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Merry Christmas

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MONTH AT A GLANCE

- Monday, 5th December **MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS** 10-15 a.m.
Film 'The Story of the Symphony',
Part II— Andre Previn on Beethoven
- Tuesday, 6th December **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING** 10-15 a.m.
- Friday, 9th December **CURRENT EVENTS** 10-15 a.m.
Mr. R. K. Raghavan, IPS, Director
General of Police (Vigilance and
Anti-Corruption), shares his thoughts
on how to handle crimes
against women
- Tuesday, 13th December **PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION** 5-00 p.m.
HISTORY, CULTURE AND TOURS
MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS
Christmas Kaleidoscope
- Wednesday, 14th December **MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS** 7-00 p.m.
The Pantomime, 'Cinderella'
- Tuesday, 20th December **PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION** 10-00 a.m.
Panel discussion on
'The Status of Women':
A Theosophical Point of View

FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Members,

December is a time to take stock of all that has passed in the year 1994, and a time to consider the future 1995.

We are in the seventh month of the IWA year when perhaps we too can take stock of what has been our contribution to IWA.

We need, to ask ourselves as to whether we can do more to make the chair-person's life easier, so that when we make our New Year Resolutions we can add one more ; "I will be an IWA Woman of Today".

December is a time for sharing, and some of our members asked that they be allowed to share with some less fortunate people. During December this can be done, so please find out when and where by reading your Newsletter.

December is the month when Christmas is celebrated and this year an IWA group will visit the Pantomime "Cinderella". Don't leave it till the last minute to try and get your tickets, but make a special effort to join the group.

The IWA trip to Coorg and Nagarhole will be an exciting one. We look forward to hearing about their adventures. To all the IWA members the Presidents send Season's Greetings.

LILY MADHOK
MARGARET SEKHRAN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, 6th December, 1994 — 10-15 a.m.

Jointly hosted by Sulochana Alexander and
Usha Bail

At : Sulochana Alexander's
58, Montieth Road
Egmore, Madras-600 008

Blurbs **MUST** be given in at this meeting.



MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

Monday, 5th December, 1994 — 10-15 a.m.

At : Russian Cultural Centre
27, Kasturi Ranga Road
Madras-600 018



THE STORY OF THE SYMPHONY — PART II ; ANDRE PREVIN ON BEETHOVEN

Most securely established of all orchestral music, the symphonies of BEETHOVEN were often greeted by his contemporaries with as much amazement as respect. Weber, composer of 'Der Freischutz', declared that on the strength of his seventh symphony Beethoven should be locked away in a mad house. Others declared that Beethoven must clearly have been drunk to compose such absurd and untamed music. This film demonstrates how Beethoven brought an unprecedented power and dynamism to the orchestra and how far he was affected by the French Revolution and by the personal reality of his incurable deafness.

ANDRE PREVIN conducts the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in some of the most popular works from the concert repertoire based on the symphonies of Beethoven. He will discuss the pieces to be performed and talk on the life of the composer who created these masterpieces by giving illustrations of aspects of his music with a variety of orchestral excerpts.

Viewing time — 90 Minutes. Film will start at 10-30 a.m. sharp.

Coffee will not be served as refreshments are strictly prohibited inside the hall.

**NIRMAL SESHADRI
ISSY SANDERSON**

CURRENT EVENTS

Friday, 9th December, 1994 — 10-15 a.m.

At : Meenakshi Meyyappan's
'Sabrina'
106, Santhome High Road
Madras-600 028



'HEINOUS CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN : HOW DO WE TACKLE THIS GRIM SITUATION' ?

Mr. R. K. Raghavan, IPS, Director General of Police (Vigilance and Anti-Corruption), who handles this subject for us, has been in the Police Service for 30 years. He has dealt with various aspects of crime. He shares his thoughts with us on the increasing number of dastardly criminal acts against women and the ways to control them.

He has a Masters from Temple University, Philadelphia, USA and a Ph.D. in Comparative Police Strategy in the United States and India.

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PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION
HISTORY, CULTURE AND TOURS
MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS



Tuesday, 13th December, 1994 — 5-00 p.m.

At : River House
1, Turnbolls Road
Madras-600 028

CHRISTMAS KALEIDOSCOPE

Come to an evening of Christmas fellowship at River House and enjoy the performance of the Christu Dance Troupe. Angela Richards has directed her group to present a ballet of the story of Christmas, depicting the birth of Christ in both classical and modern mime and movement. Members are invited to share in the Christmas spirit by bringing a Christmas gift for a less privileged child. The gifts will go to an orphanage that has not previously been supported by IWA. Please wrap the gift and put the approximate age of the child it is to go to, on the front. Come and enjoy the ambience of Christmas at River House. Coupons can be purchased after December 1st for Rupees 20/- per person from any of the members listed below.

RANJINI MANIAN	SUSHI NATARAJ	NIRMAL SESHADRI
JOANNE GRADY HUSKEY	SABINE SALAM	ISSY SANDERSON

WOMAN

Win and wear her if you can. She is the most delightful of God's creatures — Heaven's best gift — man's joy and pride in prosperity, and his support and comfort in affliction.

— SHELLEY

Women are the books, the arts, the academies that show, contain and nourish all the world.

— SHAKESPEARE

OUR DIWALI CELEBRATION

The International evening of folk dances and songs, which was a celebration of Diwali was a runaway success. This was primarily due to the wonderful support we got from the Presidents, the Board and several of our members, their husbands and families.

Our grateful thanks go to :

1. Mr. R. Srinivasan and the I.T.C. for sponsoring the show.
2. Mr. Hemanth Shah for sponsoring the printing of Donation Cards and Programmes.
3. Mr. Rafiq Sait of Raymonds, Nungambakkam for his generous contribution.
4. Ms. Gita Jetley and the Trident Hotel for their wonderful co-operation for the evening's show.
5. All our guest artistes; Pritha Ratnam, Priya Dikshit, Priya Murali, Ros and Doug Kelly and Maureen Fernando.
6. The willing and supportive spouses who participated - Arthur Sanderson, Harish Chada, Vinod Doshi, Vijay Kumar, Andrew Cortez - Greig, Jim Huskey and Michael Keaveny.
7. Michi Nagasaka and the gracious Japanese ladies who captivated us with the charm of their music.
8. Noraini Shaffee and the charming Malaysian ladies who danced their way into our hearts.
9. All our chief co-ordinators who gave their all to put the evening together.
10. The many I.W.A. children (daughters and daughters-in-law) and to the group of Sishya girls - who made the show an evening to remember.
11. Jaya Menon for her cameo role in the Kaikotti Kall.
12. The innumerable members behind the scenes who were always there when we needed them.

To all these wonderful people - we owe a deep debt of gratitude.

THANK YOU ALL !

There was a tremendous demand for tickets in the last week. We are really sorry that we could not oblige every one. Perhaps this is a point for a member to take note of. If any event is announced, make your plans early and get your cards. There is no point in blaming the harassed and helpless organising committee.

We do have a good video of the evening and we hope to show it to our members at a future date.

Thank you dear members for your support and interest.

NIRMAL SESHADRI

ISSY SANDERSON

RANJINI MANIAN

JOANNE GRADY HUSKEY

BUZZWORDS

When you're in the fast lane on the Infobahn, you cant waste time typing a full sentence when an acronym will do.

Some shorthand used by computer e-mail vets :

- I M H O — In my humble opinion
- B T W — By the way
- B R B — Be right back
- T T Y L — Talk to you later
- W A G — Wild - assed guess
- F A Q — Frequently asked questions
- I R L — In real life

Courtesy — NEWS WEEK

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MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

Wednesday, 14th December, 1994 — 7-00 p.m.

At : The Museum Theatre
Pantheon Road
Madras-600 008



THE PANTOMIME

One of the joys of an English Christmas is a visit to the PANTOMIME.

The Pantomime developed in England in the Variety Theatre in the Nineteenth Century, and is based upon a Nursery Tale with topical allusions, songs of the day and buffoonery. This year the story is "Cinderella".

Issy Sanderson has transported that delight to the Museum Theatre, and the IWA members and their families are invited to join an IWA and OWC party to the Pantomime.

Donation Tickets will be available only 5th December onwards from ZUBEIDA ASCARALI, RUPA KADHIRESAN and LAKSHMI PADMANABHAN and will be Rs. 50/- perhead. Some Rs. 100/- Donation Tickets are also available. Please do not phone for tickets before December 5th.

**NIRMAL SESHADRI
ISSY SANDERSON**

Congratulations to :

Rita Saldanha whose son Arun married Anita.

Speedy Recovery to :

Mohini Gill, convalescing after surgery.

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

Tuesday, 20th December, 1994 — 10-00 a.m.

At : The Theosophical Society
Adyar
Madras-600 020



THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

This convention happens once a year. This year the members have invited IWA to participate in a panel discussion entitled, "THE STATUS OF WOMEN : A THEOSOPHICAL POINT OF VIEW". The panel members will present points of view from three continents. They are ; Mrs. Joy Mills, who is the National President of the Theosophical Society in Australia ; Ms. Tran Thi Kim Dieu, who is the Vice Chairman of the Theosophical Society in Europe ; and Mrs. Radha Burnier, who is the International President of the Society and is based in Madras. We are lucky enough to hold our meeting on the grounds of the Theosophical Society at a time when it is brimming with people from all over the world.

The meeting will be held in the International Headquarters Hall.

**RANJINI MANIAN
JOANNE GRADY HUSKEY**

Frequently, when doubtful how to act in matters of importance, I have received more useful advice from women than from men. Women have the understanding of the heart, which is better than that of the head.

— H. ROGERS

'Woman of Today', as portrayed by Lily Swami

AN OSCAR FOR HER !

Everyday a crowded day these present days,
for the lady fair.

Nay, it isn't the Art Gallery or the
musical soiree, nor the symposiums
that fills her diary dates ;
It's her home that's her world, a
drama in life she plays.

Though her in-laws are the main cast,
She, her Spouse and kids, are side
cast to run the show.

People come and people go, for nuts
and beers and thali dinner too,
So she spins and whirls on the
revolving stage where the curtain never falls !

Or would the curtain ever fall for a
brief interval?

Of course she has those servants three,
in an idle role of cook, bearer and ayah.

But, alas! she is exhausted chasing them
for the work they pile up mountain high.

Well, these tricky ones cannot act for long,
So, soon the cast is filled again
by way of exit and entrance.

The most pleasant scenes are the children,
adorable ones indeed,
bouncing with energy to play those
innocent pranks.

Thus the stage has eternal problems
to improve the set for the morrow.

Now, the hero (though still in side part)
enters with gusto,
pecks a fond kiss on her cheeks ;
With the usual verse of flowery speech
Says, 'Darling, I am sure things are fine
with you as your cheeks have colour on them'
Little though he realises she gets it
straight from the fire.

As a superb artiste of the era
She puts that permanent smile ;
As a STAR of the stars she'll never fade
in a tough portrayal as mother,
Wife, and daughter of the house.

— LILY SWAMI

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