



INDIA EN CONCIERTO 2014

The third edition of the Indian Embassy's biennial cultural festival, 'India en Concierto' took place from June 4 to 8, 2014 in León, Valladolid and Madrid. The festival was organized by the Embassy in collaboration with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Casa de la India and the University of León.

A Rajasthani Music Group led by Shri Fakira Khan presented a Rajasthani Folk ('Manganiyar') performance at the León University Auditorium on June 4, at Casa de la India in Valladolid on June 5 and at the Sala Roja of Teatros del Canal in Madrid on June 7.

A Kathak performance was presented by Ms Rujuta Soman and Group at the León University Auditorium on June 6, at Casa de la India in Valladolid on June 7 and at the Sala Roja of Teatros del Canal in Madrid on June 8.

'India en Concierto 2014' was a special effort to showcase the strong bond between the Spanish 'Flamenco' and Indian art forms. Research has proven that the musical proximity between Flamenco and Rajasthani folk music, a stream of which has flown profusely into 'Kathak', connects the Spanish art form with Rajasthan's wide folk arts' canvas and Kathak's classicism. The two art forms were therefore specifically chosen for this edition of the music festival.

To study further nuances of these musical links, both visiting groups participated in workshops at Teatro Calderon and Casa de la India with professors and professionals from the Professional Dance and Music School of Valladolid and the ABANICOS Flamenco Dance School of Valladolid.

Photographs

Rajasthani Folk Music Performance by Mr Fakira Khan and Group





Rajasthani Folk Music Group with Ambassador of India Shri Sunil Lal, Embassy Officials and Dignitaries after the performance in Madrid

Kathak Performance by Ms Rujuta Soman and Group







**Kathak Group led by Ms Rujuta Soman with Ambassador of India, Shri Sunil Lal
after the performance in Madrid**