

Instrumental fusion and Hindustani music leave audiences spellbound

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Indian Cultural Centre along with Friends of Pattanamtitta (FOPTA) hosted a grand show of talented musicians in a fiesta of instrumental fusion in Doha recently. These musicians who have served the Indian Navy for around two decades and are residing in Qatar, kept the 200-plus audience glued to their seats with a variety of music.

The classical music items presented on the occasion included Carnatic classic Keerthanam (Maha Ganapathim, Boho Shambho), Tamil movie songs (Kannane Kanne, Mankuyile Poonkuyile), KPAC drama song (Parannu Parannu Parannu Chellan), old festival song (Mamangam), old Hindi song (Mana ho tum, Durum ain't Akhiyom me, Ajaare Pardesi), Hindustani classical song (Raag Darbari Kanada), theme song of Sholay (Trumpet and Saxaphone Duet), Hindi medley (Violin Solo), chain song with music and Mangalam Carnatic (Vocal).

A live painting by Santosh Govind listening to a patriotic song 'Sandese Aate Hain' from the film Border, by a team of musicians, was the other highlight of the programme.

The other musicians who attended the programme included Murali Govindan from Thrissur (Nadaswarum), Prathapan Melodan from Kannur (Flute), Jagadesh Kumar from Kottayam (Carnatic Violin), KS Sunil Kumar from Ernakulam and Mukesh K Nair from Trivandrum (Western Violin), Ramesh Peralil from Thrissur (Saxophone/Flute), Danny from Trivandrum (Trumpet and keyboard), Bijesh Balakrishnan from Kannur (Vocal), Govind from Kottayam (Mridagum), Vinod Kumar from Thrissur (Tavil), Babu Varghese from Thrissur (Rhythm Pad), Allen (Bass Guitar), Suhail (Head Guitar) and Shebin Kalashetra Qatar (Keyboard).

The programme was hosted with a lot of verve by Arun Pillai Praveen and Prema Saratchandran.

Earlier, Oonnikrishnan Nair MN, president of FOPTA, introduced the artists and the programme to the audience and spoke about the continuous association with all major programmes of the Indian Cultural Centre. He highlighted the contribution of the associated organisation of the Indian Cultural Center in the Passage to India in 2016 and the roadshow to raise environmental awareness during the Qatar National Environment day in 2015.

ICC President Manikantan AP welcomed the gathering and felicitated the artists with appreciation plaques. He said the programme came as part of the initiative of the Indian Cultural Centre (ICC) along with all ICC associate organisations, Indian schools and Indian cultural institutions in Qatar. This

Earlier, during the function, the chief guest of the evening, Hemant Kumar Dwivedi, First Secretary, Information, Culture & Education, from the Embassy of India, felicitated the visiting artists and addressed the gathering. Representing the ICC, Manikantan AP, president, welcomed the gathering while Anjan Ganguly, joint secretary, proposed the vote of thanks.

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