



The sun temple of Konark in Orissa better known as the 'Black Pagoda' is a magnificent structure built of black granite designed as the chariot of the Sun God drawn by seven exquisitely carved horses. The temple situated on the Chandrabhaga beach of Konark is a world famous heritage site. The exquisite 'Natyamandap' or the 'dancing hall' of this 700-year old shrine is an architectural wonder with well-adorned



sculptures in Odissi dance poses, often expressed as poetry transcribed on stone. Every year the International mega event Konark Dance & Music Festival is organized on this Natyamandap in the month of February. Like every year, this year

Konark Natyamandap is going to celebrate the SILVER JUBILEE (25th Anniversary) of the mega event Konark Dance & Music Festival from 19th – 23rd February.

INCEPTION

Konark Dance & Music Festival started in the year 1986 at Konark Natyamandap by its Founder-Director Padmashree Guru Gangadhar Pradhan. The KNM has an open air theatre, a prototype of Konark Temple. The sole aim behind this mega festival is to bring in many artistes into its cultural family and creating of international cultural amity



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and brotherhood. Since 24 years at the beginning of this festival the ambience at the place gets filled up with the muffling beats of 'Raga' and 'Tala' of classical music. This classical extravaganza proudly welcomes distinguished performers from around the globe. Till date more than 7,000 performing artists had availed the opportunity to participate in this highly awaited annual international event in Orissa.

EVENTS OF THE FESTIVAL

Every year this mega event is jointly organized by Konark Natyamandap and Department of Tourism & Culture, Government of Orissa. As the



event suggests the major programmes of this event includes various forms of dance, music and instruments. Eminent artistes of National and International repute participate and perform Odissi, Kathak, Bharatnatyam, Kuchipudi,

Manipuri, Mohiniattam, Chhau, Gotipua, Ranapa and other classical, folk & tribal dances/music of our country. Danseurs, Gurus, vocalists, musicians, students, critics along with general art lovers come together to see, listen and interact with each other. People wait with eager anticipation for the evenings to unfold when the festival's open air stage would create a divine atmosphere. Especially, music gharanas of Gwalior Gharana, Agra Gharana, etc. perform and mesmerize the dance and music lovers.



KONARK DANCE & MUSIC FESTIVAL, 2010

The upcoming Konark dance and music festival, 2010 is one of the most spectacular events of this year's cultural calendar. Besides the organizer

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Konark Natya Mandap, Department of Tourism Govt. of Orissa and Department of Culture, Govt. of Orissa, the other associate bodies of this event are MGM Group, Orissa; Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India; Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India; Indian Council for Cultural Relations and National Academy of Music, Dance and Drama. As it is mentioned earlier, this year it is going to be celebrated from 19th -23rd February. Due to the Silver Jubilee celebration, world famed artistes are coming long way to perform this year. Artistes from Malasia, Lucknow, Kolkata, Banglore, Mumbai, Guwahati are coming to rock the Natya Mandap of Konark.

How to Reach

By Air:



Nearest airport for Konark is Biju Pattnaik Airport located 65 kms from Konark in Bhubaneswar. The major domestic carriers like Indian, Jet, Sahara, and Deccan operate regular flights from New Delhi, Kolkata, Visakhapatnam, Nagpur, Hyderabad, Chennai, and Mumbai.

By Rail:



Nearest Railway Station from Konark are Puri(35km) and Bhubaneswar (65 kms).

For more railway query click on to <http://www.trainenquiry.com>

By Road:



Konark is connected by excellent all-weather roads with Puri (35 kms) and Bhubaneswar (65 kms). Regular bus services operate from Cuttack, Puri and Bhubaneswar.

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Cars, Auto rikshaws and Jeeps for hire are available from Puri and Bhubaneswar.

SCHEDULE OF THE EVENT

Venue: Konark Natya Mandap, Arka Vihar, Konark

Date: 19th- 23rd February, 2010

Time: 6.45 PM

DATE	CULTURAL PROGRAMMES
19.02.10 (FRIDAY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subha Sankha Dhvani & Mangal Vadya : Mr. Rajendra Mohapatra & Group, Ganjam• Panchadeva Stutee : Nrutyalaya, Nimapara• Carnatic Vocal: Padmabibhusan Dr. M. Balamuralikrishna• Odissi Dance (Solo) : Ms. Sujata Mohapatra, Bhubaneswar• Kathak Dance (Group) : Kathak Academy, Lucknow (Guru Arjun Mishra and Troupe)
20.02.10 (SATURDAY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tabla Recital : Pt. Anindo Chatterjee, Kolkata• Bharat Natyam (Group) : Divyanjali School of Classical Dance and Music School (Ms. Devyasen & Troupe), Chennai• Odissi Dance (Group) : Gunjan Dance Academy, Cuttack• Chhow Dance (Group) : Guru Sasodhar Acharya & Troupe, New Delhi
21.02.10 (SUNDAY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sitara & Sehna (Duet) : Sitar Guru Rabisankar Pradhan & Dambaru Rao, Cuttack• Odissi Dance (Group) : Sutra Dance Academy, Malasia• Mohini Attam (Group) : Dr. Mandakini Trivedi & Troupe, Mumbai• Odiya Play (Sesare Dharama Kahila) : Nalini Nihar Nayak & Troupe, Kendrapara

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22.02.10 (MONDAY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Odissi Vocal (Duet) : Guru Ramahari Das & Guru Keshab Ch. Rout, Bhubaneswar • Satriya Dance (Group) Ms. Anita Sharma & Troupe, Guwahati • Odissi Dance (Group) : Konark Natya Mandap, Konark • Kalari Payattu : Kalari Academy of Performing Arts, Bangalore
23.02.10 (TEUSDAY)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mohan Veena (Duet) : Padmabibhusan Pt. Biswamohan Bhatt and Salil Bhatt • Odissi Dance (Group) : Art Vision, Bhubaneswar (Padmashree Dr. Illeana Citarist) • Kuchupudi Dance (Group) : Ms. Vyjayanthi Kashi & Troupe, Bangalore • Gotipua Dance (Group) : Guru Birabara Sahoo, Balipatna, Khurda

N. B. – Above programme is subject to last minute changes.

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