

# Sarvam Sarvamayam a memorable evening for Brisbane Rasikas (audiences)



• Photo's: Rakesh Narala.

LED by Guru Padmalakshmi Sriram, the 4th annual concert held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July of her dance school Lalitha Kalalaya, saw over 78 students perform to 20 different songs on the theme - "Sarvam Sarvamayam, the cosmic dance of the Universe".

The program started sharp at 5:30pm with the lighting of the lamp. Ganesha slokam followed by Pushpanjali kick started the flawless sequence of dances interspersed with informative commentary by the Emcee's.

Every aspect of the dance form, namely Alarippu, Jatiswaram, Shabdham, Padam and Thillana were covered throughout the evening, highlight being the 'Shiv Shakti Aikiyam', a dance drama that took the audience on a journey of the various aspects of Lord Shiva - the 3rd element in the Hindu Trinity.

One student each from the junior and senior side spoke about their experience of being an intrinsic part of the dance school, on behalf of their counterparts.

In continuing with tradition set by Padmalakshmi, 8 of the performers' mothers voluntarily practiced over 2 months under her motivated guidance and put on their classical dance shoes to perform on the 'Ashtalakshmi' song. Miss Chalani's flexible poses portraying Lord Shiva's Naag



(the snake around the deity) received a thundering applause from the audience.

At regular intervals throughout the evening trophies were presented to batches of junior and senior students in appreciation of their 100% attendance and special mentions were given to dedicated students.

It was a well-attended evening by the audience, some describing it as a 'visual treat' of beautiful choice of songs, choreography and vibrant costumes.

Thanks to our media sponsor Brisbane Indian Times consecutively for four years and Dosa Hut, Upper Mt Gravatt Sponsoring our event this year.

*An event like this cannot happen overnight. It requires meticulous planning and execution, teamwork and a bird's eye for details. We have been fortunate enough to be backed by senior students and parents who are very co-operative and big support. I cannot thank everyone enough for your involvement and your willingness to take on the completion of tasks beyond your comfort zones!*

*Finally, we are extremely thankful to the wonderful audience who have been an encouraging force to give our best and make it better every year*

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