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THE BAND



Panchaari brings together a team of experienced musicians endowed with talent, with Ranjin Raj as its dedicated mentor who along with his guidance, also will be rendering heartfelt compositions of his through this platform which will create long lasting impressions in the people's mind. Our genre of music is both Indian and Western where folk, romantic and fusions of classical songs will cater to audience ranging from a six-year-old kid to a sixty-year-old and our moment of award would be when we find our audience musically tilting their head, finger snapping and whisper the songs along with the singers. Our mission is also to present before you that raw essence of traditional Malayalam music, native and classic melodies of the past, and keeping in mind that the new generation should realize the rich core value of our music. With this plethora range of music, Panchaari will be giving a new dimension to performances that has never been witnessed by any stage.

ARTIST



Arvind Venugopal

Arvind Venugopal, Son of music legend Shri G. Venugopal is one of the finest Lead Vocalist of our band Panchaari. Arvind who is also an Indian playback singer rendering many popular songs for South Indian films. He has been a recipient of many music awards including Manorama Music Awards, Red FM Music Awards, Mangalam Music awards etc. Couple of his popular numbers are "Chirakingu Vanamingu" (Movie -The Train), "Kannadi Chillil Minnum" (Movie-Natholi Oru Cheriyan Meenalla), "Irul Mazhayil" (Movie – Angels), "Mazha Paadum" (Movie-Sunday Holiday) & "Nee Akaleyano" (Movie - My Life Partner) etc. With his melodious voice and lively crowd interactions during his performances, he has made a name for himself among live audiences and leaves a long lasting impressions in the mind of music lovers from all age group.



Shabeer Ali

Immensely talented Shabeer Ali the Lead Vocalist, is also academically proficient with a degree in B.A Music & Diploma in Ganabhooshanam from Chembai Music College, Palakkad. He has also been involved with lot playback singing for the Malayalam film industry, having rendered his voice for music director Shri. Sharreth Vasudevan & tracks for Shri. Bijibal. He regards Carnatic Musician Mr.Kalamandalam Vasudeva Panicker as his mentor, who taught him the basics of music. He is one of the most noted and sought after Hindustani Classical musicians in South India. His inclination to singing and passion for music brought him to Panchaari and we are proud to have him with us. He believes that for him "music is an outburst of his soul..."



Shikha Prabhakaran

Shikha, is another lead singer of our band, is an Indian playback singer who has already marked her presence in singing popular songs for famous music directors like Shri Sharreth Vasudevan, Shri Vidhyadharan Master and Shri D. Imman etc. She started learning Carnatic music at earlier ages and started performing on the stage at the tender age of 10. She has carved a niche for herself in the Carnatic music and her potential is commendable. She is one among the winner in Gandharva Sangeetham aired on Kairali TV, 2Crore Apple Mega Star reality show aired on Jeevan TV channel etc. in the year 2005 & 2010 She has as an ever increasing fan following for the star performer that she is and her solo numbers in any concert is just mesmerizing with audience going gaga over it. She is a treat to hear as well as to watch her during her performances in Panchaari.



Bindu Anirudhan

Bindu Anirudhan, who pursued music right after her school days is a thorough entertainment professional, who has made her mark in Movie "June" composed by Shri Ifthi. She was one among the Semi-Finalist in Super 4 -Music Reality show aired on Mazhavil Manorama judged by prominent musicians like Shri.Sharreth, Shri. Deepak Dev, Shri. Shaan Rahman & Smt.Sujatha. She specializes in Indian and western styles of rendering with the name of delivering a power packed high energy performances. She has set her signature in various Stage shows & Concerts which has garnered her admirers across music lovers.

MUSICIANS



Featuring: Ralfin Stephen - Keyboards

Ralfin who was born in Geneva-Switzerland, is an energetic and enthusiastic pianist started his zest with the instrument since the age of 6. His capability to exhibit new techniques and sonic possibilities has already made him an acclaimed artist. His thorough control of the instruments and speed in playing is incredible. Ralfin's personal work "Tribute to Yanni", has been acclaimed by Mr. Yanni himself and got recognized internationally. A young charming Ralfin has explored different avenues, in live stage performances under the title 'Ralfin Stephen and Band'. He had the privilege to work with prominent musicians like Shri.Charlie Porter, Shri.Haricharan, Shri.Naresh Iyer, Shri.Unni Menon, Shri.Vijay Prakash Renjith, Shri.Biji Pal and list goes on. Ralfin is also a popular media person who has been a part of more than 2500 episodes of various television shows aired in South India. With his distinct identity and style, Ralfin Stephen is one performing pianist who transcends all genres and amazes audiences across the country and abroad. Currently the mainframe instrumentalist for Panchaari.



Abhijith Sreenivasan - Lead Guitars

Abhijith Sreenivasan is a lead Guitarist who also decorates the role of a composer and tutor, and is one of the most distinctive and in-demand guitarists in music & film industry. His great experience in this industry, has projected him into a professional musician par excellence. He was one of the founder member of the famous band "Balaleela" which was led by Late Balabhaskar. Abhijith has shared many mega stages with many legendary musicians like Shri.Yesudas, Shri.Hariharan, Shri.Shankar Mahadevan, Smt.K.S Chitra, Shri. Stephan Devassy, Late Balabaskhar and the list goes on. Abhijith has also performed Fusions with famous Drummer Shivamani, Tabalist Fazal Qureshi, and Key Boardist Louiz Banks etc. His mere presence in the stage is enigmatic and will be a delight to watch him perform.



Justine Kainikattu - Bass Guitar

Justin started his musical journey at the age of 16 as Lead Guitarist. A tried and tested guitarist, he has been playing for background score and songs in movies for music directors such as Raveendran Master, Johnson Master, Arjunan Master, Ravi Bombay, Jerry Amal Dev, and Berry-Ignatius. He has been part of many live stage performances with Shri.Kumar Sanu, Shri.K J Yesudas, and Shri. S.P. Balasubrahmanyam, Smt.S Janaki, Smt.K S Chithra, Shri.Shankar Mahadevan and many other leading artists. He is also a popular media person who has been a part of more than 2K+ episodes of various television shows aired in South India. Justin has also received his training in Plectrum Guitar from Trinity College of London. He is a personality of great commitment and preferred name to seek advice for music.



Jhon Leader (Kichu) - Drums

Jhon Leader alias Kichu is a versatile drummer who contributes to the beats of Panchaari. Passion, Intensity and Integrity are a few adjectives that Kichu offers as our team member. Kichu started his musical journey, at the age of 12 and has performed many live stage shows both in India and abroad with great musicians. He plays acoustic and electronic drums with ease and keeps the audience on their toes for hours during live shows. Today, Kichu is a preferred performer, both for movies and concerts.



Shibi Moses - Percussionist

Shibi Moses, 2nd rank holder from Swathi Thirunal College of Music, Thiruvananthapuram started his journey at the age of 10. Rhythm has been part of his life since childhood. Shibi who is well trained in Veena, also plays the Tabala, Mridangam, Dholak, Cajon, Darbuka, Conga, and Djembe among others. He has been a National winner in 2010 & State Youth Festival Winner in Vrindha Vadyam for four consecutive years from the year 2015 till 2018. Today, Shibi has been performing in various Stage shows, TV Shows and with various Music Directors & playback singers for Ads, jingles and concerts.



Ismail Chavakkad - Sound Engineer



Manu Jacob Varkey - Lighting Engineer

MANAGEMENT



Ranjin Raj - Director

Ranjin Raj is a Music Director in the Malayalam film industry who needs no introduction. Ranjin who hails from Palakkad started his stint with music at a very young age. Ranjin's musical journey has been in association with several media houses, TV Channels, Ads, jingles, short films and music albums. Ranjin has lent his music for well-noted movies like Joseph, Nithya Haritha Nayakan, Ormayil oru Shishiram and many more to come. His recognition in the field of composing came from the movie "Joseph", which won him various awards and accolades including Vayalar award for Best Music Director and Best song of the year award from Mazhavil Manorama. He was also a part of the movie "Odiyan" the Mohanlal starrer where he composed music for the 2 promos which was widely appreciated. Ranjin is also passionate in harnessing new talents in the industry and bringing all of them under one umbrella and that umbrella is "Panchaari", bestowing his guidance and mentorship to form this Band.



Jithu Mohandas - Director

An NRI from Kuwait. Engineer by Profession. But Jithu clearly stands out for a reason and that is his raw madness for music. That highest magnitude of love for music combined with some nuances of Management is what makes this man a Special Soul. His eyes have always been in the hunt for artists who despite of immense talent have not seen light and Jithu is always that X Factor Coach who ensures best music of all genres is served to the audience. He belongs to that category of "Music Lover" which has designated him to be the Director of Panchaari and its just pure crave and passion for music.



Jeevan R Menon - Director

Jeevan who comes with over 25+ years' experience in marketing & administration in the field of media industry, having started his career from Manorama Music. He has worked all across India & abroad coordinating numerous Mega Events, Advertisement Films and assisted critically acclaimed directors in the Malayalam Film Industry. His undying passion and constant pursuit for Music and Cinema made him a real force inside the artistic world with an abundance of friends and influences with the same dream. He will be taking care of our strategic alliances among media houses, corporates and performers.



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