

Gauri Jog and her Indian dance group captivate audience

SCHAUMBURG, IL - Gauri Jog, renowned dancer and choreographer from Chicago, staged her fourth in-house dance drama production on March 11, 2007 at Prairie Center for the Arts in Schaumburg, IL. More than 450 people witnessed "Fire - the Fiery Tale" on the beautiful Sunday afternoon.

After the successful production of "Queen of Jhansi in 2005," this time Gauri Jog selected a completely innovative topic to show the evolution and importance of fire (agni), an intense element of nature.



Gauri Jog's senior students Alisha Benawra, Radhika Akolkar and Isha Jog and others were very successful in depicting how fire has fascinated people for thousands of years and how fire plays a big role in our lives. The dance of the "Eternal Flame" was presented as fusion between Kathak performed by Gauri Jog and Bharatnatyam performed by Shalakha Kulkarni. The audience was mesmerized by their expressions and body movements.

The dance drama ended with a fusion between Gauri Jog and Shalakha Kulkarni on the song of "Krishna Ni Begane Baaro" depicting the universal values, religious tolerance and consideration for each other.

This last dance left a positive note in the minds of people about our need to unify all human kind.

Gauri Jog has been teaching Indian Classical dancing in Chicago area for the last seven years. She and her group have performed on numerous occasions at various social, political and sports events. She is very instrumental in performing at fund raising activities by various charitable organizations. Gauri Jog is also a regular visitor dancer to other cities in U.S. collaborating with various dance schools and other styles of dance. She can be contacted at gaurijog@hotmail.com or visit <http://www.gaurijog.com>.

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