

News coverage of Kathak Kendra dance performance in Shanghai

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KATHAK PRAVAAH – THE MAGIC OF KATHAK was on show yesterday in Shanghai Center Theater. The dance performance was organized by Consulate General of India in Shanghai, supported by Shanghai People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (SPAFFC).

Kathak is one of the eight Indian classical dances. The Kathak dance form depicts ‘Life’ in its three phases i.e. creation, preservation and destruction. The performance last night was brought by a troupe from Kathak Kendra, which is the National Institute of Kathak Dance in India. The opening piece, aims to capture the beauty and the playfulness of the scene at the banks of the river Yamuna. Six Dancers, each representing a human soul eager to merge with the universal, flow through various shapes and phrases in rhythm and space, while gently unfolding in movements and expressions. The next section explores the rhythmic possibilities of the human voice as it inspires and competes with the various percussion instruments, to create a dynamic kaleidoscope of footwork, pirouettes, and rhythmic refrains within the orbit of a time cycle. The concluding presentation, displayed a grand celebration of the art form through a rich tapestry of melodic phrases, rhythm patterns, spatial designs and a constant dynamic exchange amongst the dancers, set in the beautiful rhythmic evening musical melodic scale.

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<http://www.dfdaily.com/html/150/2015/1/28/1231609.shtml>

Dance as a way to express religious belief

Indian Dance Show - KATHAK PRAVAAH in Shanghai Centre Theatre

Indian people are good at dancing and singing by nature. For most of Indian people, dance is a way to communicate with God. It shows respect to art and it is associated with religious belief.

On the evening of January 26th, KATHAK PRAVAAH – THE MAGIC OF KATHAK was on show yesterday in Shanghai Center Theater, brought by a troupe from Kathak Kendra, which is the National Institute of Kathak Dance in India. It showed the best part of Kathak dance, which is one of the eight Indian classical dances. This dance form traces its origins to the bards of ancient northern India, known as Kathakars or storytellers who recited or sang stories from epics and mythology with dance. The

literary references to this dance form are found in the Hindu Shastras (ancient scriptures) from the 3rd and 4th centuries BCE. Its form today contains traces of temple and ritual dances. From the 16th century onwards it absorbed certain features of other dance forms. Kathak was introduced as a form of entertainment in the courts of the Hindu Rajas or Kings and became a secular art. It is during this period that it began its development as a distinct and individualistic style.

Different from many other countries where dance is taken as an entertainment, almost all the classical Indian dance is closely related to religious belief. As some people are unable to go to the church or temple to pray, dance is an alternative for people to talk to God and to pray. Indian people enjoy dancing in daily life. They dance when they feel happy or even when they feel sad.

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<http://epaper.globaltimes.cn/2015-01-29/MS06.htm>

News coverage of Kathak Kendra dance performance in Wuxi

<http://news.163.com/15/0129/06/AH3U6B7100014AED.html>

Source: Yangtse Evening News:

Indian Kathak Dance was on show in Wuxi, more than a thousand of citizens enjoyed the beauty of Indian Classical Dance.

http://www.wxrb.com/news/wtyl/201501/t20150128_1038848.shtml

Source: Jiangnan Evening Post

Last night, there was a show "India Night" in Jiangnan University host by Consulate General of India in Shanghai, Wuxi CCPIT and Jiangnan University, presenting a wonderful Indian Classical dance performance, which introduced the mysterious Indian culture to Wuxi citizens.

<http://www.ccpitwx.org/web111/gzdt/7113056.shtml>

Source: Wuxi CCPIT Website

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