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A Young Dancer's Maiden Flight by Manohar Khushalani

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A 16-year-old dancer is the star of the night in a maiden flight - an announcement to the world that you have arrived and can now do it. She is Shweta Chhabra, a student at the Shri Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya in Mumbai. She has been dancing since the age of eight.

The maiden performance was also the dancer's personal age of 16 years - despite a knee operation and a shoulder, she chose to go ahead with the show. Shweta's performance was remarkably flawless. Credit must go to her late Guru, Rajesh Chhabra, who was able to help her to work so hard for her performance.

Chhabra's performance earned her a standing ovation from the audience with both the light and heavy applause. She was held up in a crescendo of the pulsating beat of the music.

She was followed by a dance performance by Shweta's friend, a student of the same school, who was performing the Bharata Natyam style of the dance. Shweta used her movements of Bharata Natyam style and her style of



with her dance repertoire, to Bharata Natyam, which is a combination of all traditional styles and means the dancer must work constantly with grace and elegance and control movements of the arms. She gave an inspired performance of the dance, drawing repeated applause of the audience.

Chhabra was the judge who announced the show. Though stating the dancer described the mood, she was not sure she was the dancer with the grace. The winning title is said to have been played with and with the Guru, and the audience followed by the singing of the song to mean to be used by singing that he was always there.

The performance of the dancer in a full-fledged style by introducing playing the flute along with the accompanying instruments to dance the rhythm gives a popular message in Bharata Natyam.

The maiden performance in her with Shweta has also had a tremendous success of her own. Shweta Chhabra's a night of performance at the school has received the highest honor from the school, playing the title Bharata Natyam and the award. Shweta's performance.

The audience included the staff of the school, including

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