

Maestro Subramaniam performintg in São Paulo - Dec. 2016



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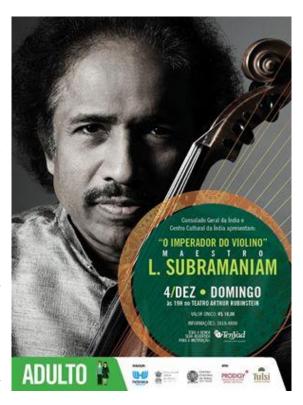
'Ecos da Paz' (echoes of peace) is a nucleus for contemplative activities created to fill the demand for regular meditation activities in ICC São Paulo, offering experiences in meditation practices from various cultural strata. The group was initially formed by ladies who spread the Gandhian message by organizing lectures, handicrafts workshops and recitals. This years' last activity was a talk and a Vipassana meditation session by instructor Newton Zimmerman.

Enthralling performance by violin virtuoso Padma Bhushan Dr L Subramaniam and his 7-member group captivating the Paulistanos.

Indian music legend, Dr L Subramaniam visited Brazil for the second time after five years of his first appearance at Mostra Mudra. Clube Hebraica organized the show in collaboration with the CGI and ICC São Paulo at the Arthur Rubinstein auditorium which was packed to capacity on the occasion.

The world-famous violin maestro, played his compositions with his group of 7 musicians and was given a standing ovation with requests for an encore from the appreciative audience.

The event opened with the traditional lamplighting ceremony by Consul General Abhilasha Joshi along with Dr L Subramaniam

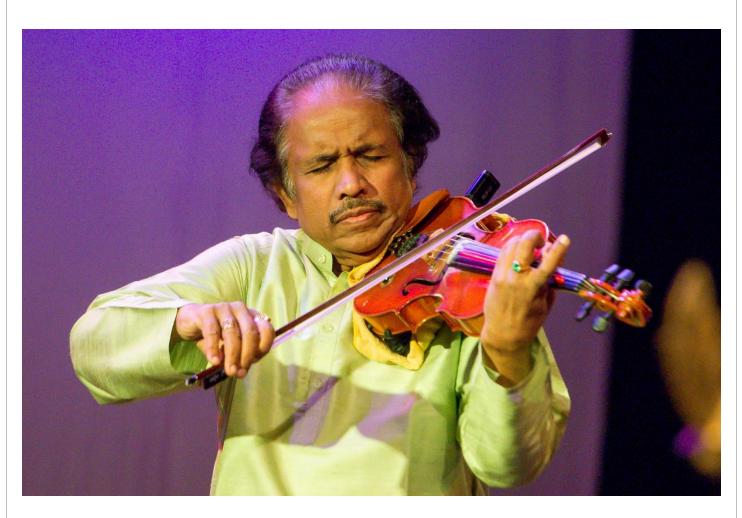


and Mr. Jose Renato Nalini, Secy Education of the State of São Paulo, Hebraica's cultural director Ms. Monica T. Hutzler, Prof George Legmann, Fundação Henrique Cardoso and Mr. Mukesh Chandra, distinguished member of the Indian community and sponsor of the event from Prodigy Hotel and Tulsi Restaurant. Mr. Rafael Espadine from ICC compered the show and announced the raffle winner of the Indian dinner offered by Tulsi Restaurant to the audience. All proceeds from the token entry fees were donated to the Ten-Yad Israelite charity institution.

















The event was also published in the center-spread of the Indian Express, New York and Toronto editions:

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An EYE on INDIA



Indian music legend Dr L Subramaniam gave a performance at Clube Hebraica in Sao Paulo on last Sunday. Organised by the Indian Consulate and the Indian Cultural Centre, the musical concert was well-attended event with the hall packed to capacity. The world famous violinist, accompanied by a group of musicians played some of his most popular compositions, which were deeply appreciated by the audience which gave Dr Subramaniam a standing ovation. Earlier, the event opened with the Indian Consul General, Abhilasha Joshi, and the musician lighting the traditional lamp

ANOUSHKA SHANKAR

MUSIC MORE IMPORTANT THAN AWARDS



US STATE DEPT

SUPPORT FOR TERROR FROM PAKISTAN CRITICISED

The US has said it has voiced concern to the Pakistani leadership over the country's tolerance of terror safe havens for Afghan Taliban groups like the dreaded Haqqani Network, days after India and Afghanistan hir out at Islamabad for its support to extremist outfits. We have consistently expressed our concerns to the highest levels of Government of Pakistan about their continued tolerance for Afghan Taliban groups such as the Haqqani Network operating from



counter-terrorism cooperation," Toner said.
Toners remarks come days after India

Photos:

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Journalistic coverage of the event by TV Shalom Brasil: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IdAJ4CYMEH0

06.12 | Celebration | CHRISTMAS TIME: FULFILMENT AND SHARING with Brahma Kumaris

The Christmas Choir performance by members and friends of Brahma Kumaris Brazil is a traditional activity during Christmas time at the ICC São Paulo. A collection of Christmas carols and Brazilian songs were presented by the choir right after a lecture on the meanings of the festivity and a meditation session.



Workshop | MUDRA: THE GESTURE IN DANCE -PAST & PRESENT with Andrea Albergaria and Renato Rodrigues



The free dance workshop by Ms. Andrea Albergaria, Brazilian Odissi dancer trained in India and Mr. Renato Ferreira Rodrigues, actor and dancer of contemporary styles and Odissi student and researcher, led the participants through a journey of movements with meaning, from the Indian roots to the contemporary dance, presenting the movement as "calligraphy" of an artistic language.

Ms. Andrea is the founding director of

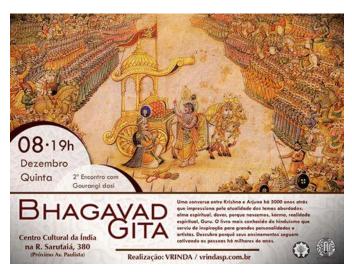
the DEVI - Indian Dance Company, also a center of studies of Indian dance and culture. Mr. Renato is the director of Odissea – movement research group.

08.12 19h

Lecture | THE WISDOM OF THE BHAGAVAD GITA with Gourangi Dasi from Vrinda Institute

Part of a series of lectures that introduces the Bhagavad Gita in its various levels: the academic

Ms. Gourangi introduced the historical context on which the Bhagavad Gita or simply the Gita as it is also known, was introduced in the Western world, presenting the many reviews of important scholars, thinkers and writers. Throughout the lecture, Ms. Gourangi presented an overview of the subjects of the chapters and



their philosophical and practical application in sadhana and daily life.

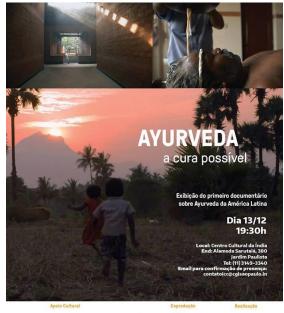
Gourangi is one of the coordinators of the Vedic studies at Vrinda institute, São Paulo and also coordinates events and festivals.

13.12 19h

Lecture | 1st LATIN AMERICA AYURVEDA DOCUMENTARY: THE CURE IS POSSIBLE By Margarete Mota

"The Cure is Possible" is the title of the first Brazilian documentary about Ayurveda, also the first in the whole of Latin American. The director Margarete Rodrigues Mota, producer, Ayurvedic therapist and neurologist wanted to convey the message carried of an accessible medicine as she felt that conveying it only to the patients of her clinic was not enough, aiming to reduce the distance between this system of medicine and the people who need cure or simply wish to live a better life.

Featured in the documentary is also the Brazilian Ayurvedic therapists and teacher Erick Schulz, the Argentinian Dr. Carlos Chesta, the Italian Dr. Antonella Delle Fave and Lithuanian Dr. Valdis Piragis.







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MISCELLANEOUS

Workshop/Performance | ODISSI
by CGI/ICC São Paulo and Padmaa- Arte & Cultura

Continuing the partnership with Amparo Maternal, a safe and secure refuge for destitute mothers which runs with partial support from the Sao Paulo State Government, the CGI and ICC organized a workshop cum demonstration of Odissi dance on 7 December, in collaboration with Prof Silvana Duarte, ICC teacher and her students. The novelty and beauty of the classical Indian dance was much appreciated by the residents.







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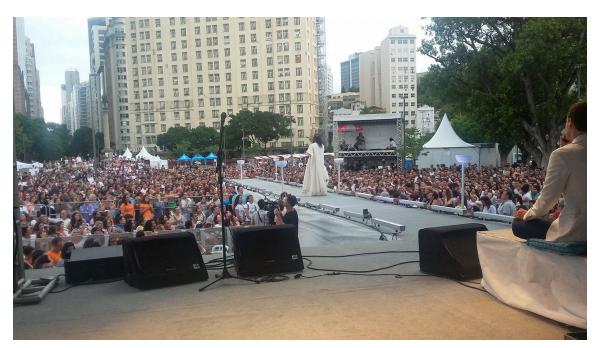
Celebration | VISIT OF SRI SRI RAVI SHANKAR TO BRAZIL by Art of Living Brazil

The renowned meditation master Sri Sri Ravi Shankar concludes his Latin America tour in the port area of the city of Rio de Janeiro on 17 December where he addressed his followers in a crowd of thousands of people.

The especial open air event called "A Voice for Peace" was part of the swami's tour in Brazil and was attended by prominent Brazilian stars like the actresses Juliana Pass, Vera Zimmermann, Juliana Didone and the singer Geraldo Azevedo. Dance and music performances and collective meditation were part of the activities.



Mr. Venugopal, Consul and HOC, represented the Consulate on this occasion. The event had institutional support of the Consulate General of India and the Indian Cultural Centre São Paulo.



Besides Rio, the renowned founder of Art of Living visited the Brazilian cities of Brasília, Salvador and Recife in his tour around 13 cities across eight nations in Latin America as part of his ongoing efforts to usher peace in this corner of the world. While in Brasília, he had a productive meeting with President Michel Temer, meeting attended by Ambassador Sunil Lal along with Brazilian celebrities such as actress and TV hostess Maria Paula Fidalgo.





Photos of Sri Sri Ravishankar's visit to Brasília: https://www.facebook.com/indiainbrazil/posts/1319397931434988

Photos of Rio event:

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19/21.12 Course | SCIENCE COMMUNICATION AND DIFFUSION COURSE at University of São Paulo

The Institute of Biomedical Sciences of University of Sao Paulo organized a workshop titled 'Science Communication and Diffusion Course' at USP from 19 to 21 December. The workshop conducted was in continuation of the series of symposiums being held between USP and ISCOS (Indian Society for Science Communication) to improve the Brazil-India Building Knowledge Networks. The objective of the workshop was to introduce the main aspects of Scientific Communication and Dissemination to foster dialogue between the scientific community and the society of these two countries.

The opening session was commenced with the traditional lighting of lamp followed by opening remarks by Prof. Jackson Cioni Bittencourt, Director-ICB, Mr. Jitendra S Rawat, Consul (Commercial) and Prof Maria Ines Nogueira, President of the CCEx-ICB. Mr. Shobhan Saxena and Ms. Regiane Ramos from BrIndARC also made their presentations on this occasion. Dr. Manoj Patairiya, Director CSIR, also participated in the session through video conferencing. Several scholars, professors, science writers attended the 3-days workshop with enthusiasm and vigor.



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Besides, all our regular activities such as Yoga, Odissi, Bharatanatyam and Kathak classes, and Library Services are being conducted as per schedule.

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