

## Kathakali dance recital at South Point School

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South Point School and the members of Spicmacay Club today organised a Kathakali dance recital, performed by globally acclaimed dancer Kalamandalam Amaljith, to mark their 13th year of association with Spicmacay in the school premises.

Kalamandalam Amaljith, born in a traditional family of Kathakali dancers was awarded Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Purashkar in 2010 from Sangeet Natak Academy New Delhi and Natana Praveena from Dr Guru Gopinath Trust in 2011 apart from holding many other awards for his immense contribution to Kathakali.

Throughout the recitation he explained different eye movements, facial expressions to emote emotions, shoulder movements and various other mudras to demonstrate this art which originates from the God's own country - Kerala.

"The programme was amazing, as with all the heavy costume and props it is almost impossible to perform with perfection. We look forward to see this kind of programme again and again," said a student.

On being asked about the thought behind the programme, Partha Pratim Ray, one of the oldest teachers of the school, said: "We feel that education is not complete if the students are confined only to the syllabus. Extra-curricular activities are equally important to get exposure in order to broaden the vision of the students."