

Report 2010-11

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“Zephyr”, the Western Music Society of Kamala Nehru College is a group of singers with a wide variety of interest in music. These members are chosen in the beginning of the term through a few rounds of auditioning and are then divided into their respective groups such as the bass, alto and soprano according to their voice textures and range. We also need instrumentalists every year to accompany the singers. The year 2010-11 has been quite eventful, not only in terms of participation in the major western music competitions across DU but also within the college itself. Zephyr has been involved in activities apart from the DU fests such as performing Christmas carols for the Christmas celebrations in collaboration with the English Department of Kamala Nehru College on the 20th of December, 2010. Popular carols such as ‘Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer’, ‘Silent Night’, ‘Flow to the River’, ‘12 Days of Christmas’, etc were sung by the members and enjoyed by the English department teachers and students who later joined in with us

creating a jolly environment and a warm experience for all. We organised a percussion workshop on the 17th of January, 2011, ‘Stories through Sound’ by Mr. Suchet Malhotra, a globally renowned

percussionist, who introduced us to a number of native percussion instruments from across the globe such as the Egyptian Darbouka, the West African Djembe, the Kurdish Def, the Australian Didgeridoo and many more in an interactive workshop. All participants were awarded certificates at the end of this interesting and highly enriching workshop. The Western Music Competition, ‘Rhythm n Blues’ hosted by Zephyr during the Annual Cultural Festival ‘Ullas 2011’ was a success with 20 entries in the solo category, 10 entries in the duet category and 6 entries in the group category from colleges all across Delhi University. Zephyr performed in major DU fests at

-Gargi(27th Jan),

-St. Stephen's(6th Feb),

-Miranda(9th Feb),

-Indraprastha College(18th Feb),

-Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies(23rd Feb),

-Kirori Mal College(25th Feb).

In the group song category we performed a medley of three songs - Queen's ‘Somebody to Love’, ‘Déjà vu’ by Mike Posner and Justin Timberlake's ‘Love Stoned’ - a medley enjoyed by the group as well as the audience, helping us bag the third prize in the group category at Lady Shri Ram College(10th Feb), a tie at the third place with Lady Shri Ram at Jesus and Mary College(19th Feb) and a special mention at Sri Venkateswara College(3rd Mar). We also bagged the third position in the trio category at Lady Shri Ram College(11th Feb) and the second place in the duet category at Kamala Nehru College.