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Asha Srinivasan Wins International Composition Competition

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Asha Srinivasan received the first-place Ruam Samai Award at the 2011 Thailand International Composition Festival for her original composition “Dviraag.”

Srinivasan’s composition was one of four works selected as a finalist from nearly 100 entries submitted for the competition, which was held at Payap University in Chiang Mai, Thailand. “Dviraag,” an eight-minute work written for flute and cello, was named the winning composition by a judging panel of four composers from China, Thailand and the United States. A vote by the audience for their favorite among the four finalists was factored into the final decision. Srinivasan received a first-place prize of $1,500.

The work incorporates a Carnatic vocal exercise, a classical style popular in South India. Srinivasan wrote the piece in 2009 as a commission by the Flute/Cello Commissioning Circle.