

Jaipur Virasat Foundation

MARCH 2009 NEWSLETTER

9th – 10th March

A team from JVF – Divya Bhatia, Georgie, Vinod, Naveen and Bryna a research scholar from the USA visited Shekawati, This was the Holi festival time and they witnessed the traditional Chaang dances in the afternoon and at night the amazing evening festival at Momasar, where hundreds of people dress up to look like someone else and dance the night away.

16th-17th March

Shruti Mandal's folk night - JVF put together two nights of folk performances at the Ravindra Manch. This is the first time we have worked together with Shruti Mandal. We felt that a lot more people would have come to this event had JVF used its own list of invitees. It was a great start working with this very renowned and popular organisation, better known for its promotion of classical music.

18th – 23rd March



The JVF Team took 69 artists and 10 staff members to the NCPA centre in Mumbai and held a two day program of events.



This was one of the biggest events organised in recent months. The first day were performances by female performers and the next day was for the male performers. The shows were a great success and the NCPA seems very keen on us doing some joint events in the future.

PERFORMANCES



1st March – JVF organised a Folk performance for the Institute of Chartered Accountants. A very well attended show. The families and the accountants all present and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

13th March – JVF organised a musical evening at the new restaurant in Amber Fort – where we hope to be able to get regular performance opportunities for the folk artists. Talks are underway with the owners of the Café.

GALLERY ACTIVITIES

5th March

Painting and photographic slide show “The Touch of Rajasthan” by Joyce Plath was conducted and was well received by all.



Sunday 15th March, the Virasat Gallery hosted a **Make your own Bag** workshop with Anokhi designer Monika Jakubiak. 19 Children went home with a bag each made from Anokhi materials. This event was sponsored by Rachel Bracken-Singh and materials and equipment were donated or loaned by Anokhi.



Sunday 22nd March we held the first **Tazia** workshop with award-winning traditional Tazia-maker Azimuddin. Using bamboo, string and paper, the children were taught to create geometric shapes, flowers and palaces using the traditional technique of Tazia. The workshop was fully subscribed (with 25 children in attendance) so we've scheduled another for Sunday April 5th. AKFD sponsored the event.



Every morning from **Wednesday 25th – Tuesday 31st March**, 23 children worked together, discussed Jaipur's history and learnt acting skills at the Virasat Gallery. During the week-long 'Wot's Next?' Theatre Workshop, they have put together a short performance entitled "Discovering Jaipur," animating some of the forgotten stories of Jaipur and conjuring up an era of royal Kings, wisdom, creativity and spirituality. On the final day they showcased their work in an evening performance (7pm on Tuesday 31st) before their parents and interested Jaipurites. The workshop was led and organised by 'Wot's Next' Theatre group from Jaipur.

