

DEPARTMENT OF PERFORMING ARTS

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The 'Department of Performing Arts' of Modern College of Arts, Science and Commerce (*Autonomous*), Shivajinagar, Pune-5 was formally inaugurated by **Pt. Sanjeev Abhyankar** on **17th Oct 2023** in an august event presided by Prof. Dr. Smt. Jyotsna Ekbote Madam, along with Dr. Rajendra Zunjarrao (Principal), Prof. Shamkant Deshmukh (Secretary PES and Vice-Principal - Administration), Dr. Amruta Oke (Vice-Principal - Arts) and attended by a galaxy of senior musicians like Vidushi Dr. Alka Deo-Marulkar, Pt. Ramdas Palsule, H. B. P. Dr. Charudatta Aphale, Pt. Satyasheel Deshpande, Dr. Shubhangi Arun Bahulikar, Vidya Gokhale, Milind Kulkarni and former Cultural Attache to Tajikistan Juee Deogaokar, students, staff, parents and senior management. The formal event was followed by a small music performance by the talented students of our debut batch of B.A. (Music).



The Department of Performing Arts organized the following activities for the year 2023-24

1. A lec-dem cum interaction with Tamás Rozs on 31st Oct 2023. Tamas, a Hungarian folk musician talked about his instrument, the Cello and the different musical impressions from German, Serbian, Slovakian, Balkan, Romanian, Austrian and Ukrainian cultural traditions finding expression in Hungarian folk music. He sang some traditional and

some new self-composed melodies (by fusing Mongolian throat singing which he learnt and practiced for four years from renowned Mongolian musicians) and Hungarian folk melodies.



2. An interactive workshop on 'Thumri-Dadra-Gazal' by eminent semi-classical vocalist Astha Shukla ji (daughter of Dr. Veena Pani Shukla and disciple of Pt. Kashinath Bodas and Dr. Veena Sahasrabudhe) held on 2nd Dec 2023. Apart from eloquently describing the ecology and musico-aesthetic framework of these forms and nuances of the पूरब

अंग stylistics, she also taught a Dadra and one of Begum Akhtar's classic gazals to our students.



3. A lecture on 'Music Therapy - Medicine and Misconceptions' by Dr. Shubham Kulkarni on Wednesday 20th December 2023. With an aim of creating awareness about the right approach to music therapy, the Department of Performing Arts, launched an online 'Basic Certificate Course in Music Therapy' on this day.



4. A lec-dem cum performance on 'Sitar- the instrument and its playing techniques' by Pt. Chandranath Bhattacharya on 24th February 2024. Our students (BA and Music Appreciation Course) had an enriching interaction with him as he described the making of Sitar and nuances of the Senia-Jaipur Gharana, that he belongs to.



5. Our students volunteered for the 'Devchandhar Music Festival 2024' organised by 'Ninadini' on 4th Feb 2024 at THE BASE, Pune.



The division in which our department was part of (L Division) for the Annual Social Gathering, secured the First Prize in the UG Category.

Personal Achievements of the members of the Department of Performing Arts:

Dr. Pushkar Lele:

1. Conducted a course 'Principals of Music' at FLAME University, Lawale for Undergrad students in Aug-Sept 2023.
2. Presided over 'संशोधन उवाच', a research-work related presentation by PhD research scholar Shri. Vivek Sutar at Lalit Kala Kendra, Savitribai Phule Pune University on 14th Oct 2023.
3. Was interviewed on 'Improvisation in Music' by Shri. Kedar Nimbkar for the podcast channel Audiogyan, the episode was released on 6th September 2023 on various platforms like Audiogyan, Spotify and YouTube.
4. Presented a concert of Hindustani Classical music on 6th September 2023 at Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru Auditorium, Pune organised by Akashwani Pune under the G-20 series on the occasion of the 100th Birth Centenary of legendary musician Pt. Kumar Gandharva.

5. Presented a concert of Hindustani Classical music on 26th August 2023 organised at Marathi Grantha Sangrahalaya, Thane organised by 'Saptak' Bangalore and Sangeet Premi Mandal, Kalva Thane on the occasion of the 100th Birth Centenary of legendary musician Pt. Kumar Gandharva.
6. Published an article on Pt. Kumar Gandharva in 'Tarang' Magazine for their July 2023 issue.
7. Invited as Chief Guest for 'Mukula', an initiative of Kalavardhini Charitable Trust of eminent Bharatanatyam exponent and Guru Dr. Sucheta Bhide-Chapekar (Nov 2023).
8. Presented a concert of Hindustani Classical Vocal at THE BASE organized by Tarangini Sanskritik Pratishthan on 30th Dec 2023.
9. Presented a concert of Hindustani Classical Vocal organized by 'Maifil' Alibaug on 11th Feb 2024.
10. Invited as special guest for 'Gandharva Gunijaan', a thematic presentation at Bhimsen Joshi Chair by students of Lalit Kala Kendra, SPPU on 22nd Feb 2024.
11. Delivered a talk on 'Music Appreciation' on the prestigious global platform of TEDx as part of the TEDxILS 2024 on 20th April 2024.

Prof. Shripad Shirwalkar:

1. Presented a research paper in international conference organised by SRTMV UNIVERSITY NANDED (Offline mode)
2. Admitted to Pune University for PhD degree
3. Worked as co-ordinator in youth festival at Morden College, Shivajinagar.
4. Passed Sangeet Alankar exam from Gandharva Mahavidyalaya, Mumbai.
5. Provided Tabla accompaniment in BHAKTI RANG programme in the 97th AKHIL BHARATIYA MARATHI SAHITYA SAMEELAN in Jalgaon. He also worked as Cultural Committee Member in a same programme.
6. Worked as an examiner in YUVARANG, AGRICULTURE COLLEGE in SHIRWAL.
7. Worked as an examiner at BHUSAWAL and PUNE for AKHIL BHARATIYA GANDHARVA MAHAVIDYALAYA.
8. Presented a research paper in INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE organised by MAHAGAMI GURUKUL, Sambhajinagar.
9. Presented a research paper in INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE organised by RAJA MANSINGH TOMAR UNIVERSITY.

Personal Achievements of the students of F. Y. B.A.(Music) at the Department of Performing Arts:

Suranjan Jaybhaye:

1. Won second prize in Savitribai Phule Pune University Youth Festival (Hindustani classical vocal).
2. Won second price in National Prabha music competition organised by Dr. Prabha Atre Foundation (Hindustani classical vocal)
3. Won second price in Prachin Lalit Kala Prabodhini competition in pune (Hindustani classical vocal)
4. Won first prize in swar rang competition organised by Modern College, Ganeshkhind Pune (Hindustani classical vocal)
5. Won second prize in Sakal Karandak competition (Drama)

Vaishali Ingawale:

1. Invited to perform by the popular instrumental band 'Yajurveda'
2. Performed at Dr. D. Y. PATIL B School
3. Started a new band called 'The Musical Beings', and performed at Chate Institute during Ram Navami Festival.
4. Performed in the Annual Day Program of our college and received the award for the best performance.
5. Performed with music composer Hrushikesk Rikame and music director Harsh Vijay.
6. Recorded a song for an upcoming movie 'Phula', at Ajivasan Studio owned Pandit Suresh Wadkar ji.

Vaishnavi Adode:

1. Sung the album song 'Gondan' with Adarsh Shinde
2. Recorded the song 'Man Thari Rahina' with Jaideep Vaidya
3. Recorded the song 'Pirmachi Badha' with singer Harshvardhan wavre

Prarthana Charge:

1. Participated as volunteer in Yuva-rang
2. Received 3rd prize in singing competition in youth festival organised by NSS department.
3. Participated in NSS special winner camp as a volunteer at a Phulgaon village.

Rohit Dake:

1. Received 3rd prize in Light vocal competition held in our college
2. Selected for Inter-University youth festival competition and was 2 runner-up for Indian group singing

3. Received 1st prize for Light Vocal music in Swarmadhuri singing competition

Mayuresh Deve:

1. Participated as a volunteer in Yuvarang.
2. Completed NSS special winter camp as a volunteer.
3. Received First prize in singing competition in youth festival organized by NSS department.

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