

## Office of Alumni Engagement

Department Alumni Meet 2022

**Department Name:** Performing Arts  
**Alumni Faculty Coordinator:** Mr Prabin Villareesh

**Date :** 26/01/2022

**Time :** 2pm

**No of alumni attended:** 90



### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE MEETING:

The Alumni Meet is a prime event that celebrates and commends the journeys of the individuals who once walked across the hallways of this very institution. It has been annually hosted by the Department of Performing Arts, allowing the various alumni to connect with each other. This year was no exception as the meet was organised online via Zoom on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022. With over 90 alumni, the event was attended by them from all around the world and different time zones. Despite of the ongoing pandemic, the meet had successfully helped us maintain the contact with our alumni while they mingled, enjoying the fun of reminiscing college memories together.

The inaugural address was given by Prof. Sunil Kumar, Music Faculty, Department of Performing Arts who expressed his joy in welcoming all the alumni and emphasised on the importance of maintaining college connections. He spoke about the wave of nostalgia that accompanies with rekindled bonds and introspected on how each of our college bonds help us evolve dynamically. Progressively, we had a live dance performance by the final year PEP dance majors – Anushree, Nitin Bartwal and Samskruthi Krishna – who wowed all the viewers with their immaculate form and skills. After the performance, we had the Dean of Arts & Humanities, Dr John Joseph Kennedy address all the alumni. He very articulately summed up the importance of moving on and acknowledging those who have supported you. He gave us insight on what it means to be an alumnus, the role it has in shaping institutions and the importance of contributing as legacies who can guide, support and uphold the sanctity of the values one's taught. After the address, the hosts for the event had some interesting games planned that helped the alumni jog their college memories.

Next up in the repertoire were the live performances by the Alumni. First up, we had Angana Mukherjee, who performed a very graceful classical piece which truly mesmerised us all. We had Rehna Salim perform as the second alumnus. She presented a live singing performance. All the viewers were in awe of her voice as she sang mellifluously. These alumni performances were very inspiring as it was wonderful to see them stay connected and devoted to their art forms.

Progressively, a slide show of all the previous batches' college pictures was presented as a way to go back in time and have them appreciate themselves for coming this far in their lives. With the slide show ending, we had the alumni initiate informal discussions, sharing how their current lifestyles have been and how they have been managing themselves throughout the pandemic. This was moderated by Prof. Prabin Villareesh, Head of Department, Performing Arts. He further guided the alumni as he spoke about how certain modifications can be brought to the department with the active contributions of the alumni such as board of studies meeting

(BOS), curriculum development, enhancing departmental activities, workshops, career guidance to juniors, live performances in campus and more to facilitate the growth of the department. The department indeed welcomes processes that would help it grow with diversified approaches. Lastly, we had Prof. Dr. Nayanthara De Silva propose the Vote of Thanks to acknowledge all the organisers of the event. With this, the event was successfully wrapped.

