



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

### BETWEEN

**Suswara Academy, Dallas, USA**

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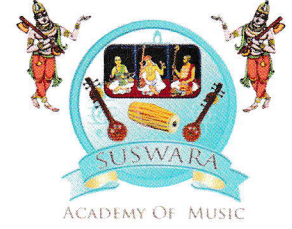
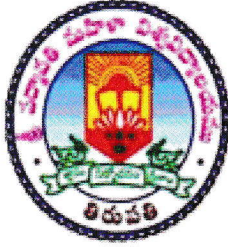
**Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam, A.P, INDIA**

### INTRODUCTION:

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter MOU) is being entered into to establish an academic relationship and cooperation in teaching, education and culture between educators and students from Suswara Academy

- **First party:** Suswara Academy is the popular Indo-American organization in North America. Suswara Academy mission is to identify and address social, cultural and educational needs of North American Telugu Community in particular and Telugu people in general all over the world. Suswara Academy is fully dedicated and committed in offering advanced diplomas with majors in Music, Kuchipudi and Bharathanatyam.
- **Second party:** Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam (SPMVV) ([www.spmvv.ac.in](http://www.spmvv.ac.in)) is a state university supported both by the UGC and the AP State Government. The university is imparting education exclusively for the women of today and tomorrow in progressive disciplines like Engineering, Management, Physical & Natural Sciences, Mathematics, Biotechnology, Pharmacy, Nursing, Law, Social Work, Education, Economics Women's Studies, Language, Music, Dance etc. with the help of modern teaching aids and technologies coupled with broad band connectivity and state of the art laboratory for the realization of the founder's dream vision of facilitating and promoting the cause of women's education.

Suswara Academy and SPMVV will collaborate on the basis of reciprocity, with each of the parties responsible for the efficient implementation of the activities defined in the articles below.



**SPOKES PERSON:**

The following people will serve as Spokes Persons and Primary Contacts on behalf of SPMVV and Suswara Academy respectively and authorized to execute this MOU:

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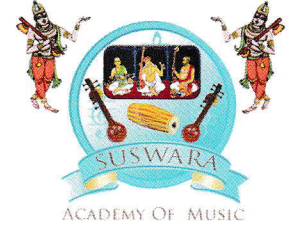
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SPMVV and Suswara Academy will inform each other if there is any change in coordinator position in the future.



## **ARTICLES:**

### **Article 1: Areas of Interest**

Cooperation between Suswara Academy and SPMVV will be in the areas of Music, Kuchipudi and Bharathanatyam.

The area of cooperation is open for modification or expansion after mutual discussion and agreement.

### **Article 2: Activities and Cooperation**

The areas of cooperation are as follows:

#### **Faculty Exchange:**

Both Suswara Academy and SPMVV may exchange academic faculty and staff for the purposes of teaching, conducting or organizing seminars on topics of mutual interest and collaboration in individual or joint research programs for sharing the knowledge.

The number of faculty members exchanged annually and the specific conditions related to such an exchange will be determined through communication and mutual agreement. Any individual agreement reached will be appended to this agreement.

#### **Academic Programs:**

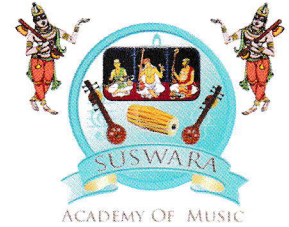
**Course:** Advanced Diploma in Music

**Duration:** 4years

**Credits:** 32 credits (Theory and Practicals)

**Teaching Hours:** Four hours of theory and Eight hours of practicals \*/week

\*one theory credit is equal to one hour and one practical credit is equal to two hours



In case a student leaves the course

- After completion of the First Year/ Diploma Level-I, the student will be given a Diploma in Introductory music only.
- After completion of the two years of the Diploma Course i.e. after passing Level I & II, the student will be given a diploma to that effect, as these are one/ two year programme courses.

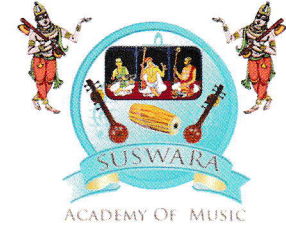
On completion of the four years Diploma Course i.e. after passing Diploma Level III and IV, students will be given an Advanced Diploma in Music.

However, students who have left the course level 1 and level 2 are free to enrol back into the next level as and when it is convenient to them. They will be awarded the respective certificates based on the level of completion of the course.

**ADMISSION PROCEDURE:**

- Admissions to all certificate programs offered by the University are open to women candidates only.
- Minimum age prescribed at the time of admission is 10 years. There is no upper age limit for the music courses.
- Affiliation fee \$ 1,000/- course for each year/ level to be paid by Suswara Academy to SPMVV
- Duration of the Level I,II,III and IV courses will be four years on a part-time basis
- Admission Fee for Diploma Course in Music @ \$ 250/-student per level (I, II&III)
- Exam Fee of \$ 50/ ( including transcript Fee of \$ 5/ -) at the end of each level ( I, II, &III)

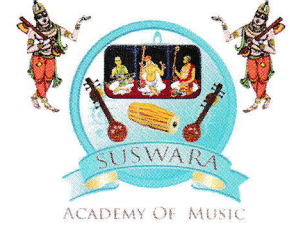




- Suswara will be responsible for the conducting the admissions and inform all details to the SPMVV on completion of the admission. The scanned copies of student applications including their photos should be sent to the Dean, International Relation of SPMVV. SPMVV will maintain all details, coordinate with the Department of Music and the Examinations section the conduct of the examinations.
- Admission of candidates in levels II and III will be approved after examining the candidates by SPMVV faculty online /Skype.

**Evaluation:**

1. Examination will be conducted at the end of each year and Suswara Academy will be responsible for the conduct of these exams while the SPMVV faculty will facilitate the process by setting the question papers for each level.
2. The list of examiners for paper setting for theory examinations will be submitted by the Board of studies of Music Department (SPMVV). For the practical examinations the list of examiners (from Dallas, USA) with their curriculum vitae has to be submitted by the Suswara Academy to the Dean, International Relations, SPMVV. From this list the Vice-Chancellor SP|MVV will select the examiners for the academic year.



3. The faculty of the SPMVV will, however, conduct the examinations, including the practical examinations, at the end of the fourth year. This requires visits to the USA by one of the faculty and all expenses towards travel stay and food of the SPMVV faculty will be borne by Suswara Academy.
4. Convocation will be organised by Suswara Academy for the award of the certificates and the administrators of the SPMVV will participate in the convocation. The expenses (Flight charges in economy class, stay and boarding) towards this will be met by Suswara Academy.
5. The Annual examinations and evaluation of Answer Scripts and practical examinations will be conducted as per the Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam guidelines developed for International Programmes and the decisions taken in the Advisory board of Dean, International Relations.

Signed at dmv (place)

On \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

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