Excerpts from ‘Same Same But Different’ concert can be watched online on July 4

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CHENNAI: On July 4, people everywhere will have the opportunity to watch excerpts from ‘Same Same But Different’ (SSBD), a celebrated concert series produced by Korean New Wave Music Group Noreum Machi since 2013, to introduce its international collaborations with artists around the globe.

The fifth edition of the SSBD series featured world-renowned contemporary dancer and choreographer Astad Deboo, who is also a pioneer of modern dance in India and Trayam, an ensemble of three critically acclaimed Indian musicians, featuring percussionist BC Manjunath, singer and flautist Varijashree Venugopal and percussionist, composer and music director, Praveen D Rao.

These artistes performed along with Noreum Machi to present an experimental and eclectic soundscape that merges traditional Korean sounds with classical Indian music, complemented with contemporary dance.

This collaborative project, commissioned by InKo Centre, was developed through residencies in India and in Korea in 2016 and premiered to critical acclaim at the Seoul Namsan Gugakdang and the National Theatre of Korea in Seoul in 2017, with support from the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism, Republic of Korea and Arts Council Korea.

The Indian premiere in February 2020, with performances in Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Mumbai was presented with support from The Korea Foundation, Arts Council Korea and local partners in each city.

The excerpts from SSBD that premiered to critical acclaim at the Royal Opera House, Mumbai, in February 2020, can be viewed online at 6pm on July 4 at Mumbai Opera Online.