



'Talent is everywhere, right direction is vital'

Soprano Deirdre Lobo D'cunha talks to *Goa Times* about music and more

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Soprano Deirdre Lobo D'cunha, a native of India, moved to US few years back where she was trained under her mother, Celia Lobo, well known opera singer, theatre director and voice teacher in India. Though she has her husband's ancestral home in Siolim, she landed in Goa after a span of 14 years.

Deirdri has won the Grand Prize at Fan Faire Foundation Messiah Soloist competition, San Diego, California and is currently in Goa to conduct a workshop in vocal traits and techniques. She gladly speaks, "It has been a beautiful feeling to teach Goan students. I would be teaching them to figure out the voice and also train them in some vocal traits and techniques in breathing. I will also cover few genres like pop, rap, rock and Indian classical. My main objective is to teach development in vocals," she

says.

"Every child is blessed with a unique talent and we need to give them proper direction which matters a lot!" admits Deirdre who attained her degree in Music from University of Santo Tomas.

She opines about the Goan students. "This is for the first time that I will be imparting knowledge to Goan students. For me, every student is important and I never make any difference between them and the bombay people," informs Deirdre.

This lively and passionate lady seems to be very dedicated towards teaching. "I sing as well as I teach. Somehow I can manage it quite well. It is hectic but I enjoy every bit of what I do," she tells.

Deirdre has done several international concerts from where she has received an overwhelming response for her performances. She is also a prize winner of Barry Alexander International Vocal Competition at New York.

She is willing to hold a concert in Goa. She happily informs, "This time I am invited by my friend

Juliana D'sa to teach her students as well the students at an art and cultural centre in Campal. After reaching here many of them asked me why don't I have any concert here. I have to think over it! Definitely, I have long term plans to teach in Goa and also to have a concert." She recently had a concert at Mumbai, which was dedicated to her mother Celia Lobo.

Another interesting thing about Deirdre is that she has seven students from India whom she teaches via a social networking site. How's the experience? "Fabulous. As far as you have access to good web camera it is possible. My students are learning a lot through this medium," she shares.

On a parting note she adds, "I love Goa, even in rainy season I am fortunate enough to go for sightseeing due to good weather. Goa is beautiful as it has still left untouched. Concrete jungles have still not captured this place while Bombay life has been commercialised!"

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