

# NATHA VINOOTHAM 2013

## A MUSICAL NIGHT BY HARTLEY COLLEGE

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On Saturday April 6th, Hartley College PPA celebrated their 25th anniversary by hosting a musical night.

The co organizers were Computek College and Hartley College and it was a fundraising musical event for the benefit of Hartley College and SACEM.

The auditorium of Sir John A. MacDonald C.I. was house full. Tickets were sold out to see the famous Indian veena player, Rajhesh Vaidhya perform alongside Kollywood playback singers; Haricharan and Mahathi. Rajhesh Vaidhya is known internationally and has performed all across the globe with world renowned musicians and composers like Sir Elton John. Haricharan Seshadri is

well-known for his song, Thulli Thulli, composed by Yuvan Shankar Raja, for the movie Paiya. Also, Mahathi is famous for her duet "Aiyayo Pudichirakku" with the famous Hariharan, composed by Harris Jayaraj, for the hit movie Saamy.

The event started sharply at 6 pm, with two girls singing Thamizhthai Vazhthu. The evening was made for music lovers of all sorts. Haricharan and Mahathi started their performance by singing a few ghazals, with Rajhesh Vaidhya on the veena. Following that, Mahathi hit the stage with the catchy number, Vaan Megam.

Later, she sang a rendition of Manavan Vandhaanadi, originally sung

by P. Susheela. Hitting all the correct notes and sangathis, she wowed the audience and proved her versatility. One of Haricharan's remarkable performances was of his own song "Oyaayie Yaayiye."

He got the audience so involved, we had many people singing the words and clapping to the beat along with him. The musical evening was also a great way to portray local Toronto talent such as Varshini and Nivethika Nagularajah singing the opening performance, Sai and Partheepan on the percussion, and Mega Tuners' very own Aravinthan on the keys.

Halfway through the evening the performances were interrupted by a microphone malfunction leading to

whole auditorium in blackout mode. A few minutes later, the lights and mics were back in action. Despite all this, the musicians and singers performed better than before, proving to the audience that nothing is holding them back.

The grand finale was by far one of the most incredible features of the night. Haricharan and Mahathi came off the stage and into the audience dancing with us to catchy numbers and allowing the audience to interact with them. All in all, despite a few technical difficulties, the event was well-coordinated and very enjoyable.

Congratulations to Computek College & Hartley College PPA.

