

**SPECTACULAR INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL PROGRAM TO
BENEFIT THE MENTALLY RETARDED, PHYSICALLY
HANDICAPPED AND ORPHANS IN TAMIL NADU, INDIA**



Ragamala, a group of international dancers (Japanese, Korean, Chinese, American, Indian), based in Minneapolis, perform international dances, including classical Indian dances such as Bharathanatyam set to Indian and Western music!!



Ragamala provides feast to a wide spectrum of audience irrespective of their knowledge in music and dance.

Ragamala Dance and Music Theater's "From Temple to Theater" will treat music enthusiasts with Taiko drums of Japan, Western Piano, a capella vocalization of Zap Mama and classical music from India. Audience will travel through time witnessing a spectacular program of classical Bharatanatyam and stunning contemporary collaboration.

"Ragamala astounds audiences with works that expand one's perceptions of dance, cross-cultural collaboration and spiritual meaning." - *A Review by Minneapolis Star Tribune*

When: *May 16, 2004 at 3:00 P.M.,*

Where: **Dondero High School, N. Washington Avenue,**

Royal Oak, MI (Washington Avenue - Between 11 & 11½ Mile)

Admission: \$100, \$50, \$30, \$20, Kids under 5 – Free. Children - Ages 5 to 14: \$20 (can sit next to their parents). Baby sitting available for a nominal fee. Your contribution is Tax Deductible. All proceeds will go to non-religious and non-political charitable projects in Tamil Nadu. Michigan Tamil Sangam will be recognized as a sponsor in these projects.

Sponsors: Michigan Tamil Sangam (MTS) and Tamil Nadu Foundation (TNF)

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Kasthurba Gandhi Kanya Gurukulam, Vedaraniam – Home For Orphan and Destitute Girls Founded by Mahatma Gandhi's ardent disciple and friend, Sardar Vedaratnam The financial interest derived from MTS/TNF Foundation at Gurukulam will help support orphan girls for their living and education expenses from K to 12. .

Anbalayam, Sirkazhi - Home for the Mentally Retarded Children- 35 mentally retarded and handicapped children currently live in a dilapidated old house as the public is not willing to rent space to them. Michigan Tamil Sangam and Tamilnadu Foundation (TNF) funding will help secure a new location for them to live, learn to be self sufficient.

Platinum Patrons: \$500 for current Life Members of TNF – Will get \$100 tickets for family and a recognition plaque. **Gold Patrons** (\$500) will get Life Membership in TNF, \$50 tickets for family. All Patrons will be recognized during the Program. **With Compliments From Bala Balakrishnan, bala@realestateone.com, (248) 644 4700**