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Sarod strings enthrall city audience

Ustad Amjad Ali Khan Begins With 'Vaishnav Janako' and 'Raghupati Raghava'

The stage fell in the air as Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, 67, began his performance with 'Vaishnav Janako' and 'Raghupati Raghava' at the Pune Times Festival. The Ustad, who has been performing for over 40 years, began his performance with a concert at Delhi.

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Puneites have a blast at Times carnival

Pune: The Times of India carnival, part of the Pune Times Festival, was yet another evening packed with excitement and entertainment at the Pune Central mall on Ganeshkhind road here on Sunday.

The carnival gave the visitors the chance to enjoy shows, games, live music, and live sketches, and all this for free! It was a perfect Sunday evening, for Niveta Saravate and her children. "My children are having a great time here. They have learned their favourite cartoons on their arms, and now are busy explaining their juggling skills. I am also enjoying myself thoroughly," she said.

IT'S CARNIVAL TIME AGAIN

The live-sketch artist attracted people like a magnet, with the queue getting longer. Nishant Hane was delighted with his sketch and laughed it before his friends over and over again. "It's a perfect sketch, and I am impressed with the artist's skills. He got it done in less than 10 minutes, which is really good," he said.

The live card reader, Rishi Sharma, was pleased with the response she was getting and had to actually cut down on the time spent with each visitor, as the crowd showed absolutely no signs of thinning.

The attraction of the evening however was singer Rishi Bhatnagar's performance. She gave a beautiful rendition of 'Vaishnav Janako' and 'Raghupati Raghava' from the movie 'Dil Chahta Hai', followed by the old-time classic 'Hare Krishna Hare Krishna'.

People cheered and whistled, as they danced to her tunes. Rishi presented a poster reading of old and new Bollywood hit numbers. "It's a great way to spend a Sunday evening. I loved the way she sang, especially the 'Ja Ho Ja Ho' from 'Dil Chahta Hai'."

The children then took to the stage, as Rishi performed 'Sham Ho' from the movie 'Dil'. Rishi brought the evening to a fitting end, as she made the crowd sing to the tune of 'Sagun' from 'Hum Dil Maangam Tu'.

'What impressed me was Ustadji's humility'

It is only rarely that the city is treated to a performance by such a master. The Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, who has been performing for over 40 years, began his performance with a concert at Delhi. He performed the songs by playing a sarod on the table. The songs were a huge appeal for the audience. The audience could not have wished for more when Ustad Amjad Ali Khan performed a composition based on the song 'Vaishnav Janako' and 'Raghupati Raghava'.

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