

Melodia Voice Studio releases two choral albums in Konkani

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Melodia Voice Studio, Dubai has produced two choral albums in Konkani titled "Tuja Nivasanth"™ and "Yeya Gavyam"™. Both were released simultaneously in Mangaluru, Pambor near Udupi and Belthangady this month.

With the success of two consecutive programmes broadcast on TV Daijiworld 24x7 portraying a variety of Konkani and choral songs by Melodia choir, Jossie Moras was inspired to produce these hymns with focus on choral singing.

In Udupi, these albums were released at Holy Cross Church, Pambor on August 15 by Fr Paul Rego, parish priest along with Prakash Noronha, vice president of parish pastoral council and Diany D'Souza.

In Mangaluru, the albums were released at Infant Jesus Shrine, Carmel Hill, Bikarnakatta on August 17 by Fr Wilfred Rodrigues, superior, St Joseph's Monastery along with Jossie Moras, Lydwin Cutinho, Diany D'Souza and Vincent Pinto, sales and marketing manager, Daijiworld Media Pvt Ltd.

In Belthangady, the native parish of Jossie Moras, the CDs were released by Fr Bonaventure Nazareth, parish priest in the presence of Victor and Philomena Moras, parents of Jossie Moras and Thomas Lobo, the choirmaster.

The first album "Yeya Gavyam"™ was earlier released in Dubai in 2016. The hymns gained popularity among the Mangalorean families living in Dubai. The album contains 11 hymns, some of which are dedicated to Mother Mary. These are hymns that are being sung in almost every Konkani home. These were rearranged for choral rendition. The old hymns were recorded with permission from Fr Vijay Machado, director of Mangala Jyothi, Mangaluru.

The hymns are- E Morye Tujem Nanv Varnitanv, Maye Moje Bhov Mogal, Morye Sadanch Adhar Tuzo, Suryaparim Thi Parzaltha, Zashem Ful Udkavinn Bavtha, Rakann and Bhodvya Moja. The new ones are "Askat Abal Patki Monsha"™, "Khursa Mullim"™, hymns for the Lenten season and a duet for weddings "Jem Devan Zodilla"™. These songs are composed by Jossie Moras.

The second album "Tuja Nivasanth"™ has 10 brand new hymns composed by Jossie Moras with music and recording by Thushara Kuruvitge who is a well-known name in Dubai.

The titles are "Bhagevont Morye" - a Marian hymn, "Samadhanachem Hather" - is the well-known peace prayer of St Francis of Assisi, Tujea Nivasant, Somia tujea hea mandirant, Alleluia, Arpunchek Tuka Bapa, Tuka bhuken tuka tanevn, Ye Jezu tum Ye, Mojea Kallzant ailai Somia, Sarvespora Deva, Bhagevont Morie and Samadhanachem Hather.

Melodia Choir, Dubai under the training of Jossie Moras has sung all the hymns in a unique choral style unlike the contemporary Konkani style of singing. Keeping in mind the importance of congregational singing in liturgy, Jossie Moras has taken every detail into consideration in harmonizing all hymns for simple three part singing.

The CD will be released on September 8 in UAE and on September 10 in Mumbai.

CDs can be purchased at:

Jerosa & Co
Gem & Co
Infant Jesus Shrine, Bikarnakatta
St Ann's Friary, Jail Road, Bejai
Athma Jyothi, D Souza Lane Kadri
Bloom Flooers, opp Meera Printers, Capithanio
Almeida Enterprises, Christa Jyothi Complex, K.M Marg, Udupi
Souvenir Religious and Gift Shop, Christa Jyothi Complex, K.M Marg, Udupi

In Mumbai CDs are available with Felix Malwani cell no: 83699 51936/98697 16768 or John Mascarenhas (Jeri Meri)
Cell No: 90040 87336

Bahrain: Nirmala Fernandes cell No: 392 54425, London: Stella Vaz Cell No: 7885 957879

The representative in Mangaluru is Vincent Pinto, Cell No: 94812 13196 and in Udupi Henry Fernandes Cell No: 99809 47372

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