



International Music & Arts Society
presents

a lively book discussion
on **The Hope Factory**
(and her earlier book *The Red Carpet*)
by author

Lavanya Sankaran

&
Theatre personality **Jagdish Raja**
on Friday 20th September 2013, 6 p.m.
at the *Bangalore International Centre*



Lavanya Sankaran is the author of the celebrated short story collection *The Red Carpet*, which spent two years on the best-seller lists and collected praise world-wide. Her debut novel *The Hope Factory*, just released, has been selected by Amazon UK as a Top Pick. Compared to Charles Dickens by the British press, Lavanya's writing has won several awards, including Barnes and Noble Discover New Writers, and Poets and Writers' Best First Fiction Award.

Her opinion pieces and fiction have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Guardian* and *The Atlantic*, among others. She has been invited as a guest speaker at the Hay Literary Festival, UK.

Lavanya sponsors the annual Lavanya Sankaran Writing Fellowship at the Sangam Writers Residency which she hopes will encourage new writers in India. She graduated from Bryn Mawr College and currently lives in Bangalore with her husband and daughter.

Jagdish Raja is a Communications professional who has worked in Mumbai, London, Delhi and Bangalore. He is best known as a theatre director and actor and a narrator who can be heard at Bangalore's Nehru Planetarium. He and his wife, Arundhati, have built and now manage JAGRITI, the cultural centre in Whitefield.

Programme

6.00 p.m. Tea

6.30 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

Discussion & Questions

"Auditorium"
Bangalore International Centre (TERJ Complex)
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