

KASHVITA MUSIC AND DANCE ACADEMY

The Kashvita Dance Academy held its first class on 29 August 2004. Over the next year Kashvita became very popular and performed at numerous events and functions. Fifteen months later, Kashvita attracted several top musicians and started a band. At this time the Dance Academy was renamed and became Akshita Music & Dance Academy.

Kashvita Music & Dance Academy continues to perform to packed audiences by providing song and dance entertainment in a style and manner that has become characteristic of Kashvita. Kashvita has proven to be extremely popular and successful, and prides itself on only using its own original choreography on making this very energized team and its entertainment unique. This, coupled with many very talented singers, makes Kashvita the undoubted leaders in local Indian Entertainment.



It was then that Kashvita became very involved in the community through its entertainment, particularly by providing music and dance, and supporting numerous religious and charitable organizations. Whilst Kashvita is primarily an Entertainment and Events Management organisation, which includes the largest contemporary Indian dance school, a significant aspect of its scope includes the involvement and supporting of social activity through strategic alliances.

Kashvita provides music and dance entertainment for corporate events, stage shows, numerous charities, and even at weddings, 'geets' and parties. In 2006, Kashvita closed the band and switched to back-tracks. It now includes some of the best vocalists on backtracks, studio recorded music which is the way live entertainment is going globally, eliminating the need for a live band and ensuring precision music.

Kashvita's entertainment and stage presentations are of a premium standard. Kashvita stages its own shows annually and these include Guzarish, Afsana, A Tribute to India and An Evening with the Stars. In the past 21 years, Kashvita has had 17 "An Evening with the Stars", 17 Recognitions, 12 Guzarish, 11 "A Tribute to India", 2 Diwali Festivals, 5 Afsana and more than 4 000 other events, probably 90 percentage of which are charity or community based.

A Kashvita show always provides the ultimate experience in entertainment and an absolute comprehensive showcase of the glitz, glamour and vibrancy of Indian cinema. Kashvita has provided entertainment at various functions and venues, which include performing at leading casinos: Gold Reef City, Carnival City, Rio Tusk Casino in Klerksdorp, Emperors Palace, Gaborone Sun and the Emerald Casino. Kashvita has also performed at the Europa Car Rental launch, The Calabash in Taung, Gauteng Legislature, Miss India-South Africa, the Tsunami Benefit Concert, the National Hindi Eisteddfod, Fairprice, Pick a Pay, Trade Route Mall, Signet Terrace, South African Police Services and book launches. Company launches include Schick, Alexander Forbes, Rand Water, OK Furniture, HCC, Sandton, India Club and Maha FNB Diwali Festivals, "You like it I love it" concerts, St. Thomas Church, India Day, the premier of the Bollywood movie Singh Is King and for numerous shows, concerts, community activities, weddings, charities, fundraisers and parties all over the country as well as Botswana's Gaborone Sun. Kashvita has performed on the sets of DJ Desi Blue, DJ Sanveer Gowrie, DJ Vinosh and two years with international artist Raymond Ramnarine from Trinidad, and once with Shivam Rajaram from the Netherlands.



Kashvita is seen as a partner at most charity, community and cultural events. Kashvita often appears with various local bands and other artists and with international stars like Kunal Ganjawala, Abhijeet Sawant, Mukesh Pancholi, Shweta Pandit, Harry Anand, Priya Singh and South African Producer/Remixer DJ Jazzy D. Other corporate events include ABSA, Pick and Pay, Checkers, Trade Route Mall, Signet Terrace, Karma, South African Police Services, Edcon, Old Mutual, Santam, Discovery, Hi Fi Corp, Rand Water, various government departments and many more.

Kashvita has also been involved with company launches and these include 150 and 250 Bollywood Encounters, Drago the African Dragon, Sanjana Boutique & Semphiternal Horizons. Kashvita was also recognised and awarded on the Indian Cinema Centenary Awards. Finally, Kashvita has repeatedly co-ordinated and managed various live shows, weddings, parties and other corporate events.

Kashvita is dedicated to youth and the aged and bringing joy to people in a manner that reflects passion, culture and sound family values. Kashvita, together with the Sai Organisation and JYM, hosted numerous SANBS blood drives over several years.

Currently Kashvita holds dance classes in Glenvista and Lenasia South. Classes are open to people of all ages, from toddlers to grandmothers. Fitness Classes for ladies are also held during the weekday evenings in Lenasia South. Kashvita held classes for six years at the Oprah Winfrey School of Leadership and has also taught deaf students to dance and participate in shows and eisteddfod contests. Kashvita's Creative Director, Kashmira Badal holds a Master's in education from the University of Johannesburg. Her thesis "The role of Bollywood dance to support academic improvement of learners with mild intellectual disabilities" was obtained cum-laude. She is currently registered with the University of Cape Town for her doctorate.