

REPORT

Beats of Harmony- In Harmony with diversity, Indo-Polish Cultural Exchange-2021

Music is the connective chord that binds cultures and societies. 'Beats of Harmony- In Harmony with diversity, Indo-Polish Cultural Exchange-2021', was a collaborative project between Delhi Public School, Sector 45, Gurgaon and VIII PALO, Poland. The project explored music of the two countries and their respective cultures through different genres sung by 43 young artists who participated in the project, from the two schools. This cultural journey aimed to build a bridge of friendship and understanding and to give hope to one another.

The project was a combined effort of two visionary educators, Ms Aditi Misra, Principal, DPS Gurgaon, India, and Prof Jerzy Waligora, Director, VIII PALO, Poland, with an aim to provide an international platform to the young learners to collaborate, communicate and celebrate cultural diversity, going beyond geographies.

The objective of the collaborative project was learning and appreciating Polish and Indian music, researching the selected musical genres of respective countries and creating opportunities for Indo-Polish students to bond on an international platform, overcoming physical boundaries with the help of digitization.

The five selected music genres were: A Timeless Song, A Folk Song, Patriotic Song, Instrumental Piece, A Song from Disney Films and The Finale Song - 'Circle of life' with Hakuna Matata- which was sung by both the schools in their respective languages and in English. These genres, initiated research in libraries and conversations on WhatsApp chat and Zoom platform about national roots, pride and patriotism. Promoting musical talents, exchanging ideas, sharing memories and bringing it all together in the notes of the selected songs, revealed the harmonizing impact that music has on people. The young artists felt stimulated to be the cultural ambassadors by choosing to sing these songs and thereby became the inspiration for their fellow students to explore the roots of their national identity.

On Monday, 31st May 2021, the premiere of 'Beats of Harmony' was held on Zoom with dignitaries and guests, Ms Aditi Misra and Prof Jerzy Waligora, participants, parents, leadership team, DPS Gurgaon and teachers. Ms Misra, in her address, stated that music has a universal appeal and touches everyone. Prof Waligora mentioned the importance of connecting and exploring diversities in different cultures and celebrating them. Both Ms Misra and Prof Waligora thanked the students and teachers with a special mention of Ms Anna Krzeminska-Kaczynska, Head International Engagement, Ms Justyna Witek, Ms Anna Kubica, teachers at VIII PALO along with Ms Sapna Dhawan, Dean Student Welfare, Ms Mamta Kanti Kumar, Deputy Dean Student Welfare and Mr Divay Dua, Head of Department of Dance and Music and all associated with the project.

The evening culminated with the song, 'Hakuna Matata', suggesting that such platforms where one unites for the love of music, one can forget worrying about things outside one's control and live in the moment.

Collaborators

Director Principal Ms Aditi Misra, Delhi Public School Gurgaon, India
 Founder Principal Professor Jerzy Waligóra, VIII PALO, Poland



Prapti Ghose
 Student, class 8I
 DPS Gurgaon - India



Music always attracted her. Though she had a guitar at home she never got the time to play it. During the lockdown she taught herself how to play the guitar and can play the guitar quite well. Her an inclination to learn rock & music. A state level summer and has also participated in nationals a few times. Her wish is to explore and learn more about music.

Lilla Bobrowska
 6th Grade Student
 PSP ACADEMOS - Krakow - Poland

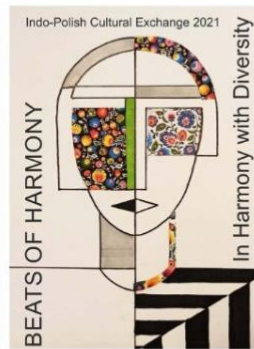
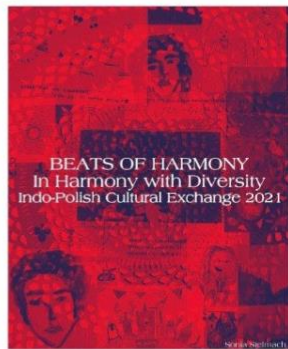


A young violinist. Interested in history, travelling and earth music. Lilla learned her cell in particular. Her memory is developed and performed a concerto for playing the harp.

Nancy Nanda
 Student, class 12L
 DPS Gurgaon - India



Music is something she is very passionate about. Has been training in Hindustani classical music for the past 3 years and has recently started learning the piano. Apart from music, she really enjoys photography and reading.



Olivia Andrews
 a pre-IB DP Student
 VIII PALO - Krakow - Poland




A young artist, singer & amateur actor interested in psychology, biology and music. Loves travelling and people in general. Enjoys learning about cultures and taking part in creative projects.

Franciszek Stoniowski
 a pre-IB DP Student
 VIII PALO - Krakow - Poland



A YOUNG CLASSICAL PIANIST. INTERESTED IN JAZZ MUSIC, CINEMA AND DESIGN WHO PRACTICES AEROBICS & ENJOYS OTHER SPORTS TOO. HAS A FEW INTERESTING HOBBIES (COMING FROM ANOTHER IN '91 WORLD OF VIDEO GAMES, TO STUDY AIRCRAFTS, LOVES DISCOVERING NEW PLACES AND MEETING NEW PEOPLE).

Parth Sharma
 Student, class 8E
 DPS Gurgaon - India



A young vocalist. Enjoys listening to Pop music and Soft Rock. Likes to read books on history and fantasy. Learning computer coding in free time.

