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GICC Utsav 2013, an evening to celebrate arts

GICC Utsav 2013, the annual cultural extravaganza of the Global Indian Cultural Centre was celebrated at the GIIS Queenstown Campus auditorium on May 12, 2013. Around 270 GICC students showcased their talents through various art forms – dance, vocal and instrumental music. The Guest of Honour, Dr Uma Rajan, along with other dignitaries lit the lamp to signify an auspicious beginning of the programme along with dignitaries like Mr Kaustubh Bodhankar, Dy CEO, GSF, GIIS Principals - Ms Madhu Khanna and Ms Melissa Maria, Vice Principal Ms Sheela Karia, Mrs Aparna Temurnikar, Mrs Wrushali Bodhankar and Mr and Mrs Wargantiwar and Ms Sarita Sriram. During the lighting of the lamp, students from the shloka chanting group created a spiritual atmosphere by chanting shlokas in unison.

GICC students, Vaishalee Rajaraman and Anuhya Yeliseti, the comperes for the evening, provided a seamless link to the programme by their cheerful anchoring. To celebrate the spirit of motherhood, GICC Utsav 2013 was dedicated to all mothers! On this special occasion, Leera Sharma recited a poem in Hindi about the beauty of a mother followed by a translation in English and Tamil by the comperes!

Event highlights:

The programme began with the Keyboard students presenting western composition Ode to Joy by Ludwig van Beethoven, traditional compositions such as Ayikirinandini, Raminchuvarevarura and Harivarasanam as well as the contemporary ones such as Sanchari and Vishwavinayaka.

The GICC Annual report gave a consolidated overview of the GICC activities and achievements of the past year! With 20 performing arts courses, yoga classes, sports, languages as well as Math enrichment programme, GICC has been instrumental in guiding hundreds of students over the years to hone their talents into becoming gifted individuals. The Annual report shed light on how GICC has been a lighthouse in the sea of cultural changes in the society and has attained recognition as one of the finest cultural training institutions in Singapore.

The performances resumed with senior students of Carnatic vocal performing *Shobillu-Ragam Jaganmohini*, *Talam-Rupakamby* the renowned composer-Sri Thyagaraja, *Nadhatanumanisham Ragam- Chittaranjani*, *Talam-Adi* composed by Sri Thyagaraja followed by *Thamburi Meetidava-Ragam Sindubhairavi*, *Talam-Adi* composed by Sri Purandara Dasar by the tiny tots.

Guest of Honour Ms Uma Rajan gave an inspirational speech to GICC performers and guests.

This was followed by performance by the Hindustani vocal and Tabla students. *Raag Bihag*, a *Poorvanga Vadi Raag* comes from *Bilabal That* and *Teen Taal*. *Bihag* consists of *Vadi G Samvadi N, Jaati Aurav Sampoorna*. This is considered as *Gambhira Raag* usually sung in the evening. *Bihag* has five *swaras* in *Aroha* and seven in *Avaroh*, *Prakar* and *Bandishas* well as *Sargam* which gives added beauty to the *Raag*.

The junior batch of Hindustani vocal class sang *Saraswatibhajan- Ma Saraswati Sarade*, a beautiful bhajan on *Sarada Devi* who is a *Vidya Adhidevate*. The *bhajan* was based on *Raag Bhimpalasi*, *That - Kafi* and *Taal- Kerva*.

The senior students sang compositions: *Raag Kaafi– Swaramalika Bandish* in *Teen Taal*, *Raag Des - Bandish*, *Aalap*, *Taan* in *Teen Taal* and *bhajan - Rupak Taal*.

GICC dance students presented the great Indian epic Ramayana, conveying the story of Lord Ram, the avatar of Vishnu! GICC dance students presented Ramayana in four different dance styles - Kathak, Odissi, Bharathanatyam and Contemporary!

The evening of May 12 was a truly memorable one for students and parents alike. Teams of dedicated teachers and coordinators had spent several months preparing their disciples to excel in their performing art to ensure success in GICC Utsav and the students did their best to make their Gurus proud.

Thanks to our wonderful teachers – Ms Srividya Sriram, Mr Tiruchy L Saravanan, Ms Ashwini Sathish, Dr Namita Mehta, Ms Sucheta Bhattacharya, Ms Jyoti Unni, Ms Irene Manuel, Ms Srilakshmi Arun, Ms Atira Venugopal, Ms Aarti Chidambaram, Ms Shobhinya Karthikeyan, Ms Jenifer Peter, Mr Lazar T S, Mr Sarfraz Ahmed and Mr Vivek Kumar Kumra for all their sincere guidance.

As GICC moves on we strive to nurture talents and set milestones in the years to come.



GICC students perform at Taman Jurong Indian New Year celebrations

On May 26, 2013, Taman Jurong CC organised the Indian New year celebrations. The theme of this year's event was *Serving Our Community As One*. GICC students were invited to perform as part of this programme. Our students performed a contemporary dance and a classical at the event. The Guest of Honour for the event was Deputy Prime Minister Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam. GICC's performances were well appreciated by the audience and dignitaries.



Link to view excerpts of GICC Utsav 2013

http://youtu.be/LLRbtA9N_g

Link to view images of GICC Utsav 2013

<https://picasaweb.google.com/107874127399480289776/GICCUtsav201302#>

Link to Facebook album: <http://goo.gl/7A7yP>

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