

**Headline : Grammy Awards for Faculty of Swarnabhoomi Music College**

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Mamallapuram, Dec 15: Piano faculty of Swarnabhoomi Academy of Music has been selected for Grammy Award. Swarnabhoomi Academy of Music a professional music college near Mamallapuram functioning under the aegis of MARG Ltd. Celebrated musician Prasanna is the President of the college. Since starting its Diploma Program in 2010, SAM has hired 56 world class musicians from 24 countries to teach here. These include several Grammy nominated artists, MacArthur Fellows and some of the most distinguished performing artists in the world. 225 students have studied at the Diploma program and 125 others in the short term programs at SAM so far. SAM Diploma and short program alumni are some of the leading musicians in the country across all genres.

**Manuel Valera** - Cuban pianist, bandleader, composer & arranger, who is in the forefront of contemporary modern jazz and represents the next generation of great performers and composers has been a faculty at Swarnabhoomi Academy of Music. His album '**New Cuban Express**' has been nomination to the prestigious Grammy Award in the 'Best Latin Jazz' category. He would be **teaching here from Jan 22 to March 8.**

SAM's faculty for Spring 2013 program include Grammy and Latin Grammy nominated artists, musical ambassadors to the United Nations, drummers of superstar acts like Ricky Martin and Spyrogyra, music directors for artists like Angelique Kidjo, to some of the most cutting edge Indian, American, Cuban, Brazilian and Argentinian artists that are in the forefront of the creative music scene today. [Magos Herrera \(Mexico\)](#), [Rubens De La Corte \(Brazil\)](#), [Vunior Terry \(Cuba\)](#), [Ludwig Afonso \(USA\)](#), [Alex Kautz \(Brazil\)](#), [Farah Siraj \(Jordan\)](#), [Jake Hertzog \(USA\)](#), [Dario Boente \(Argentina\)](#), Andres Rotmistrovsky (Argentina), [Tony Escapa \(Puerto Rico\)](#).

Prasanna performs Carnatic music on the guitar. He is the composer for an Oscar winning film and an internationally acclaimed guitarist in contemporary Jazz, Rock and Blues.

Swarnabhoomi Academy of Music is a 4-acre college Campus is located in MARG Swarnabhoomi, 80 km from Chennai, India on the scenic East Coast Road. The college is LEED Gold certified and is built in compliance with Green building standards.