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## Celebrating our dance heritage ...



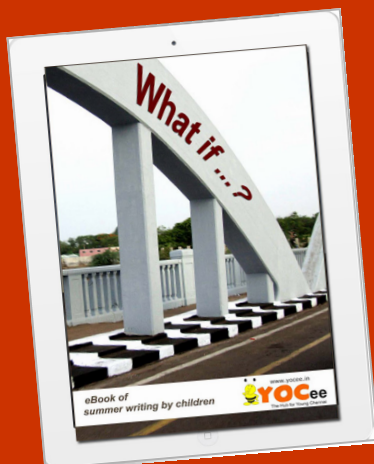
*What is a better way to celebrate the World Dance Day than tapping your feet to the classical beats that too in the company of legends?*

**Smruthi S**  
*Student Reporter*

That is what a couple of youngsters got to do at the Ranga Mandira premises, despite the sizzling temperatures outside.

All thanks to the four day immersion course on the 'Tanjore Quartette' at Ranga Mandira, a dance school headed by well known dancer Dr. Swarnamalya Ganesh.

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# This fortnight for you ...

## TREE WALK

May 18  
4.30 p.m.

Nizhal, a trust to promote concern for trees in the city, is conducting a special tree walk at Kotturpuram Eco-Park. For registration, contact Usha at 9791029568.

## Puppetry workshop

May 15, 16 & 17  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Pavai centre for Puppetry and Gallery Sri Parvati is organising puppetry workshops for children and adults.

The workshop for children will be of a session for 3 days. It includes simple puppet making, story, manipulation and presentation.

Age Group: 8-15 years

Venue: Gallery Sri Parvati, 28/160, Eldams Road, Chennai-600018

A one day workshop on Sock puppet making for adults will be held at the same venue of May 18.

For registration details contact 9444486497 . Register before May 13, 2013

## Colouring & Drawing contest

May 26

Studio 4 Dance is conducting a colouring & drawing contest for children this summer.

For ages 4 to 6 years, colouring contest will be held between 10 &

11 a.m.

For ages 6 to 8 years, drawing contest will be held between 4 & 5 p.m.

Venue: Studio 4 Dance, Shanmuga Complex, Velachery Main Road, Near SIVET College, Gowrivakkam For details and registration, contact 74014 45539, 98845 72244

## Coding for Kids

May 13 to 17  
9.30 a.m. to 12 noon

ThinkDiff Skool is conducting a basic programming workshop using a design-based learning approach to support children's development of computational thinking through explorations with scratch.

The programme will be held at Yoyo's, Munusamy Salai, K K Nagar. Contact ThinkDiff Skool at 8056100293. Website: [www.thinkdiffskool.com](http://www.thinkdiffskool.com)

## Fun carpentry workshop

May 25  
9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Vanilla Cheildren Place will conduct a One-day carpentry workshop for children. The workshop will introduce children to measuring, sawing, sanding, shaping assembly and painting. Suitable for children of age group 5 to 12 years. Fee: Rs. 500

Contact Vanilla at 89, Bishop garden, Greenways Road, R.A. Puram. Phone: 4206 6660, 99400 12785

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# A festival for the little people of Chennai



**Manasa V S**  
**Student Reporter**

Recently there was a buzz in the city of Chennai among the little children. Each of them was persuading their parents to take them to Gallery Sri Parvathi on the 27th of April. After all, there was a festival being hosted exclusively for them.

The Yocee team had organized 'The Little People's festival', a daylong fest for the children and their parents in Chennai. It had the entire stall range that a little one could ever dream of. And activities on the spot to take part in.

There were floral, vibrantly coloured hair accessories, yummy candies, self-customisable chains and bracelets, paintable terracotta pieces, a mini bakery, crochet bags, never seen before artistic photo frames, beautiful paper jewellery, books and pretty attires they could adorn themselves with.

To beat the heat there was a cool *jigarthanda* shop. To add

to all these there was a live photo booth and a caricature artist to draw your portrait.

The festival that began in the morning at 10.30 went on until 8.30 in the evening with different programs to engage the kids in.

There was an art competition, a multilingual sing along choir by Madras youth choir, magic show, storytelling and loads more for them to enjoy.

The specialty of the festival was that most of the products on store were handmade!

The Yocee directory for the year 2013 was also launched on that day. It was well organised and the kids and their parents thought it as a day worth spending. After all, it was a place to rejoice exclusively for them!

>>> **More pictures of the festival on [www.yocee.in](http://www.yocee.in)**

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## S. Kaavya of Rosary Matric scores the highest in Plus Two exam



**S. Kaavya**

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**Kaavya S**, a student of Rosary Matric Higher Secondary School, Santhome has scored 1192 out of 1200 and is the highest scorer in the exam. She

had taken French as the second language. Kavya is also the topper in French scoring 198 out of 200. She is a commerce stream student.

**Abhinaya H** of SDAT Matric Higher Sec. School, Adambakkam is the second highest scorer with 1191 marks and she studied Sanskrit as second language.

**R. Sainithya**, a student of GRT Mahalakshmi Vidyalaya, Ashok Nagar and **K. Rajaram** of A.V. Meyyappan Hr. Sec. School scored 1190 out of 1200. They are among the third highest scorers and studied Sanskrit as second language.

The top scorer with Tamil as the second language is announced as official topper in the state. Two students from Namakkal with 1189 marks out of 1200 are declared as state toppers.

## Card modeling for children At DakshinaChitra

DakshinaChitra, Heritage Center is organising a workshop on card modeling on May 18, 2013.

Card modeling is the art of building scale models of any real life objects. With a hobby knife, a cutting surface and some glue kids will learn to create three-dimensional objects from paper. Four models including a model of the heritage house will be taught at this workshop.

To and fro transport for DakshinaChitra will be provided from Besant Nagar city office of DakshinaChitra.

The workshop fee will be Rs 500/- inclusive of materials, refreshment & Transport. The workshop will be for a full day from 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

For more information, contact 24462435, 24918943, 98417 77779, 98412 49600

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When: Join any day. Program Duration : 10 days

Where: Pigeon Educational Solutions, No. 1 Devi Karumari Amman Nagar Extn Main Road, Vijayanagar, Velachery, Chennai 600 042.

Who: Contact Karthik @ 9841909889 or mail to pigeoneschn@gmail.com

### Travel and explore with Aavishkaar India

What: Camping in Coffee estate in

Srimangala, Coorg, Karnataka at the foothills of Brahmagiri range. Explore country side, trekking, jungle walks, coracle rides.  
Fee Rs. 6900.

When: May 20 to 24

Where: Outdoor camp at Srimangala, Karnataka

Who: Contact Aavishkaar India at phone no. 044-42658628, 99400 56618

### Choral Music Camp

What: Multi lingual choral music themed on national integration, folk, nature. For children of ages 7 to 13 years

When: May 13 to 25

Where: Tiny Teddies, 253, Alagirisamy

Salai, K.K. Nagar

Who: To register contact Ms. Rajashree Bhaskaran. Phone: 98847 09543

### Camp on Indian art and culture

What: Dimbhakotsav, a childrens' camp on Indian art and culture. Includes Yoga,

Folk Dance, Story Telling, Origami, Spoken Sanskrit, Kitchen Gardening, Temple architecture and Temple Visit.

When: May 20 to 25, 9.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Where: Tattvaloka, 76, Eldams Road.

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The top 15 entries will get to perform in an exclusive event on World Music Day as part of the Rhapsody choir!

Deadline: ~~10th~~ May, 2013. **Deadline extended!**  
Send in entries by 15th May!



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The course commenced on April 27 and went on till the 30th with sessions from 10 am to 12 pm and 1.45 to 3.45 pm. The highlight of the entire workshop was the special guest of honour, the revered dance guru Gopalakrishna Nattuvanar, grandson of Late Meenakshi Sundaram Pillai, one of the doyens of the Pandanallur style of Bharatanatyam.

on various topics like Colonial dance history, Nattuvanar Parampara, Rasa and Bhava, concepts of Abhinaya, to name a few. These sessions opened up the floodgates and gave the participants a brand new perspective to dance.

"It was a thoroughly enjoyable and informative course for me. I have never thought about such new and factual aspects of dance. I think I am really blessed to be in the company of such legends", said Mahalakshmi,



It was a very rare opportunity for the passionate dancers to learn directly from the Nattuvanar himself, whose family has been custodians of these repertoires for centuries now and also study, canvass and absorb their histories and concepts of dance.

This legend who is 82- years old exhibited vibrance and energy and taught the students two of the very rare compositions of the Tanjore Quartette.

The forenoon sessions were full of rigorous practice in mastering the compositions.

On the other hand, the afternoon sessions were all the more lively for there were lectures and discussions

a participant of the four-day programme.

If all these exercises were for three brains, it was home- made tasty lunch that filled the stomachs!

On the last day, students were presented with a certificate and a recorded CD for the practice of the taught compositions.

This 'Immersion Course' was an attempt to get today's generation deeply into the intricacies and nuances of this art form.

The sessions left all its participants inspired of the richness of India's dancing heritage, felt the young dancers.

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This year, 20 student reporters from the city schools will be selected for the programme.

Students of class 6 and above studying in Chennai city schools are eligible to apply for the programme

### How to apply:

Please use the form on the website to submit your piece (in 200 words) on an event or a happening in your area / school. Should be a news piece.

The consent of your parents is a must to apply for the programme.

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Who: Contact 9600087646, 9790924889 to register.

## Photography Workshop in Alwarpet

What: An introduction to basic photography through presentations, discussions and hands-on sessions. For kids 7-11 years. Fee - Rs. 500

When: From May 13 (10 a.m. to 12 noon) for one week

Where: The Children's Space, Shop No. 7, Mookambika Complex (basement), Alwarpet, Chennai - 18

Who: Conducted by Ms. Jayashree B, a Communication and Media Specialist. Text - 87544 70178 to register. www.childrenspacechennai.com

## Fun Summer Camp in Mylapore

What: Balloon hunt, pick the card, spin the yarn and story telling sessions

When: May 20 to 24

Where: Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, East Mada Street, Mylapore

Who: Funfreezers. Phone: 9940482312, 8939631249. Or inbox at www.facebook.com/funfreezers

## Physics Summer camp in Kottivakkam

What: Understand Physics Laws, Science investigations, basic math tools

When: May 13 to 17

Where: Al Qamar Academy, Kottivakkam

Who: Spark Science Club. Contact: 96770 19226, 92822 29081. www.iiteach.in

## Robotics Camp

What: Learn the aspects of Robotics, their design and construction. For children of 8 to 12 years. Trainers from ASIMOV Robotics.

When: May 20 - May 24(4.00 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.)

Where: Hippocampus Children's Co. Old No.4, New No.11, 3rd Avenue, Indiranagar, Adyar.

Who: Contact Hippocampus at 9444049175, 24433544, 42116417

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For details and registrations, contact: <education.mcibt@gmail.com>

# summer camp snapshots



**Summer camp at Fun Tree, Mylapore**



**Learning to bake at Hippocampus, Adyar**



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**Fun carpentry at Vanilla Children Place, R.A.Puram**



**Cooking without fire at Hansel & Gretel Kids, T.Nagar**



# Sound of Music

## US Consulate felicitates the children who sang along the Chicago Choir

**Dhanvee B**  
**Student Reporter**

Does sound govern the Universe?

"Yes", would have been a chorus answer by all those who witnessed the power of music in the performances of the young children at the US Consulate, Chennai.

It was a day to remember for the young music students Rhapsody.

On May 8, 2013 they were invited by the US Consulate to receive their certificates and they were treated with a variety of entertainment too.

At 8.45 a.m., the young musicians present in front of the the U.S. Consulate were ushered into the auditorium after a routine security check up. They were welcomed and entertained by Nemo! Yes, they all got to watch the movie 'Finding Nemo' for two hours.

After a short break, the Consulate general Jennifer McIntyre happily distributed the certificates and goodies to the children who sang

along the Chicago Children's Choir in January this year. The consulate general also sat down to enjoy a few songs by the Rhapsody Choir group.

Conceptualised by Anil Srinivasan, the classical pianist and trained by the principal faculty at Rhapsody, Dr. Sudha Raja, the children presented a couple of lively songs for all to enjoy.

Intermission with doughnuts, panner puffs, and Frooti gave energy for

children. There was another movie to watch. It was none other than the classic 'Sound of Music'.

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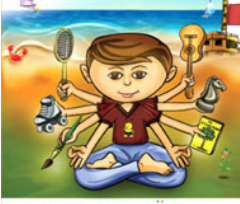
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May 20 to 24

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The camp is for children of age group 8 to 12 years  
The venue will be Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, East Mada Street, Mylapore.

Participating children will get certificates and gifts.

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The workshop is suitable for children studying in classes 6, 7, 8

For Registration, Contact Deepa at 98403 47670.  
Vidhyapika Learning Center is located at No.3,  
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