

Indian Cultural Centre
Colombo

Activities - June, 2013

1 June Chitranjali – Art Competition Award Ceremony

The Tagore Society, in collaboration with the Indian Cultural Centre presented Chitranjali - an awards ceremony, to recognize the talents of the artists who participated in a painting competition that was held to commemorate the 152nd birth anniversary celebrations of Rabindranath Tagore. The programme was held on the 1st of June 2013 at the ICC auditorium at 3.30 p.m. The Awards function was followed by a cultural evening of Rabindra Sangeet in tribute to Rabindra Jayanti which was celebrated world-wide on the 7th of May.

14 June An evening of Hindustani Vocal Music





On Friday 14 June, the renowned vocalist from India Ustad Irshad Varsi Khan presented an evening of Hindustani Vocal Music at the Indian Cultural Centre. He was accompanied on Tabla by Nishant Sharma. The performance was greatly appreciated by the audience comprising

eminent musicians, classical music lovers, teachers and students. Around 80 guests attended the event.

Shri Irshad Ahmad Khan Varsi is from Kirana Gharana and received his training in music from his father Ustad Mehphooz Ahmad Khan Varsi, Allahabad in the Kirana style of Khyal singing as well as Thumri singing. Since 1983 he is working at the Kathak Department of the Music University Khairagath. He has received many awards for his singing including the U.P Sangeeth Natak Akademi Award in 1970.

Nishant's journey with the Tabla started at the age of eleven years under the tutelage of Pt. Shri Vasudev Mishra (Banaras gharana) Sehore. After completion of his Vid, he went to Khairagarh for his further education under Pt. Ramnath Singh (disciple of Ustaad Karamatullah Singh Sahib Farrukhabad Gharana) Khairagarh where he has completed his Masters degree (M.mus).



21 June Film show: Mrinalini Sarabhai: The artist and her art

Indian Cultural Centre screened a documentary film titled “The Artist and Her Art” directed by Mallika Sarabhai and Yadavan Chandran on 21 June at its auditorium. The film detailed the artistic genius, style and various facets of Mrinalini Sarabhai’s life. The Directors of the film are Mallika Sarabhai, who is also the daughter of Mrinalini Sarabhai, and Yadavan Chandran, who has been involved with films and television since his childhood. Mrinalini Sarabhai is a celebrated dancer and choreographer and the founder-director of the Darpan Academy of Performing Arts, Ahmedabad which is established in 1949. She was called 'High Priestess of Indian Dance' by dance critics. Mrinalini was the wife of eminent scientist Vikram Sarabhai. She received Padma Shri (1965) and Padma Bhushan (1992) from Government of India, Gold Medal from the Mexican Government (1968), State Award for Dance (1969) from Government of Gujarat and many such honours. Around 75 guests attended the screening.

28 June Sargam – An evening of songs to commemorate Mohammed Rafi

Sargam- Hindi musical event was organized by the Centre on 28 June by Dr. Ajith Jayaratne and his group. They presented an evening of songs to commemorate the legend, golden vocalist Mohammed Rafi at the Indian Cultural Centre. The Music composed by exotic musician Sarath Wickrama.



