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An earlier performance of students of Cathedral and John Connon School

Schoolkids to groove for underprivileged children

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Students of Cathedral and John Connon School will be on stage for the third consecutive year for the children of Salaam Bombay Foundation on Saturday at the Blue Frog. Giving them company will be children from the foundation's dance academy.

It all started in December 2013, when 25 Std VII students of the school formed a group called WE. The brainchild of Mrinalini Soman, the concert was born out of a volunteering experience with the foundation. An inspired Soman mooted the idea to her batchmates who instantly got on board.

"It's an incredible feeling to be able to do something for others who are not as privileged as us but equally talented. WE has brought about a change not only in the lives of the children of Salaam Bombay Foundation but also in ours," said Soman.

Running parallel to the Cathedral students' arts education



is the foundation's endeavour to bring world-class training in dance, music and theatre to children in government schools. The academy builds their confidence, fosters creativity and creates different vocations in the arts. The funds raised in the musical galas have benefitted the academy by providing talented and deserving underprivileged children an opportunity to receive advanced training in their chosen vocation.

Devendra Shakya (15), a student from the dance academy, said: "I joined four years ago. My father was not very supportive then because he wanted me to focus on my studies. But after he saw my passion for dance, he became my biggest fan."

This year, providing unmatched training to the students of Cathedral is Mumbai's premier music school, the True School of Music.

WE for Salaam Bombay 2015

What: WE Concert

Where: Blue Frog, Lower Parel

When: September 5, Saturday
5pm to 7pm

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