

An Evening Soiree with Johannes Möller, Biplaw Singh and AHIMSA at Live in Concert performance in Kolkata presented by the SIDDHA Group

19th March, 2011, Kolkata: It was an evening soiree that music lovers in Kolkata will remember, not because it was on the eve of Holi, the festival of colours, but because it was a splendidly organized event, to recreate the culture following a great tradition of Indian classical music performances blended with the very best music from the West, a platter that's hard to miss since colours express the zest for life and the beauty of the sound.

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The opening performances by Johannes and Biplaw were followed by Ahimsa, a four-piece world music ensemble. With Munich-based guitarist Matthias Muller and South Indian musician S. Radhakrishna who played a majestic stereophonic double violin supported ably by percussionists Udai Mazumdar and R. Yogaraja – their music blended the Carnatic music with Western Jazz that prompted a trip into territories of complex beautiful improvisations, the musical texture, if we may call it, was precise and innovative sometimes reminiscent of Shakti with John McLaughlin. In an other way, its an Interstellar Overdrive, a travel into realms of spacious consciousness where music is fluid and ever recreated by the illumined mind of its players. Their whole endeavour was refreshing, another hallmark of great musical expressions, here, the fascinating merged into brilliant musical overtures which the mind can only seize through its contemplative ears and meditative hearing. Of course, it was sheer entertainment, and as Little!, the organization that produced the show confirmed, that it was just the beginning and not the last of surprises that await kolkata's ardent music lovers.

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The programme sponsored by the Siddha Group was hosted by Calcutta Classical Guitar Society and partnered by The Calcutta School of Music and RED FM 93.5 took place on 19th March, 2011 at 27, Ballygunge Park, Kolkata.

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Useful Information:

Programme presented by Siddha Group: <http://www.siddhagroup.com/>

Produced by Littlei : <http://littlei.in/>

Hosted by Calcutta Classical Guitar Society: <http://www.ccg.in/>

Event Partners: The Calcutta School of Music: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Calcutta_School_of_Music

Radio Partner: RED FM 93.5: http://radiotime.com/station/s_68909/Red_FM_935.aspx

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