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## L. Subramaniam and Jain University to offer music courses

Will start with a bachelor's degree

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Integrating music into mainstream academics has always been a penchant for violinist L. Subramaniam. That is why, after starting the Subramaniam Academy of Performing Arts (SaPa) and the Lakshminarayana Global Center for Excellence (LGCE) in Bengaluru nearly a decade ago, he is set to create next generation of musicians at Jain University.

"SaPa and LGCE will collaborate with Jain University to offer a structured BA, MA and doctorate degrees in music from this academic year. We are trying to combine the best of theoretical and practical knowledge, and create a signature syllabus that is akin to a gurukul," said Mr. Subramaniam, who worked with wife and singer Kavitha Subramaniam for nearly four years to finalise the curriculum.

An MoU between Mr. Subramaniam and Chenraj Roychand, Founder Chairman and Chancellor, Jain University was signed recently. "The collaboration will create new approaches



Kavitha Subramaniam and L. Subramaniam with Chenraj Roychand of Jain University. ■ THE HINDU

to both Indian and global music by combining elements of formal music education with master classes, workshops, and international partnerships," said Mr. Roychand.

Although the collaboration will be flagged off with a bachelor's degree, a diploma is on the cards.

"We will have musicians Meera Rajaram and Hari Ravi Kumar on the faculty, and as SaPa and LGCE is involved, Ambi and Bindu Subramaniam will pitch in by devising international collaborations and workshops by globally acclaimed musicians," said Mr. Subramaniam.