## Music at the Metro

Don't have the time to attend a concert this music season? Aanmajothi brings the concert to you



Tunes in the air People got a whiff of music while they commuted • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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I was walking near the Central metro station earlier this week when I heard classical music from a distance. The source was a *nadaswaram* troupe, that was performing at the entrance of the station.

This music season, Aanma-

jothi, an organisation working to preserve India's cultural heritage, presents a variety of traditional performances in public spaces around the city.

They have already hosted twelve programmes in parks and other public spaces in association with the city corporation. Now, to take this initiative further, they have shortlisted ten metro railway stations. These programmes are being done in partnership with Chennai Metro Rail to celebrate Chennai being a UNESCO

Creative City. "This way, the public can get a glimpse of art while they commute," says Shreya Nagarajan Singh, curator, Aanmajothi.

The organisation also hopes to promote traditional arts that are not mainstream. "Instead of people attending a concert, we thought of bringing the

concert to them," says Shreya.

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Metro began with a
nadaswaram performance by Mylai
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troupe. It was then

followed by a performance by Myilaye Kayilai Guruji Naganatha Desikar, an Oduvar. The two-and-a-half-hour show ended with a vibrant Bharatanatyam performance by Archana Kanthan and her troupe.

Aanmajothi plans to host one programme a month at a metro station. Visit their Facebook page for updates.