

4TH EDITION OF THE INDO-LATIN AMERICA CULTURAL FESTIVAL

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), in association with the Embassy of Chile in India, the Embassy of Colombia in India, and the Embassy of Ecuador in India organized the 4th Edition of the Indo-Latin America Cultural Festival. This vibrant celebration of culture and art aimed to showcase the rich cultural heritage of Latin America. The festival was inaugurated on 28th September 2023 by President, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Dr. Vinay Sahasrabudde. *"I believe culture is one particular sphere in which so much of commonality between India & Latin America is there & such festivals will strengthen our resolve to work together,"* said President, ICCR.

The festival commenced on Thursday, 28th September 2023 with a performance by the Ballet Folkloric de Chile "Bafochi". Furthermore, on Friday, 29th September 2023, Director General ICCR, Shri Kumar Tuhin welcomed the distinguished dignitaries and guests at the second day of the festival that featured a musical duo, Jorge Saade & Juan Carlos, from Ecuador and the Abakorao Latin Band from Colombia at the 4th edition of Indo-Latin America Festival.



About Abakorao Band

It is a Latin band led by Santiago Ramírez from Colombia, consisting of members from various corners of the world. They have performed at numerous fairs, festivals, and national celebrations in Europe and Latin America, showcasing their distinctive blend of Caribbean influences with pop and rock, incorporating tropical styles like salsa, merengue, bachata, caribe son, reggaeton, and cumbia.

About Folkloric Ballet

Chilean Folkloric Ballet, BAFOCHI, founded 35 years ago, creates performances rooted in Chilean folklore with universal appeal. They staged a special show for India featuring their best repertoire inspired by Chilean heritage and Indian culture. They also conducted public workshops to share traditional Chilean dance and music, promoting cultural exchange.

About Jorge Saade-Scaff

Jorge Saade-Scaff is Ecuador's leading violinist. He holds degrees from the University of Miami and the Catholic University of America. Saade-Scaff's international career spans renowned venues and collaborations with orchestras worldwide. He serves as Honorary Consul of Belgium in Guayaquil, a professor at the Arts University of Ecuador, and a cultural advisor to the Pan American Symphony Orchestra in Washington DC.