

ASIAN DANCE AND MUSIC EVENT 15TH JULY 2018

A COLOURFUL AND ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON FILLED WITH DANCE AND MUSIC PERFORMED BY STUNNING ARTISTS AT HARROW RECREATION GROUNDS

The Harrow Recreation Ground Committee successfully completed the second year of hosting the Asian dance and music event at the Harrow Recreation Grounds. It was a truly memorable afternoon with approx. 150 people who came to the park to enjoy the event and cheer the performers.



The gorgeous performers at the Asian Dance and Music Event 15th July 2018

The event started at 2.30 PM with a soothing Hindu prayer sung by the little doll, Anika Bassan. We then had the energetic Shivam Sethi on the dhol to bring together the crowd in the park so they could enjoy the event and cheer the performers. Shivam was with us throughout the event to entertain the crowd with the dhol during intervals.



Anika Bassan singing the Prayer



Shivam Sethi on the dhol



Sudha Bassan, hosting the show

This performance started with the classical Indian dance, Bharatanatyam performed by students of Kalasagara UK. The girls started their performance with an invocation dance, Alarippu, where the dancers offer their prayers to the Gods, Gurus and the learned. This was followed by another performance, Santha Swaroopini which was a poetic composition hailing Goddess Saraswathi, the

Goddess of knowledge and fine arts. Both compositions were choreographed by Usha Raghavan, an internationally acclaimed dancer, teacher and choreographer. Her perfect sense of pedagogy and wide knowledge of Indian traditions has gained her the reputation of a Bharatanatyam artiste of exemplary talent. She is justly hailed as someone who has made a huge and very significant contribution to the strengthening and propagation of Indian arts and culture in Britain bringing it prestige and professionalism. To know more about her institute and classes, please log on to www.usharaghavan.com

This was followed by a contemporary folk dance performed to a popular Nepalese film song performed by the talented Nepalese dancers. The dance was a flirty and mischievous piece celebrating the joys of budding youth. The dance piece was choreographed by Gita Thapa.



Bharatanatyam performed by students of Kalasagara UK: Indhuja Selvam , Mathusha Pirapakar, Subicsha Chandrakumar, Athulya Janagath, Saumya Vaidyanathan, Aparajitha Prabhu , Thushya Sreetharan



Folk dance performed by the Nepalese dancers: Kalpana Lamichhane and Aadhar Khadka

The performers continued to keep the audience glued to their seat. We then had another beautiful performance by two pretty girls Anika Bassan and Mahi. It was a Kathak Bollywood fusion dance. The Kathak piece of their performance was choreographed by the renowned Kathak dancer and teacher Sujata Banerjee. The fusion part of the dance was the composition of the two girls.

As the dancers rocked the stage, we next had live Bollywood singing performed by Child artist Jaiden with the professional singer Nimesh Sanghoi. They sang the famous numbers “Kala Chasma” and “Batamees Dil”. Nimesh is a well-known singer in the Bollywood live music circuit who has sang with many Bollywood singers and we had the pleasure of him singing for us at the event.



Anika and Mahi performing a Kathak Bollywood fusion dance



Child Jaiden with professional singer Nimesh Sanghoi – Live Bollywood singing

Next up was a finely choreographed semi classical piece that used Kathak and contemporary movements. The dance explored the relationship of two friends by the use of different dynamics in speed and levels and the conversion between the two with the use of diagonal dialog. The dance was performed by students of Ankh Dance, choreographed by the trained Kathak dancer and teacher Jesal Patel.

This was followed by a traditional folk dance of Rajasthan, India called Ghoomar and was brilliantly performed by the “Ghoomar Girls” This dance is chiefly performed by veiled women who wear flowing dresses called Ghaghara and move in and out in perfect circles that is spectacular to watch. The audience continued to be awestruck with the talent on the stage and each of the performers were at their best and made the event a huge success.



Kalpana Lamichhane and Kaia Vera performing the semi classical dance



The Ghoomar girls – Roopali Gupta, Surekha Jagawat and Sonia Harijai

The Bharatanatyam dancers of Kalasagara UK gave us more reasons to smile, with another soulful performance called Thillana. In this dance, the dancers burst into a fusion of rhythm and sculptured poses that are woven into delightful patterns. A dance of joy and exuberance, the Thillana concludes with a short prayer in Sanskrit addressed to Lord Krishna. It was a spectacle to watch the beautiful dancers. The afternoon became more delightful with a mesmerising Rajasthani folk dance performed by two little girls Akira Choudhary and Kanika Jain. They totally got the crowd cheering with their cute performance.



Angelli Wignakumar , Shloka Maradani and Krishalini Manimuthu performing Thillana



Akira Choudhary and Kanika Jain performing Rajasthani folk dance

This was followed by a Bollywood dance performed by two gorgeous girls, Anurita Choudhary and Prisha Jain. They totally nailed it!

We then had another Indian regional dance, “Garba” with a twist performed by a mother-daughter duo. They looked lovely performing together to some foot tapping numbers. Garba is a folk dance of Gurjarat, India. This is a dance usually performed during the festival of Navratri.



Anurita Choudhary and Prisha Jain performing Bollywood dance



Payal Jalan and daughter Kairavi Jalan performing Garba with a twist

We then had the gorgeous Shweta Dhall who sang a Punjabi song that was truly amazing. She is a chartered accountant by profession but is a singer by passion. Kudos to Shweta to make a trip all the way from Luton to be part of our event.

The afternoon finally came close to a finish with an energetic and mind blowing performance by dancers of Shri B Dance & Entertainment. The dance was choreographed by Bhavini Sheth. Shri B Dance & Entertainment are an entertainment and dance company who provide professional dancers, dhol players, singers and DJ's for weddings, corporate events, themed parties and team building workshops. In addition they provide dancers for Bollywood films shot here in the UK! They specialise in Bollywood Fusion dancing, where they incorporate styles such as Hip hop, Kathak, Bhangra, Jazz, Street and Contemporary within the Bollywood style. They believe in engaging with the community and embracing the talents of our local aspiring artists. Their goal is to offer audiences nationwide a chance to experience a large variety of dazzling productions and spread their love and passion for dance. Make sure you follow the group on social media @shri_b97.



Shweta Dhall singing a Punjabi song



Shri B Dance group performing a Bollywood fusion- Bhavini Sheth . Asha Patel.. Jvoti Gandecha and Hiral Narbad Shah

Shri B Dance group also did a workshop for the audience where they got the audience dancing with them to a popular Bollywood number. It was amazing to see the enthusiasm in the air as the workshop took off.



Dance workshop conducted by Shri B Dance & Entertainment team

We finished with a bang with Shiva playing the dhol and taking a circle of the park with the performers and audience joining in.



Performers and audience dancing through the park with the dhol

The Harrow Rec ground committee did an amazing job at the snack, cake and tea stalls with providing food and drinks to the audience and the performers on a very very hot day!! It was surely an afternoon to remember with amazing performances and an enthusiastic crowd who turned up to make the event a success!!



The stalls at the event put up by the Harrow Recreation Committee

Special thanks to Gurpreet Kaur to do the mehendi stall at the event, the public loved it. Also a big thanks to Steve Porter and his son Kai to manage the sound system for the event. Big thanks to Quinton Hall to lend us the stage. Thank you to professional singer Nimesh Sanghoi to do the live singing at the event.

Finally, a huge thank you to the professional dance groups Kalasagara UK, Ankh Dance Academy, Shri B Dance & Entertainment and also the local harrow dance groups who performed and made this event a huge success. We look forward to do this again next year with all of your support.



Steve Porter and his Kai- managed the sound system for the event



Jane, the Harrow Rec Ground Committee head talking about the park



The amazing crowd who eagerly took pics in our selfie banner

