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### **Odissi recital by GICC students at SIFAS Festival 2011**



The Singapore Indian fine Arts Society (SIFAS) Festival of Music and Dance 2011 is a prestigious arts festival in Singapore. On 17 March Sarasvathy and Pallavi, Senior Odissi students from GICC, under the able guidance of teacher Ms Jyoti Unni, presented an Odissi duet at the SIFAS Festival. The recital began with Sarasvathy mangalacharan, moving on to pure dance pieces like Sthai and Arabhi Pallavi. The two Oriya abhinayas or expressional dance pieces, celebrated Lord Krishna`s childhood. The recital concluded with Suryashtaka, homage to the Sun God, Surya.

The programme was very well received by the audience. The audience also appreciated the efforts put in by the teacher and students to promote the classical dance of Odissi in its traditional format in Singapore.

### **Performing at the International Friendship day**



GICC dance students Subiksha Ganesan, Judi Asmitha, Anvitha Rajaram and Varsha Ganesan performed a classical dance at the Rivervale CC as part of the International Friendship day.

### **Bharatham 2011**

This year, 17 GICC students qualified to attend the Bharatham 2011 auditions. Bharatham is Singapore's national dance competition and brings forth participation from the best Bharathanatyam dancers here to compete in 2 categories: Senior and Junior.

Of the 17 students, 4 qualified for the finals held on 16th



April, 2011 at Toa Payoh West CC. Adithi Bhat bagged the 4th place and Subikha Ganesan got a consolation prize in the Junior category. Ankitha Rajaram bagged the 3rd place and Akshara Maran bagged the 4th place in the senior category. Students from various leading cultural centers took part in the

competition.

### **GICC students perform at Vishunite 2011**



Bharathanatyam dancers from GICC performed at the Esplanade as part of the Vishunite programme. They presented one semi-classical and one contemporary dance with well known actress from south India, Ms Samvritha Sunil. The dances were telecast on Asianet channel on 12th June, 2011. It is a matter of great prestige for GICC that the Centre was specially approached with a request for its well trained classical dance students to accompany Ms Samvritha Sunil on stage at the Esplanade.

### **Singapore Dance Week**



GICC students under the tutelage of Ms Jyoti Unni performed Odissi dance at the opening of the prestigious Singapore Dance Week on 21 May 2011. The event was presided over by Guest of Honour, Nominated Member of Parliament (NMP) Mr Viswa Sadasivan. The GICC Odissi dancers presented an Oriya abhinaya based on Krishna and the Gopis, recreating a scene reminiscent of Vrindavan. Puravi Panda and Navya Chawla played the role of gopis while Amrita Desmet played the role of Krishna.

#### **PERFORMING ARTS**

Carnatic Vocal  
 Hindustani Vocal  
 Bharathanatyam  
 Odissi  
 Kathak  
 Contemporary Dance  
 Indian Keyboard  
 Mridangam

#### **LANGUAGES**

Hindi  
 Sanskrit  
 Malayalam  
 French  
 Mandarin  
 Japanese

#### **SPORTS AND GAMES**

Cricket  
 Gymnastics  
 TaeKwonDo  
 Tennis

#### **YOGA**

Hatha Yoga

#### **FINE ARTS**

Visual Arts  
 Single Stroke Painting  
 Rangoli

#### **DRAMA AND PRODUCTION**

Speech and Drama  
 Shloka Chanting  
 Public Speaking

Tabla

Violin

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