**Guru Purnima Celebrations 2023** 



The entire week of Guru Poornima was truly blessed and filled with divine grace. The festivities, dance performances, and spiritual gatherings created an atmosphere of gratitude and joy. The students' dance recital at the Mohanji Peace Center in Serbia, Slovenia, added a special touch to the celebrations as we offered our heartfelt tribute to our Guru.



## India – Vastra Dhaan (Offering of Clothes)

The week commenced with a sacred Guru Poornima Pooja, followed by Vasta dhaan at various locations in India, Bangalore.

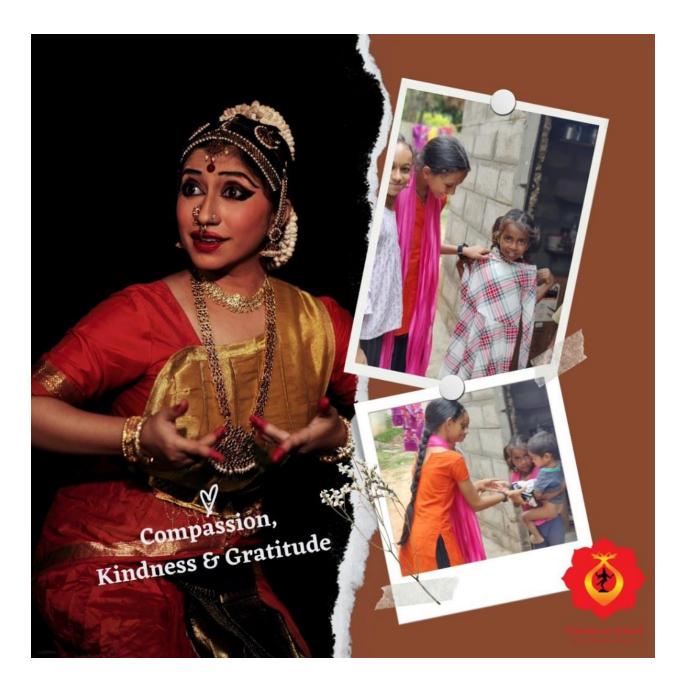
"The BEST gift you can give to your beloved Guru is to LIVE HIS TEACHINGS. When you live his teachings, you become one with your Guru, whoever your Guru is. It does not matter. But, if you respect your Guru, if you appreciate His teaching, LIVE IT. That is the least, and that is the best you can do for him. – <u>Mohanji</u>

Through heartfelt acts of compassion, we at HSTD are joyously spreading smiles and love, honouring the profound impact of our Guru in our lives. The spirit of Guru Poornima inspires us to embody our Guru's teachings and share the blessings of Guru Mandala's wisdom with the world. In doing so, we not only express our gratitude but also pass on the precious legacy of love and kindness instilled by our revered teachers.













Vastra dhaan (offering of clothes) was sponsored by parents of HSTD student Vaishavi Randev.





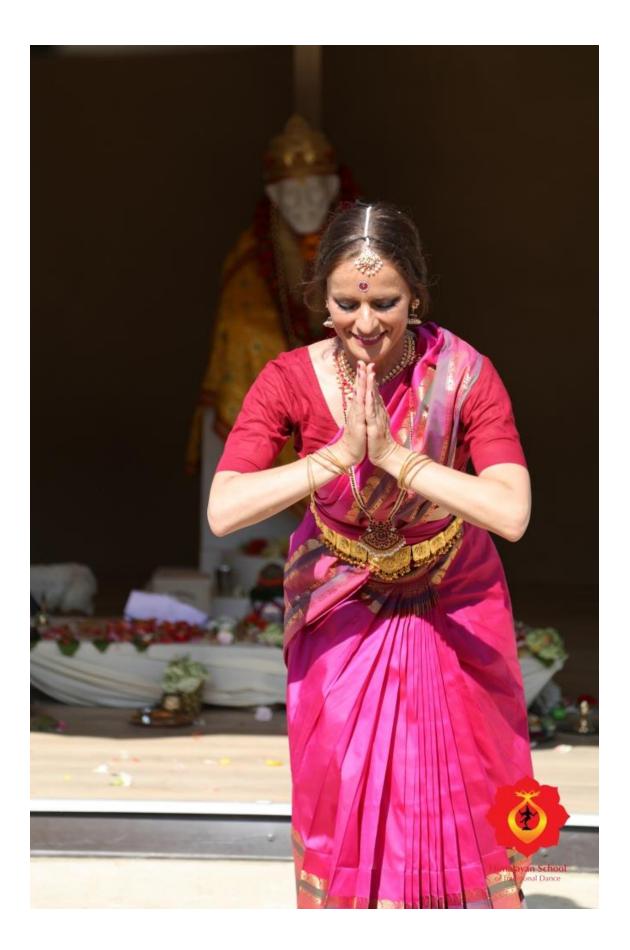
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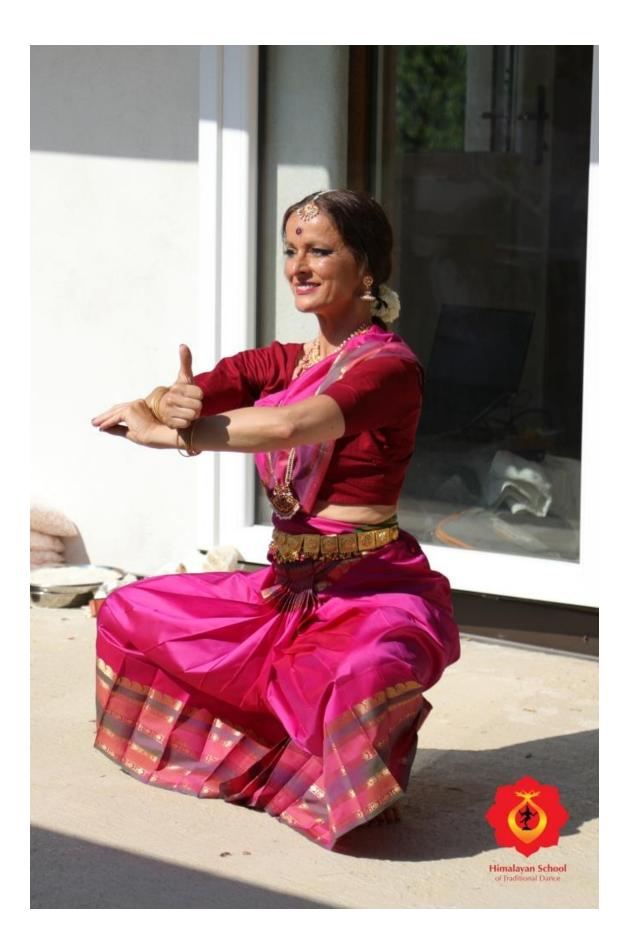
## Slovenia – The Consecration ceremony at the Mohanji Peace Centre

The blessed week continued with a joyful performance by HSTD's Level 4 students, Biljana Vozarevic and Erika Tabarosi, at the Slovenia Pranaprathista event held on June 26th at Mohanji Peace Centre in Slovenia.

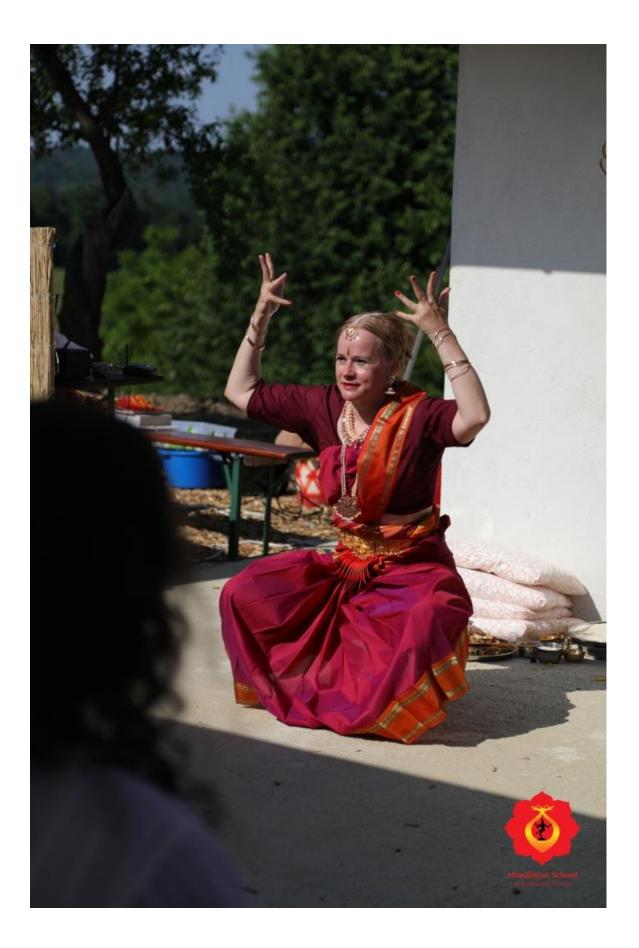
The event provided a beautiful platform for sharing the essence of Indian art and culture, adding a touch of splendour to the Guru Poornima celebrations, and spreading joy and inspiration to everyone present.

The atmosphere was filled with delight as everyone soaked in the divine celebrations that unfolded throughout the day.











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# Serbia – HSTD dancers' performance at the Prana Pratishta Ceremony – Mohanji Peace Centre

Following the previous auspicious celebrations, the blessed journey continued with another remarkable performance by the dancers of HSTD – Ajna Nair, Kashi Nair, Biljana Vozarevic, and Erika Taborosi – at the Prana Pratishta (consecration) festivities on June 29th 2023 at <u>Mohanji Peace Centre in Serbia</u>. The dancers captivated the hearts of one and all during the occasion with their inspiring dance presentation. Their devotion added a divine touch to the Prana Prathista celebrations.

Ajna and Kashi made a special trip from New York to participate in this wonderful celebration. Being part of this sacred event was a true honour for the dancers, as they immersed themselves in the divine festivities that unfolded throughout the day.



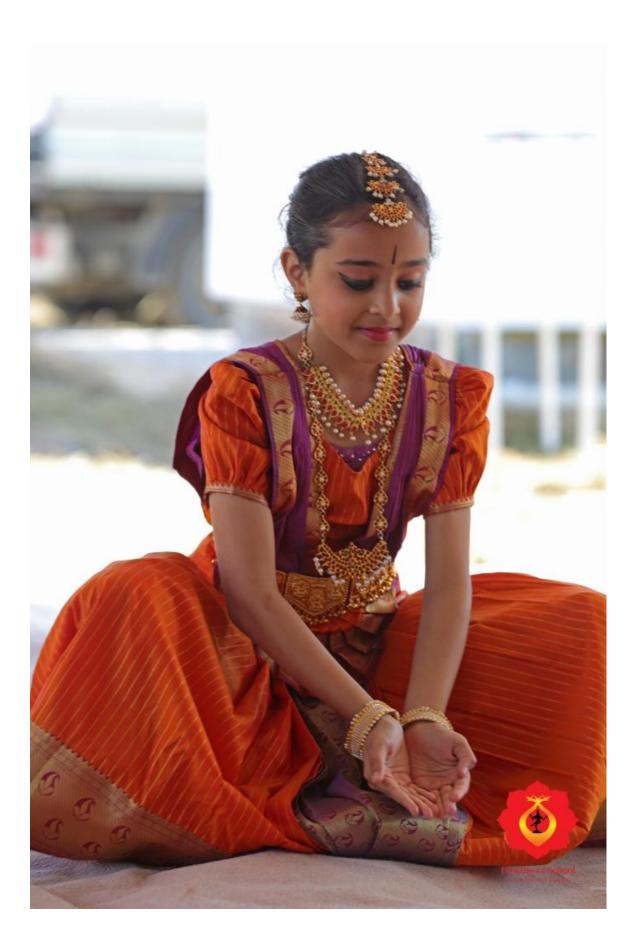
As the day unfolded, the vibrations of joy, reverence, and artistic excellence filled the air, leaving an indelible impression on all present. The Serbia Prana Prathista became a memorable celebration of Guru Poornima, inspiring hearts and igniting the flame of devotion in the hearts of those gathered.







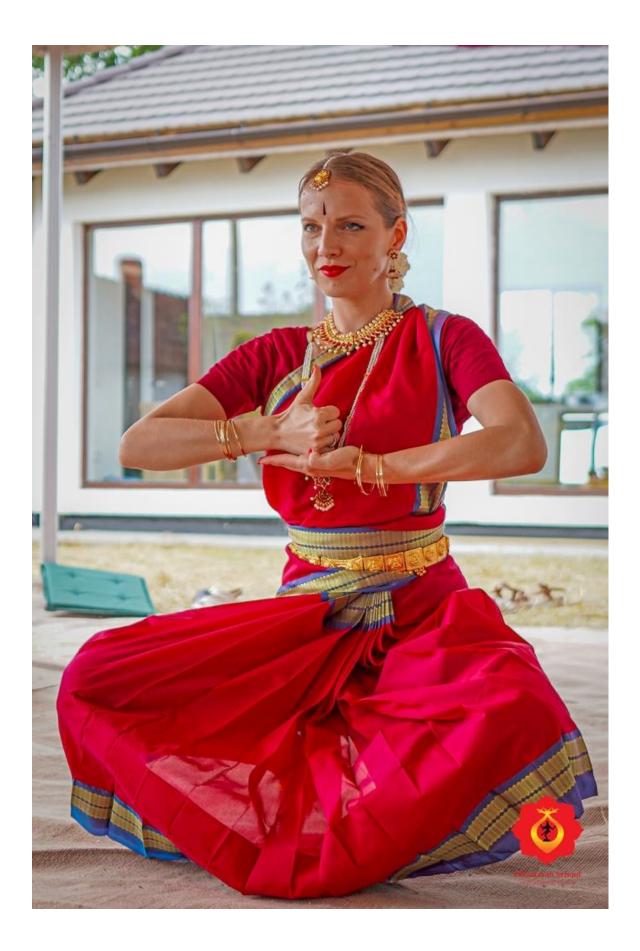




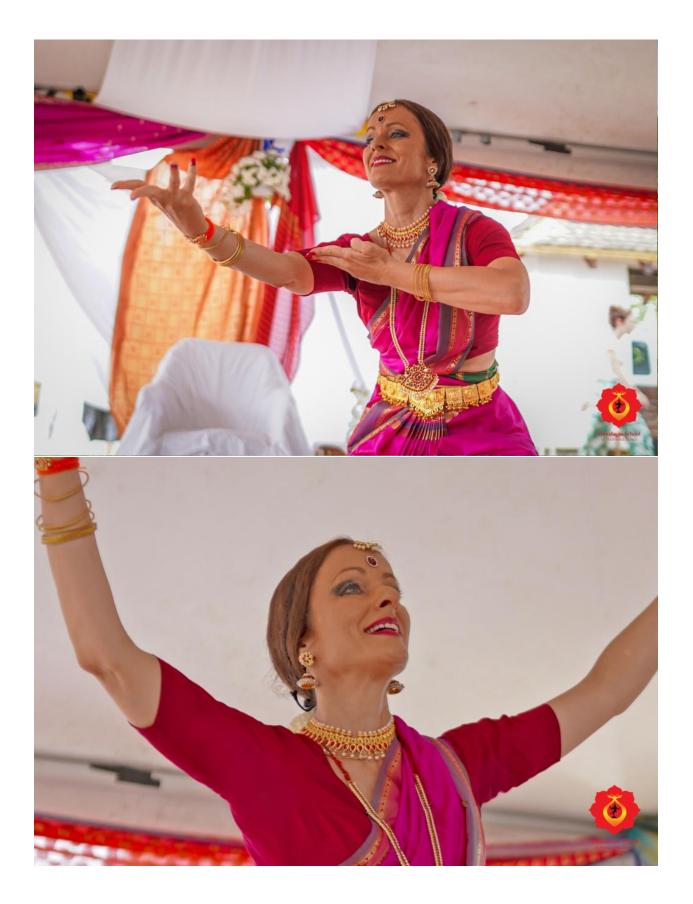
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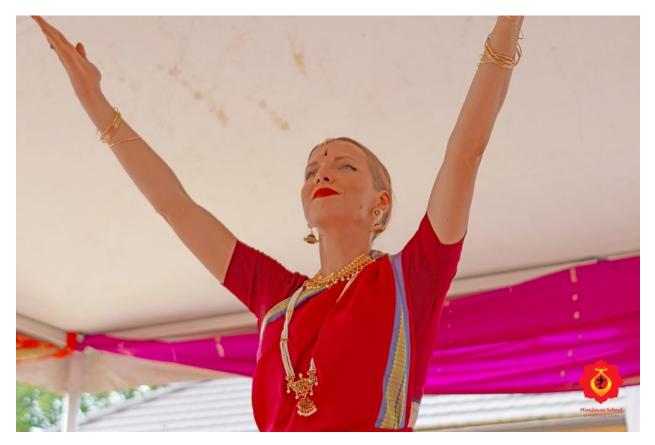
## Serbia – HSTD's divine offering on Guru Poornima

The week culminated with a grand and soul-stirring performance on Guru Poornima day in Serbia. HSTD dancers Ajna Nair, Kashi Nair, Biljana Vozarevic, Ivana Veljovic and Erika Taborosi took the stage with grace and confidence, performing a recital as a heartfelt offering to our Guru at the <u>Mohanji Peace</u> <u>Centre in Serbia</u>.









The event was received with great enthusiasm by the audience, making it a truly special and memorable occasion. The audience were captivated by the dancers' expressions, movements, and dedication, which created an enchanting atmosphere filled with awe and admiration.

The serene and spiritually charged ambience of the <u>Mohanji Peace Centre</u> provided a perfect setting for this offering, fostering a deep sense of unity and appreciation among individuals from diverse backgrounds.

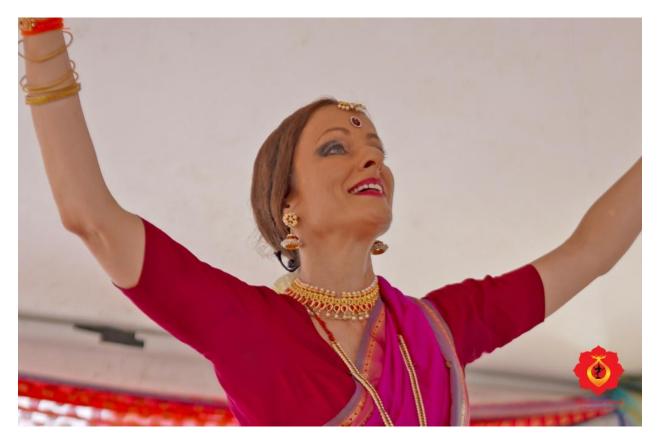








The fusion of dance, devotion, and unity touched the hearts of those present, leaving a lasting impact that transcended geographical boundaries. The week-long festivities, Vastra Dhan in India, the performances at Slovenia Prana Prathistha, Serbia Prana Prathistha, and the grand finale on Guru Poornima day in Serbia united people in a shared experience of joy, harmony, and spiritual elevation.



After the program, the students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the serene natural surroundings at the peace centre. The picturesque landscapes and calming ambience surely added a touch of magic to their memories, making it an unforgettable post-performance celebration.



As the curtains closed on this blessed week, the memories and the vibes will continue to resonate in the hearts of everyone involved, fostering a deeper appreciation for the profound meaning of Guru Poornima and the timeless art of Bharatanatyam.

We extend heartfelt thanks to Bimal Nair and the M house Media Team for capturing these precious moments, which will forever remain etched in our hearts!

See more photos <u>here</u>.