

Dhwani – The Music of India

Shrutilaya

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Remarks

Ambassador Tanmaya Lal

Namaskar,

I would like to compliment the Shrutilaya group for this wonderful initiative to present Indian classical and folk music in Stockholm on the special occasion of 75 years of Indian independence.

It is great to see the remarkable work being done by Shrutilaya, especially with the younger generation.

As most of you are aware, Indian classical music – both Hindustani and Carnatic traditions - has a distinct spiritual and meditative aspect to it.

In the Indian tradition, the origin of cosmos itself is linked to the primordial sound Om.

The Indian classical music has close correspondence to nature, cycles of seasons, time of the day, moods and so on.

We are fortunate that our civilizational and cultural heritage is so diverse and rich.

Diversity is what defines and makes India.

It is heartening to see that today's programme includes songs and compositions in around 10 Indian languages and also from various forms of music.

All of you are ambassadors building bridges across geography and cultures but also across generations.

The Embassy is happy to support Shrutilaya in these endeavours.

My compliments to Shrutilaya for organizing this wonderful event.

Best wishes and Thank You.