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# Cathedral, Salaam Bombay kids set to rock at charity show again

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As many as 42 students of Cathedral and John Connon School and 24 children from the Salaam Bombay Academy of Arts are all set to reprise their musical journey for a cause. On Saturday, they will perform at Blue Frog in Lower Parel, presenting the fourth edition of their hit charity music concert WE.

The two-hour show promises to give the audience an evening that they will remember for long.

Aditi Parikh, vice-president of communications and development at Salaam Bombay Foundation, said, "This concert

is a great example of what consistent musical education can do. From a character change to a career choice, music and dance have their ways of becoming an intrinsic part of one's lives and the children of both institutions are no exceptions. We, at Salaam Bombay Foundation, have been working tirelessly to empower children with an active education in arts along with academic focus. This initiative has been instrumental in bringing children from two different sections of the society on the same platform."

It all started in December 2013, when 25 Class VII students of the Cathedral School formed a group called WE. The brainchild of the then seventh grader Mrinalini Somani, the concert was born out



Raised funds would benefit children in the Salaam Bombay Academy of Arts, giving them opportunity to receive advanced training in their chosen vocation

## WE, the event

**Where:** Blue Frog, Lower Parel

**When:** 5pm onwards, April 23

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of a volunteering experience with the foundation. An inspired Somani mooted the idea to her batchmates, who got on board instantly.

The first concert was held in 2013. The funds raised in the musical galas have directly benefited 300 children in the Salaam Bombay Academy of the Arts, giving them the opportunity to receive advanced

training in their chosen vocation.

Talking about the initiative, Somani said, "This is the fourth consecutive year that WE is performing at Blue Frog. It is an incredible feeling. We believe that all children are created equal - some just lack the opportunity to develop their talents and showcase them. WE has brought about a change not only in the lives of the children but also in ours."

This year, providing unmatched training to Cathedral students is city's premier music school, the True School of Music. After rounds of auditions, it has shortlisted the participants and has been training them to master select songs.