

# Shoelace Dramatics

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They started off as a bunch of young art enthusiasts in the city, who got together to while away time one summer, is now a full-fledged youth organization that is promoting art, theatre and culture. The very name 'Shoe Lace' is suggestive of the group's motto that nothing is minuscule in art.

**Shoelace** stands out from the number of theatre groups in the city, not just for its unusual name, but for the fact that, it's run as a non-profit organization that performs for charity, and is all about art in its many forms, be it fashion, music, theatre or painting.

Run by a group of youngsters from the city, **Shoelace** is probably the place for all the young art enthusiasts out there, who are looking for a platform to showcase their artistic ability as well as to make new friends. Their aim, they say, is to spread awareness and make a difference through the medium of art.

**Shoelace Dramatics** staged their first event called *Izna* on Jan 13th of this year, and the collections from the event were donated to *Sach* (Save a Childs Heart). *Izna* was a cultural extravaganza that had a number of performances like a play (Last Wish Baby), a fashion show by *Origins* and dance performances. It was quite a hit in Hyderabad, and they managed to raise a lot of funds for their cause.

We talked to *Nidhi*, one of the board members of Shoelace and her enthusiasm while telling us about **Shoelace** was quite contagious! She told us about the beginning of **Shoelace** and how a bunch of youngsters with a penchant for drama managed to get together and create a forum for youth from all walks of life to express themselves and also send out a message.

So all you youngsters out there, who feel inspired to unleash your hidden talents for a cause, look up for the Shoelace communities on *orkut* and *facebook* for details on how you can become a part of this club. As they say, "the only criterion is *CREATIVITY*".

- *Surya Adavi*