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PRESS RELEASE

Under the Auspices of the High Commission of India in Cyprus

ICMACY welcomed World renowned and award-winning sitar artist

RESHMA SHRIVASTAVA

In Concert

Paphos welcomed Reshma Shrivastava for a unique performance at the Attikon Amphitheatre in Paphos, Sunday the 8th of May. Reshma headlined an enchanting evening of traditional Indian classical music, We are fortunate to receive Reshma in Cyprus on tour as part of her program for peace in Greece, Turkey and Cyprus and the greater regions.
Reshma Shrivastava is respected and renowned worldwide, both as a performing artist and guru of Sitar. Born in Allahabad, India to a family of musicians, her father being tabla maestro and author, Prof Girish Chandra Srivastava.

Reshma has received many distinguished awards, including the most prestigious Academy Award from the Uttar Pradesh, Sangeet Natak Academy in 2016.
HE Madhumita Hazarika Bhagat, High Commissioner of India in Cyprus, celebrating Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, gave the opening address. An evening of traditional Indian cultural magic begun with a program from founder Kyprianos Paraskeva on sitar, and local guest musicians rendering evening ragas.

In an ambience of history and colour the Attikon theatre was initiated into the pure and soulful music that is Indian classical music. With all seats filled and in the presence of Paphos mayor Phedon Phedonos, a vibration of awe filled the air as much of the audience discovered this sacred art form, many for the first time.
Reshma Shriviastava took the stage after the intermission with grace and refined adeptness. Performing to an enchanted audience she delivered ICM from the heart in an expression of love and joy. Having lived in Cyprus and performed here in the past, Reshma Shrivastava's performances are renowned to be of the highest caliber. Accompanied by guest and co-founder Ravi Saundankar playing tabla, a rare and inspirational experience was well received with an encore and standing ovation from a grateful and ecstatic audience.

Special thanks to all the musicians:

Reshma Shrivastava (Sitar)
Ravi Saundankar (Tabla)
Kyprianos Paraskeva (Sitar)
Lahiru dewarja (Tabla)
Maria Avraam (Flute)
Stavros Savva (Accordian/Santoor)
Kishan Pankhania (Tanpura)

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ICMACY Directives
The visionary mission of the Foundation is:
To preserve, nurture and celebrate Indian classical music and art through activities and projects aimed at exposing audiences to this art form and aiding its sustainment through charitable initiatives.

ICMACY was founded (2019) in Cyprus with a focus to spread the magic of Indian classical music and art among Indian, Cypriot and European audiences, and share with them the authentic Indian cultural heritage. The aim is to organise concerts, workshops, lecture-demonstration sessions, artist interactions, educational and recreational Indian themed events to enhance relations within the Indian community in Cyprus and create awareness of Indian classical music & arts, to all local multi-cultural nationality groups living and visiting Cyprus.

"An ICMACY initiative representing Cyprus based & Indian classical musicians
honoring Cyprus-India cultural bilateral relations."

www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQF2-oxNkag

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