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Tribal artistes wow guests at French consulate event

It turned out to be a memorable evening when the French Consulate celebrated International Women's Day on Thursday. Hosted by French Consul General Didier Talpain and director of Alliance Française du Bengale Nicolas Facino, the event saw a contemporary dance performance by a group of young tribal artistes from Bodotalpada village in Jhargram. The performance, *Untimely Thought*, was a dreamy exploration of a woman's universe.

Praising the performance, Nicolas said, "The approach of French director Jean-Frédéric Chevalier shows that the dialogue about cultures is essential. The defence of cultural identities is fundamental and the solidarity expressed with the Ukrainian people underlines this."

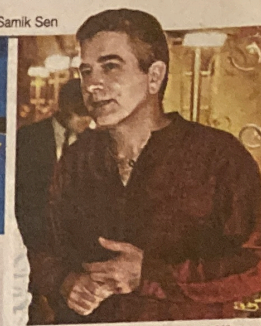
The director of *Untimely Thought*, Jean-Frédéric, said, "These artistes have a stage presence that brings infinite creative possibilities. For more than a decade, we have staged 13 performances in Bodotalpada. We wish to explore many more such performances." — Shamayita Chakraborty



Nicolas Facino



Didier Talpain



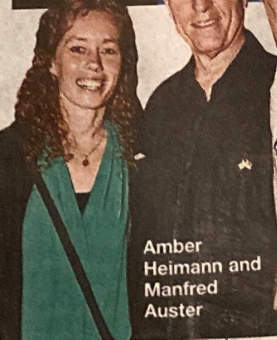
Jean-Frédéric Chevalier

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— Jean-Frédéric Chevalier, director of the performance



Kiron Khosla and Astrid Wege



Amber Heimann and Manfred Auster



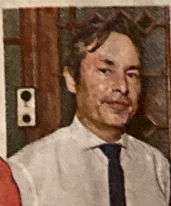
Richa Sharma



Banani Kakkar, Pradip Kakkar and Amrita Ganguly



Noémie Gicquelet



Jean François Deleglise



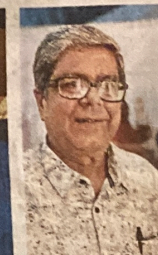
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Reena Dewan



Chinmoy Guha



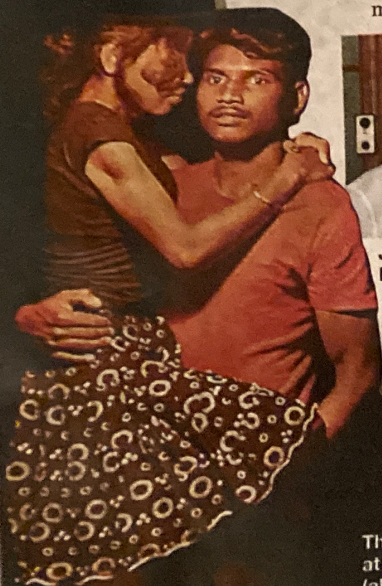
Raju Raman



Sudeshna Roy



Raka Sen



The performers at the show (also above)



A mouth-watering spread at the food corner was the highlight of the cocktail and dinner party that followed the performance

