alexander Gomes
Assistant Director	Daniel Alexander Gomes
.....	Dr. Ramya Ragavan
.....	Dr. Shivajan Sivapalan
Choreography & Costume Designs	Narthanalaya
.....	(Canadian Centre for
.....	South Asian Dances)
.....	Power of Natyam Dance Company
.....	SAAAC Autism Centre
.....	Srishti Dance Company
Music Arrangement	Kavitha Aryharan
.....	Nimmy Gajendran
.....	Suhanki Raviandran
Music Composition	Madurai R. Muralidharan
.....	Amma Kavithuvam and Thalattu
Director Stage, Lighting & Sound ..	Raviandran Kanayasamy
Stage & Props Crew	Arthi Raviandran
.....	Baxter Muthunayagam
.....	Mariampillai Wijeyanathan
.....	Pranavan Sriharan
.....	Yam Pun
Administrative & Support Staff	Lakshmi Solomon
Publicity & Marketing	Kingston Yogendran
.....	Kavitha Aryharan
Multimedia Designer	Neshanth Shanmugalingam
Multimedia Team	Raja Aulakh
.....	Laszlo Hedgedus - Geczi
Emcees	Michael Dave Santos
.....	Jamie Laframboise



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Art Exhibition

A Love Letter to our Community



The SAAAC Art Show is more than an exhibition; it's a testament to the talent, dedication, and love within our community. Each art piece reflects the unique creativity of our artists, supported by SAAAC's encouragement.

I believe that each artwork has a story to tell, and they deserve to be seen and appreciated.

Together, we've celebrated successes, pushed boundaries, and created a space where every voice is valued. I'm grateful to all the artists, families, and volunteers involved—your patience and kindness define the community we've built together.

A bit about Vithunan Sivakumar

Vithunan Sivakumar is a Toronto-based artist and educator specializing in supporting students on the autism spectrum. With a background in critical theory and visual arts, he fosters creativity to enhance academic and personal growth in a positive environment.



Vithunan Sivakumar
Arts Lead
SAAAC Autism Centre

Our Artists



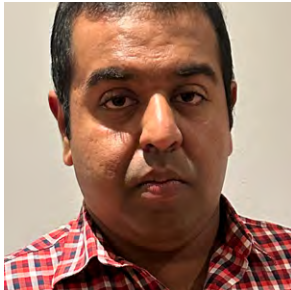
Akilan Vijayakanthan

Akilan's art captures nature's essence with a fluid, impressionistic style. Specializing in landscapes, he improvises compositions with watered-down strokes, reflecting the organic flow and beauty of nature.



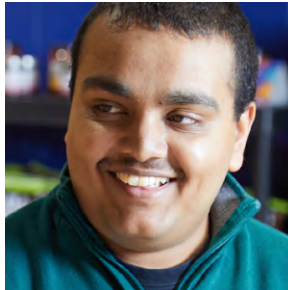
Aurnob Faruque

Aurnob's art is meticulous, driven by a clear vision. He's an independent creator, pushing his boundaries and striving to develop his own artistic voice with structured, detailed pieces.



Jonathan Vijayarajah

Jonathan's paintings are bold, loud, and vibrant. His deliberate strokes convey powerful symbolism, making his works visually striking, with flat textures and vivid colors commanding attention.



Kevin Solomons

Kevin is a palette knife painter known for bold, textured works. His expressive strokes bring depth and dynamism, encouraging viewers to explore the tactile qualities of his vibrant art.

Our Artists



Michael Dave Santos

Michael's art blends precision and patience, showcasing intricate color work. A technically strong artist, he excels in executing ideas, improvising designs, and visualizing complex concepts with detailed accuracy.



Phavizan Sivatharan

Phavizan creates art with bold, gestural strokes, bursting with vibrant energy. His impressionistic works merge color, rhythm, and form, inviting viewers into a world of fluid movement and emotion.



Simone Bryan

Simone is a digital artist who creates serene landscapes and architecture. Using soft colors and gentle lines, her works invite viewers into a calm, contemplative experience.



Surekha Ganeshathasan

Surekha's art ranges from bold statements to soft touches. A multi-disciplinary artist, she explores boundless creativity, thriving on opportunities to experiment and push her artistic boundaries.

Our Artists



Taniya Moses Rajaratnam

Taniya's art radiates positivity and passion. Her vibrant, detailed creations capture the eye, weaving clean and bright compositions that reflect her dedication to constantly refining her techniques.



Vithushan Yoganathan

Vithushan's art is defined by a bright, bold color palette. He's process-oriented, with a vision focused on constant improvisation, giving his work a unique and evolving style.



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