Sounds of Isha invokes nostalgia

‘Sounds of Isha’ music performance at Brookefields in Coimbatore on Saturday as part of Coimbatore Vizha. - PHOTO: M. PERIASAMY

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COIMBATORE: Sounds of Isha, the band of Isha Yoga Foundation, set a joyous mood at the mall with their music. While a few could not stop themselves from dancing, some others silently enjoyed the performance with their eyes closed. The band consisted of Shekhar (flute), Maa Chitra (vocal), Leena (violin), Swami Medya, Swami Nirbhaya, and Palani Swami on the drums.

The band began the evening with a folk number. The flute hummed a strain, and drums lent support to the song, transporting the audience at once to some distant villages.

Most of the numbers had a tribal feel to it. The song, “Salem,” composed once during a mike testing session, before the main performance held in Salem, made even the babies dance to its racy beats. The crowd whistled as the song came to an end.

There were melodious pieces too such as the Hindi bhajan, “Rang Baras.” Describing the different colours of a rainbow, the song had a meditative feel to it.

“Kanale Kanale,” with its catchy tunes, was again a folk number and the audience hummed along with the band. The artists too were equally immersed in their performance as a few even exchanged smiles in the middle of this song.

There were more peppy numbers such as “Celebration” and “Veliangiri.” True to its name, “Celebration” was a fast and fun number. The evening ended on the soft notes of violin and guitar for the song “Alai Alai.”