

A Medley of Bhojpuri and Awadhi Songs

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Another musical event was held on 22nd December, 2009 as part of the Inter IIT Staff Sports Meet. The artist was Ms. Malini Awasthi, the face of folk music in India. In her very passionate 'Kajari' singing style Malini sang many Bhojpuri and Awadhi songs. She showcased the different forms of folk music in her own way, even breathing new life into some forms which are on the verge of extinction.

About the artist: A disciple of the Thumri proponent Padma Vibhushan Girija Devi Ji, Malini Awasthi is today one of the leading Thumri singers of the Benaras Gharana. Malini is recognized for her distinctive style of singing which is a beautiful combination of soulful renditions of melodies together with her powerful performances. Equally accomplished in Ghazal and Sufi gaayki, Malini reminds you of the old world charm of the beautiful Lucknow and the Ganga-Jamuni culture of Uttar Pradesh. A versatile singer, Malini is a regular performer for the famous "**Jahan-e-Khusro**" organized by the renowned film maker and artist Muzaffer Ali. Her Sufi music albums on **Roomi** and **Hazrat Amir Khusro** have been widely appreciated. Times Music has recently released a music album **Purvaiya** with Malini. Malini has sung for the famous band **Medieval Panditz** in their album **Hello-Hello** and her fusion song **Tonic** has been a worldwide hit.