

Traditional Rajasthani Folk Dance & Music Concert Held in Sydney on 4 Nov 2005

A REPORT



Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Australia in co-operation with Indian Council of Cultural Relations, Govt. of India New Delhi; High Commission of India, Australia and Consulate General of India, Sydney hosted a Traditional Rajasthani Folk Dance & Music concert on 4 November 2005 at Ryde Civic Centre. The exuberant performances were presented by Jaipu Khan Langa and 9 other vibrant and highly talented artists of his Rajasthani Folk Dance and Music Group. The members of the group are young energetic artists Jaipu Khan Langa, Group leader, Shakoor Khan, Ashin Khan, Kasam, Kasam Khan, Ms Haju, Ms Ishudi, Abdul Rashid, Ms Laila Kumari and Ismail Khan.

Jaipu Khan Langa is highly talented, gifted and internationally renowned folk artist. For Jaipu Khan Langa the joy of performing and singing is part of their family tradition for past 7 generations and it will continue as his son Abdul Rashid has already joined the group and is one of the talented performers today. The group has performed world over at the Festival of India in Japan, USA, Paris, Switzerland, Germany, Canada, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore, Dubai, South Africa, Morocco, Algeria, Sri Lanka, Auckland, and now in Australia. Jaipu Khan Langa has also performed at the residence of previous Prime Ministers of India including Late Rajiv Gandhi and Atal Bihari Vajpayee.



The performances included a variety of melodious blend of folk and traditional dances, music and songs which have been inspiration for the large number of Bollywood movies for decades. The fortunate audience were thrilled to experience and enjoy such exuberance. It was a display of a pure composite Indian culture from the heart of Rajasthan.



The special guests who graced the occasion include: Hon M. Ganapathi, Consul General of India, Hon Bozidar Obradovic, Consul General of Serbia and Montenegro, Hon Recep Teker, Deputy Consul General of Turkey and Hon Sarkis Yedelian Clr, Councillor City of Ryde representing the Mayor of Ryde, Mohana Kumaran, Head of Chancery, Consulate General of India, Warren Duncan, Community Relations Commission and other community leaders all accompanied by their spouse. The concert was supported by Raghvan Nair Indian Dance Centre, Geetanjali School of Dance & Performing Arts, Ruchi Sanghi Dance School, Panjabi Sangeet Centre and 'Sangeet Australia'.



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