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We are delighted to publish quarterly **Seva Newsletter** online only to share the various “Seva” activities done by the VHPA to provide the visibility so that it can be replicated and/or reapplied by others as needed. We are looking forward for your constant support and welcome your comments and suggestions.

Focus of this quarter newsletter is on the fundraising “Seva” activities done in 2018 for **Support a Child (SAC)** project. SAC was started in 1985 by VHPA with the objective to support underprivileged children from all states of Bharat. SAC provides education, food, housing, healthcare and mentoring to these children. These children study from 1st grade to 12th grade of central board-certified schools. One of the appealing parts of this project is very low administrative cost – i.e. 9% only. One can Support a Child by donating \$250 per year per child. Your contribution is 100% deductible. The IRS Tax ID number is 51-0156325. If interested please send tax-deductible contribution to: Support a child - VHP of America, P.O. Box 441505, Houston, TX 77244; Visit sacusa.org for more information and donation.

In 2018 SAC USA team presented “**Music Meets Bells**” show, an enchanting blend of Odissi Dance, Musical Instruments (Santoor and Tabla) and Jugalbandi by

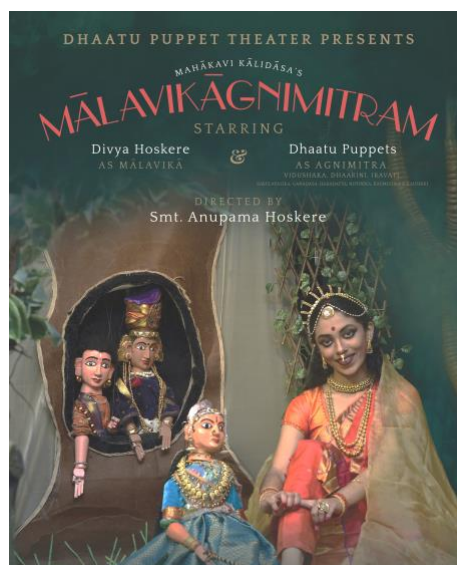
- Odissi soloist Guru Sanchita Bhattacharya
- Santoor Mastero Pandit Tarun Bhattacharya, a Global Music Ambassador of Indian Classical Music and disciple of great legend Bharat Ratna Pandit Ravi Shankar
- Jyotirmay Roychowdhury, an electrifying new generation tabla player
- Trishita Nandi, a budding upcoming Odissi dancer

This fundraising show was done in 18 cities in Sep/Oct 2018 and supported 2464 children residing in 20 states in Bharat. Events were attended by 2000+ audiences including non-Indians too. Audiences were mesmerized by the jugalbandi of dance + santoor + tabla. We strongly encouraged everyone to visit SAC hostels when you are in Bharat. As a sponsor one could support a child in the name of their children or grandchildren. Target for the 2019 is to have SAC shows in 20+ cities in USA.





In 2019, SAC is doing fundraising shows in 21 cities during the month of Jul and Aug. This year show is a Broadway style Puppet and Dance Musical – **“Malavikagnimitram”** performed by Dhaatu Puppet Theater, Bengaluru starring Divya Hoskere as Malavika and Dhaatu Puppets as the rest of the characters. This play has music/lyrics in Hindi/Sanskrit and commentary in English.



13-Jul San Francisco

14-Jul Irvine

19-Jul Houston

20-Jul Austin

21-Jul Dallas

26-Jul Minneapolis

27-Jul Greenbay

28-Jul Chicago

2-Aug Cincinnati

3-Aug Detroit

4-Aug Cleveland

9-Aug Louisville

10-Aug Pittsburgh

11-Aug Columbus

16-Aug Allentown

17-Aug Hartford

18-Aug Staten Island

23-Aug New Jersey

24-Aug Boston

25-Aug Atlanta

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