

Welcome to the
1st Annual Meeting & Inauguration
of



by
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A warm welcome to you on this very special evening that marks the inauguration and first annual meeting of SRUTHI.

Today, SRUTHI will be formally inaugurated by Prof. O. N. V. Kurup, the internationally acclaimed Malayalam poet & author.

To follow this, SRUTHI, will stage a rich and varied cultural program, encompassing Literature, Dance, Drama and Music.



Evening's Proceedings

4.00pm to 5.00pm Arrival, light refreshments

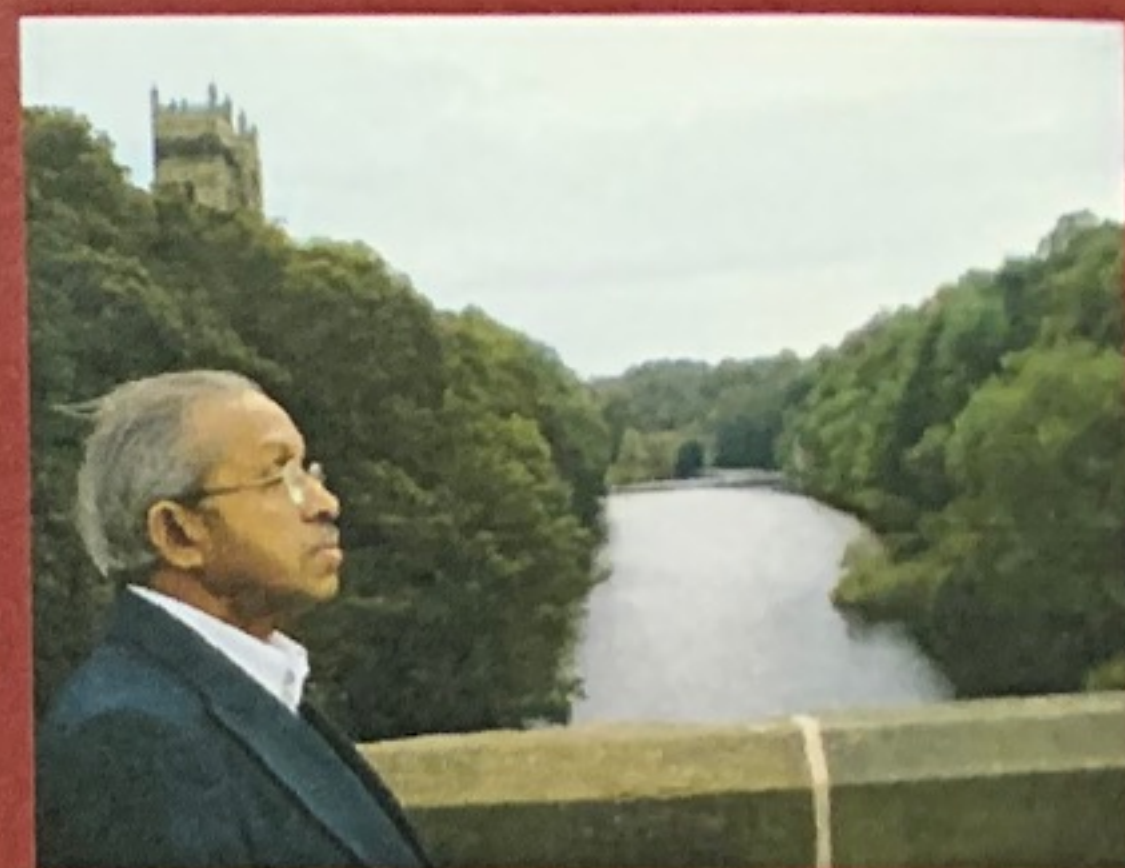
5.00pm to 9.00pm Cultural program

9.00pm to 10.00pm Buffet Dinner

Highlights of the Cultural Program

An audience with ONV

In this session, we have a chance to reflect on ONV's illustrious career and his vibrant poetry. We share with him his dreams, aspirations, anxiety, optimism and the quintessential native spirit that is endowed in his lines and his social activities. We can also listen to the poet reciting some of his most famous works.



Thiruvathira

This is a very traditional dance of Kerala performed in the Malayalam month of Dhanu to coincide with the birth of Lord Siva. Thiruvathira consists of slow but elegant and graceful movements, which are exemplified by today's item "Panchabana". Choreographed by Dr. Mayadevi and performed by SRUTHI's enchanting ladies.

Thiranottam

Performed by the talented children of SRUTHI and conceptualised by Dr. Sethumadhavan, Thiranottam is a brilliant spectacle of a series of musical tableaux taking us through the glorious cultural and religious past of India and the historical events that shaped our nation.

Bharathanatyam by Dr. Mayadevi



In this item "Navarasapada", the dancer depicts events in the life of Lord Siva, giving importance to "Abhinaya" and the nine "Rasas". Maya's dance performances have adorned many stages in India and the UK and she is a disciple of famous masters including Smt. Kalamandalam Kalyanikutty Amma and Guru Trinath Maharana.

Shudda Maddalam

Written by the famous playwright and actor Sri. N. N. Pillai, this drama looks satirically at life and death and contains some hilarious moments! On stage are Dr. Ramesh Menon, Dr. Jayakrishnan and Dr. Anita Nayar.

Mohiniyattom by Dr. Anita Sethumadhavan

This "laasya" rich dance of Kerala comes alive this evening through Anitha- she performs "Panmathimukhibale", the famous Swati Tirunal krithi. The lonely and love struck heroine tells her friend about her first meeting with her lover. Anitha, a student of Smt. Kalamandalam Sumangala, has performed Mohiniyattom in many stages.



Melodious Moments

Beginning with an inspiring group song, SRUTHI's singers will present a selection of ONV's many lyrical masterpieces in this session.

