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It may seem strange but the foreigners, particularly Europeans, are more interested in Indian classical music and dance, than the Indians themselves. It was amazing to watch a French lady, Helena Magisson, performing Bharata Natyam at the Ravindra Natya Mandir in the Nriyaganga Festival organised by Nateshwar Kala Academy.



In order to become a proficient danseuse, it is essential to learn and practise classical dance with lot of devotion and dedication. For Helena it has been a long journey ever since she witnessed a Bharata Natyam performance for the first time. Helena says, "I was so impressed with the rhythmic movements, the gestural language and the over all beauty of the dance, that I decided I would go headlong to learn it at any cost." Helena Magisson has learnt Bharata Natyam from some of the most reputed teachers and lately, has been learning the finer aspects of the dance from accomplished Bharata Natyam exponent Guru Nita Kamath, who also heads the Nateshwar Kala Academy. Helena performed a short but pleasing recital revealing her command over the dance style.

The only male dancer of the festival was Pavitra Bhat. Pavitra holds the distinction of being a bright star in the cultural dance scenario for which the credit undoubtedly goes to his mentor, Guru Deepak Mazumdar. Pavitra dances with comfortable ease and precision, whether it the most elaborate number the Varnam or the Balamuralikrishna Thillana. Blessed with a commendable stage presence, Pavitra can aspire to be among the best in the country.

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Parul Lavsi is the disciple of Guru Nita Kamath. Parul's performance was pleasing partially; she needs to concentrate on the finer aspects of dancing. It is creditable on the part of Nita Kamath to organise such festivals mainly with the intention of promoting young talent.

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