

## **Report 2012-13**

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Zephyr: the Western Music Society of Kamala Nehru College is a dynamic group of singers with their common love for music and Acapella. Every year we look for talented singers and musicians who have a passion for music and dedication towards their art. In our medleys we try and incorporate different genres such as Rhythm 'n' Blues and Pop artists covering artists such as Queen, The Beatles and also other contemporary artists like Katy Perry and Florence + the Machine. We chose new singers this year on the basis of a three round audition process wherein skills such as blending in a group, harmonies and solo singing were the focus. The group also includes instrumentalists who help accompany the singers.

The year 2012-2013 was an eventful and productive year, in terms of performances in Delhi and NCR. On 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 we were graced by the presence of the guitar legend himself Mr. Sushmit Sen from the Indian Rock Band Indian Ocean which saw the participation by the music societies of the college that include Zephyr, Sangeetika and The Rumoured Project (college band). Sushmit Sen conducted an interactive workshop discussing various aspects of performances such as efficient use of microphones, self-compositions, band dynamics, etc. He also enlightened us on the diversity in music and the potential after classical training. He also encouraged the students from both the Western Music Society and Indian Music Society to create a fusion piece by collaborating with each other. Being in the industry for over a decade Mr Sushmit Sen enriched the students with his knowledge and various anecdotes from his own life.

On 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 Zephyr performed at an International Sports Meet held in Amity University where the group presented a medley of songs covering current artists like Florence and the Machine and old school classics like the Beatles. The event saw the participation of various cultural groups and acts from across the city.

On September 30<sup>th</sup> Zephyr performed for STEP (Standing Together to Enable Peace) Initiative for the Festival of Peace, Jashan-e-Aman at TLR, The Living Room Café in HauzKhas Village . The group presented songs of harmony and prosperity starting with John Lennon's songs "Imagine". The choir was applauded by a packed audience who cheered them on.

The group is looking forward to the DU fests which begin in the beginning of 2013 and the annual college fest 'Ullas 2013' with the Western music competitions such as solo singing, group singing and duets being keenly followed events.