

Very dear members of the Alumni,

As December approaches we look forward again to Kalakshetra's alumni coming together in its alma mater.

As we had planned last year, **1st of December** would be most suitable to hold the annual alumni meeting. It heralds the beginning of the dance and music festival season in Chennai, and for us in Kalakshetra it is equally a tribute to the memory of Rukmini Devi 's husband Dr. G S Arundale whose birthday it is.

Despite the torrential rains last year the spirit with which the Kalakshetra family came together was indeed beautiful.

This year we propose to mark the day with a series of lectures / presentations / demonstrations / sharing, from the alumni. **We invite alumni to make a short presentation, focussing on the influence Kalakshetra has had on their work.**

Those who would like to talk or show us an audio-visual of their work will be required to have **a minimum of 10 years of working in their chosen field of art – as performers, choreographers, teachers, researchers etc.**

The focus of the presentation would be one or two specific aspects of the spirit of Kalakshetra that we have taken with us from our years in the Institution and how it has qualitatively impacted our work.

The presentation may be centred around an understanding of either **the technical aspects of the learning of the art and /or aspects of the unique culture of the Institution.**

The presentation, for **not more than 15 minutes**, may be through a lecture, power point presentation or demonstration. It would be valuable if some time is set aside within this period, for questions and interactions.

We will perhaps be able to accommodate 20 such presentations during the day, with breaks for lunch and tea. If there are more than 20, we could carry it over to another occasion, prioritising based on seniority.

Please write to us regarding your participation in the lecture session, along with a brief on your presentation by the 1st of November 2016. This will enable

smooth organisation. You may write to **Deepa Ganesh** at **outreach@kalakshetra.in**

We hope that this exchange of thoughts, ideas and working experiences will provide a meaningful process of understanding and evaluating the aesthetics we receive vis a vis its relevance to our lives. And, for all of us it would be **an endeavour to understand and thereby strengthen the spirit that is Kalakshetra**

Irrespective of whether you present a session or not, we do hope you will all come and spend the day in Kalakshetra, to create the joy of togetherness.

A more specific plan will be communicated after the 1st of November.

Looking forward to meeting with everyone again,

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pragathi Ganesh'.