



Dancer from Munich

■ THE Europeans' FASCINATION for the Orient manifests itself in many forms. For, Simone Barwisch of Munich, it was Bharatanatyam.

Simone or Chandra, as she has been rechristened by her Indian teachers, was learning, performing and teaching 'Raqs Sharqi', an ancient dance form of Egypt when she came to know about Bharatanatyam.

Thus began her association with Kerala and the Dharani School of Performing Arts Trust in Kochi. She learnt Bharatanatyam under Shyamala Surendran of Dharani. The young lady finished her post-graduation in molecular cytogenetics and has returned to Kochi for her 'arangettam'. Dance-lovers in the city will get an idea of her calibre when she makes her debut Bharatanatyam performance on November 30 at the Fine Arts Hall.



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