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An Odissi Dance performance by Janhabi Behera

A Bharatnatyam performance by Mallika Sarabhai

**JAIPURITES MESMERISED BY THE PERFORMANCES OF MALLIKA SARABHAI AND JANHABI BEHERA**

**Jaipur, 06 April**:  The Jaipurites were mesmerized by the performances of Mallika Sarabhai and Janhabi Behera today at the City Palace.  The occasion was the second day of ‘National Performing Arts Festival’ which has been organized by Gunijankhana (Maharaja Sawai Bhawani Singh Jaipur Museum Society) in association with Jaipur Citizen’s Forum and Jagriti. The event is sponsored by Department of Art and Culture, Government of Rajasthan.

The evening started with an Odissi dance performance by eminent dancer Janhabi Behera. She began her performance with ‘Mangala Charan’ which marks the beginning of an event. It was then followed by a pure Odissi dance performance ‘Pallavi’. The performance was related to nature. Lastly based on ‘Ashtpadi’ (a chapter of poetry) was a dance performance related to ‘Radha-Krishna’, where Radha thinks that Krishna has abandoned her and pines for his return.

A special exhibition ‘Women in Music’ was also displayed highlighting the women singers of the Indian Sub-Continent in the past 150 years.