

In the spirit of Christmas

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With Christmas just around the corner, the National Centre for Performing Arts will be celebrating the occasion with over 100 underprivileged children of the city. They belong to NGOs such as Baal Jeevan Trust, The Education Audiology and Research Society (EARS) and Bhavishya Yaan. A range of exciting activities have been planned for them which will be held at the Open Air Plaza.

The little ones will get to enjoy Christmas carols played by NCPA's Symphony Orchestra of India. There will also be a dance performance by Shiamak Davar's Victory Arts Foundation Dance Group and a magic show, besides gifts distribution by Santa Claus.

Mr Deepak Bajaj, executive director, NCPA, says, "Christmas is a celebration of joy. At NCPA we believe there is no better way to celebrate than to give back to our society. We sincerely hope that the children will enjoy our humble initiative."



Kid's Zone

Christmas Celebrations For Underprivileged Children

NCPA aims to make this Christmas an unforgettable experience for over 100 children from NGOs like Baal Jeevan Trust, The Education Audiology and Research Society (EAR) and Bhavishya Yaan, by lining up a wide range of exciting activities, especially planned for them. This party will ensure that the young ones enjoy melodious Christmas carols played by the musicians of NCPA's Symphony Orchestra of India, energetic dance performance by Shiamak Davar's Victory Arts Foundation Dance Group, an astounding magic show and much more. That's not all, the most loved and much awaited Santa Claus will give away presents to all the kids.

WHEN: Today, 3 pm

WHERE: Open Air Plaza, NCPA, Nariman Point





There will be a magic show for the kids

Joy to the world

Popular theatre space to throw a Christmas party for NGO kids; will feature dance performances by Shiamak Davar's troupe

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With Christmas around the corner, preparations for parties are on in full swing across the city. Taking an unconventional route, the National Centre for Performing Arts (NCPA) is organising Christmas Cheer, a celebration for underprivileged children.

More than 100 children from various city-based NGOs like Bal Jeevan Trust, The Education Audiology and Research Society and Bhavishya Yaan, among others, would be part of the celebration and a wide range of activities have been planned for them. While musicians from the Symphony Orchestra of India (SOI) will recite Christmas carols, there will be a dance performance by Shiamak Davar's group.

"We believe there's no better way to celebrate the season of giving than to give back to the society. This event is our way of bringing joy to the kids. Four musicians from the SOI — Carol George (violin), Mario Fernandes (violin), Deon D'Souza (viola) and Yulya Gallyamova (cello)



A dancer teaches steps to a kid



The party will be held today (December 18), at the Open Air Plaza, NCPA, from 3 pm onwards.

— will present carols for the kids. There will also be a 15 minutes dance show by the Victory Arts Foundation (VAF) dance group," says Deepak Bajaj, executive director, NCPA.

There will be two dance shows by the group. "We will start with 'Deva Shree Ganesha' and the second act will be a Bollywood medley. After the performance, we will conduct a dance workshop for the NGO kids," says Rashida German, project head, dance and therapy, VAF. Post the dancing session, there would be a magic show for the kids and a distribution of gifts.