



Gurukul, a Dubai based organization spearheaded by Somna Tugnait – Director Projects, works towards enhancing the practice, understanding and appreciation of South Asian Art & Culture across the globe. Built on an aim to promote contemporary art in a social and educational context, Gurukul strives to develop a systematic and structural dance and educational training programme under the guidance of Pali Chandra, renowned Kathak danseuse and artistic director at Gurukul.

Pali Chandra, Artistic Director & the force behind Gurukul, is an internationally recognized performing artist with 15 years industry experience.

Apart from her performances, Pali's work encompasses choreography, training and dance journalism. She is an ex-committee member of the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing, U.K. and a graded member of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations. She has designed and executed workshops for prestigious institutes such as Oxford University, Birmingham University, London School of Contemporary Dance, Bradford University and Westminster University, to name a few.

Several global productions of Gurukul have received the highest of acclaims, under the banner of Pali Peacocks, UK. They have also been honored at the House of Commons in Westminster for Best Art Direction for their production called 'In the Shadow of the Hills'. Another production 'Under One Sky' was applauded in the Millennium Dome of London. The performance for the Queen of England at the Westminster Abbey was cited as a fine example of Indian Arts & Culture in the UK. The Arts Council of England and London Arts Board, amongst other Institutions & Organizations, have frequently funded the projects.

Gurukul has conducted workshops and symposiums in various institutions tailored to the profile of the student body. The duration of the workshops is flexible and can be customized. Our aim is to cultivate awareness for contemporary Kathak which works towards maintaining a balance between mind, body and soul.

Gurukul has staged - Rhythm Shift- a series of performances showcasing various aspects of Contemporary Kathak in three parts- Across, Echoing Ripples & Piya at the Republic day Celebration for CGI, World Theatre at Global Village, mbc – Morning show and wellington international school Theatre.

On the 10th of September '09, the Consulate General of India invited Gurukul to stage an evening of Kathak sponsored by Indiatourism - Incredible India. Pali Chandra and the team of Gurukul enthralled the audiences with their performances consisting of Classical, Contemporary and Sufi Kathak.

Gurukul's Inaugural Annual Concert – Dancing Divas, held on 25th of June at the Centrepoint Theatre in Ductac was a much awaited event by the team of Gurukul and their friends and relatives. Gurukul has launched an environment project- A Green Symphony. This project plans a global tour starting with a soft launch in Dubai.

Training sessions in Classical and Contemporary Kathak are held by Gurukul under the direction of Pali Chandra at Ductac - MOE and Bur Dubai. The teaching is based on ISTD syllabus and regular assessments are carried out to further channelize and enhance the learning process.

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