



W.A. Smith Memorial School

TABLA WORKSHOP

TRAINING DATES: 8TH FEBRUARY 2023 TO 10TH FEBRUARY 2023

TIMINGS: 9:30 AM TO 2: 30 PM

GRAND SHOWCASE 'AN EVENING OF RHYTHM: 10TH FEBRUARY 2023

TIME: 5:00 PM TO 6: 30 PM

Venue: CECILIA ROSE HALL

A unique 3-day Tabla workshop was organised by the school for the students of Classes 7, 8 and 9 under the mentorship of one of the gems of Indian Classical music, Pandit Shubrangshu Chakraborty. More than 50 students enthusiastically grabbed this 'once in a lifetime' opportunity of learning the nuances of percussion under the maestro. Some of the students were beginners but most of them had never even touched a table before and had no previous knowledge of playing any instrument.

Pandit Chakraborty has made it his mission in life to spread the glory of India's musical legacy and cultural heritage among the youth. He patiently explained to these novices the techniques of playing the Tabla along with the 'taals' and 'bols'. The extensive 15-hour workshop culminated with a grand showcase of talent in the form of – 'An Evening of Rhythm'; where the students demonstrated what they had learnt in the last 3 days. Clad in pristine white Kurta-pyjamas, all the boys and girls showcased their tabla playing skills and impressed the august audience deeply.

The musical extravaganza had Shri Keshav Kumar Gautam, Director AIR and Doordarshan, Varanasi as the Chief Guest along with other dignitaries and artists. All of them expressed their amazement at the dexterity with which the children played, completely in sync, with the Guru and with each other. The musical programme also included a solo performance by the Pt. Chakraborty along with inspiring speeches by the invited guests. The Principal of the school, Dr Anita Pauline Dey also praised the artist for his efforts and motivated the students to continue learning and not stop at just the workshop. The entire planning and execution of the tabla workshop was done by the Administrative Officer of the school, Mrs Pratyasha Mary Mukherjee, whose efforts were crowned with success.

The programme culminated with the presentation of certificates to all the participating students by the Chief Guest and the artist. Pandit Shubhrangshu Chakraborty was honoured by the school with a citation and many gifts for his commitment to nurturing the traditions of Indian Music.

The entire objective of the workshop was to sow the seeds of interest in playing the Tabla and to arouse and kindle the students' involvement in Indian music, which was definitely fulfilled.

