



# Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of USA

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Dear Friends,

Ekal Columbia Team would like to invite you to our Annual Fund Raising event, Sur Sanjivani, featuring Sanjivani Bhelande, a popular playback singer of Bollywood movies “Kareeb”, “So Cha Na Tha”, “Kya Dil Ne Kaha”, etc. Sanjivani will be accompanied by Mohit Shastry on keyboards and flute, Amit Mehta on Tabla, Dholak and also a lead male singer, and Rupesh Rane as octopad player. For additional information on these artists please refer to “Artist Bio” listed on the back page.

- Date: Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010
- Time: Snacks will be available for purchase at 7:00 pm & Program will start at 7:45 pm
- Place: Lexington Middle School, Lexington, SC

This year Ekal USA organization decided to have the annual fund raising events earlier to increase participation by avoiding conflicting events such as graduation, wedding, Diwali, and Christmas holidays. This permanent change in timing was made based on feedback received from Ekal volunteers in the September 2009 conference.

The Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of USA is a non-profit 501c(3) charitable organization that initiates, supports, and runs non-formal one-teacher schools (popularly known as Ekal Vidyalaya) all over India. The Ekal movement is the largest, grassroots, non-government education movement in India. As of January 2010, Ekal India is operating 27,041 schools and educating over 753,000 children in rural areas.

The Ekal Vidyalaya's goal is to reach 100,000 villages in rural India by 2013. For \$1 per day, you may sponsor a school in India through Ekal Vidyalaya Foundation of USA. We request you to consider sponsoring more than one school by contributing amount of \$365 per school. Each school that you sponsor can be named for you or in memory of your loved ones if you wish. More than 93% of your tax deductible donation will go directly to your sponsored school(s).

In 2009, Ekal Columbia team collected funds for 25 schools with your generous donations. We aim to double the number of schools that we support in 2010 with your generous support. To show our appreciation for your support, we will provide you with complimentary event tickets based on amount of your donation:

- Sponsor 2 or more schools - get 2 free VIP tickets (rows 1 – 3)
- Sponsor 1 school – get 2 free tickets in general admission

Please send your donation and completed pledge form early on to reserve your complimentary tickets to “Sur Sanjivani” event. Your tickets will be held in your name and available at the event venue on March 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00PM.

Thank you for your support.

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## Artist Bio

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### Sanjivani Bhelande—Lead Female Singer and Group Leader

Ms Sanjivani is a popular singer and live performer of India. She has performed over a 1000 live concerts till date in India and abroad. She has toured the US for performances over 10 times in the last 10 years. She has lent her voice to several Bollywood films.

Vidhu Vinod Chopra's Kareeb was her first foray into playback singing for which she won several awards. Socha na tha, Kya dilne kaha. Road, Rules, Nayak are some of the other films where she has sung. Sanjivani's training in Indian Classical music started when she was 10 years old, under the tutelage of Pandit Dinkar Kaikini. She continues to polish her skills with Ms Rajashree Pathak. Sanjivani has a degree in music, a post graduation in Commerce and a diploma in Film making and Communication. Sanjivani has her own music band by the name 'Sanjh Sanjivani'. The group performs live concerts of vintage Hindi film music. Sanjivani's book of translations of Saint Meerabai's poems is soon to be published by Om books International. She is also working on a musical in English on Meera's life especially for the USA audience. An album of these unique songs has been recorded as 'Meera and me'.

### Mohit Shastry Keyboards and Flute:

The flute, a woodwind, is a typically metal instrument. While it sometimes can be found in a wooden form, it is usually made of silver or other combination of metal. The keyboard is a musical instrument played using a musical keyboard. The most common of these is the piano.

Mohit Shastry has studied till third year BSc through Mumbai University. He has appeared for the Trinity College of Music London exam, cleared first grade for flute. He also plays keyboards and specializes in old songs which he plays to perfection. He has performed in Australia, Fiji, UAE and USA in live concerts with several artistes like Bhupindar Mitali, Talat Aziz, Sanjivani Bhelande, and others. Besides live shows he is regularly featured on Indian TV shows and studio recordings. He is married and settled in Thane, Mumbai

### Amit Mehta-Tabla, Dholak and Lead Male Singer

Amit Mehta has worked with Gujarat's reputed Group – Bankim Pathak EK YAAD RAFI KE BAAT for last 8 years. He has also worked with leading music director Mr. Dipesh Desai and Sanjivani Bhelande for last 3 years.

### Rupesh Rane – Octopad Player

Rupesh Rane is a professional Rhythmist since 1997. He has performed with playback singers like Sanjivani Bhelande, Kumar Sanu, Sonu Nigam, Purnima, Sadhna Sargam, Kunal Ganjawala, and Bali Brahma Bhatt. Rupesh has also performed with many of Bollywood celebrities like Shahrukh Khan, Akshay Kumar, Saif Ali Khan, Karishma Kapoor, Katrina Kaif etc. He has performed all over USA, Canada, West Indies, Turkey, Dubai, Jakarta, Nepal, and India.