



Opening act will mesmerise

Asian dance festival Samarpana will feature performances by local and international artistes



SAMARPANA, the Asian Festival of Classical Dance, is back again. The festival, which opens on Sept 5 at Jubilee Hall, Raffles Hotel, is in its third year and will begin with an opening night collaboration between renowned Carnatic musicians the Priya sisters and Abhinava Dance Company led by Nirupama and Rajendra. The performance is titled Samhati which, in Sanskrit, means alliance.

The Priya sisters, Shanmukhapriya and Haripriya, are known for their love of tukdas (pieces – or parts taken out of Paran). They have trained under musical giants like Radha and Jayalakshmi as well as the king of pallavis T.R. Subramanian and have a huge fan following around the world.

The Abhinava Dance Company, based in Bangalore, is known for its contemporary approach to classical dance. Led by the duo Nirupama and Rajendra, the troupe trained in kathak and bharatanatyam but use a strong classical foundation to experiment and push the boundaries of their performances. The two dancers are recipients of many honours, including the Karnataka Kalashree title by the government of Karnataka in India.

The dance festival will feature five not-to-be-missed performances by local and international artistes over the three days.

Samarpana – the Asian Festival of Classical Dance runs from Sept 5-7 at Jubilee Hall, Raffles Hotel, Beach Road. Tickets can be bought from SISTIC. For more information log on to www.samarpanafestival.net or call 8201-4757.

It's back... Abhinava Dance Company (top) is collaborating with the Priya sisters (above) for this year's edition of the Asian Festival of Classical Dance.

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Win tickets

You stand to win a pair of category A tickets to the opening night of Samarpana on Sept 5 by answering the question below. E-mail your answer to info@samarpanafestival.net with your name and IC number.

Closing date: Aug 5, 11.59pm

Q. South Indian classical music is referred to as:

1. Carnatic
2. Opera
3. A capella