

Metro Music Festival kicks off

3-day event aims at taking music to a wider audience

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In an effort to bring art to public spaces, Chennai Metro Rail launched a three-day Metro Music Festival beginning Friday.

Carnatic vocalist Kashyap Mahesh, who performed at Vadapalani Metro Rail station, said having music festivals in open spaces, especially in a Metro Rail facility helps in taking the art to a wide range of audience. "In places such as temples and sabhas there is usually a specific set of audience who we perform to. But here, people from different walks of life will get an opportunity to listen to us," he says.

Commuters say such performances brighten up an otherwise dull and monotonous atmosphere at stations. S. Raman, who got off at Vadapalani to visit a mall close by, stayed to listen to the concert for a while. "It is refreshing to listen to music while waiting for a train or as you travel. Otherwise, not many of us can make time exclusively for it," he adds.



Melody track: Carnatic vocalist Kashyap Mahesh performing at Vadapalani Metro Rail station as part of the Metro Music Festival. ■ S. NARAYANA SWAMY

Performance of H. K. Bhoodhiyappa and his team and Tamil Nadu Rural Arts Development Centre, Madurai will be held on Saturday and Sunday.