



(from left to right: Sruthi Hariprasad, Divya John, Angela Goraphy)

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Saramma George and daughter Divya John are trained in Bharatnatyam and Kuchipudi. Divya has formally learned additional dance forms such as Jazz, Hip Hop, and Latin American Dance. Saramma is a reputed nurse in Nevada since 18 years, and daughter Divya John (22) is currently studying to become a medical doctor. Their family started a cultural enrichment studio a few years ago in Las Vegas where Bharatnatyam, Kuchipudi, Odissi, Bollywood, and Folk dances would be taught alongside classes in Hindustani vocal and Indian Instruments. Divya came to Washington for her higher studies at University of Washington, and maintains her dancing and dance teaching hobby alongside her studies. She informally started a co ed adult cinematic dance team locally in Bellevue three years ago, as well as formal dance classes for Classical and Bollywood styles of dance for children teens and adults. She currently has 43 child students from Issaquah and Bellevue, 5 adult students, and 13

members in the co ed adult dance team known in some local events as S.I.D.E. Seattle Indian Dance Ensemble. Her students and dance team members have participated in many events held by the various regional associations in Washington.

At Anandamela 2010, Divya will be performing alongside teenage and adult professional dancers from Washington. Dancers Angela Goraphy and Sruthi Hariprasad are of age 17 and will be entering their senior year in high school this fall. Both of these talented girls have been gracing stages since a very young age. Sruthi will be completing her arangetram in two months.