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Nrityangan Kathak Dance Academy

10th Annual Showcase



Sunday, 1st June 2025 | 4:00 PM

Venue:

Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre
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About Kathak

Kathak is one of eight classical Indian dance forms. It originates from northern India and features graceful movements, fast footwork and pirouettes. This and the fact that it was nurtured both in the Hindu temples and patronized in the Mughal courts, sets it apart from other classical Indian dance forms. There are three schools or gharanas of Kathak- our focus is on the Lucknow gharana.

About Nrityangan

Nrityangan Kathak Academy (NKA) has been the only Kathak institution in the entire state of Indiana for almost two decades. The mission statement for NKA is "to promote diversity and educate the community in the north Indian classical dance form of Kathak". NKA students present an annual Kathak showcase which is free of any admission charges and is attended by 500-750 guests. Students of NKA participate in local community and corporate events, fundraisers and outreaches. Students have performed in notable events like North America Bengali Conference in Madison Square Garden, NYC, Multicultural event at Depauw University, Summer concerts at Greencastle, IN, Gregory Hancock Dance Theater productions, Heartland Film festival gala, the first Carmel Diwali, etc. NKA students also collaborate with classical and jazz musicians and other local dance companies, both Indian and Western, to allow the evolution of Kathak while staying true to its original content.

Artistic Director: Dr Anindita Sen



Dr. Anindita Sen

Dr. Anindita Sen is the founder, President and Artistic director of Nrityangan Kathak Academy in Carmel, Indiana. Anindita's dance journey began at the age of 2 when her mother enrolled her in a local dance school in Kolkata, India. She trained in the Lucknow gharana of Kathak under Guru Amita Dutt, a disciple of the Kathak legend Birju Maharaj. Following performances in India, UK and her time in Cary, NC she ended up in Carmel. For the past two

decades, Anindita has made it her mission to educate the community about Kathak through performances, outreaches and workshops. Anindita is sought out for her expertise in classical Indian dance and often participates on panel discussions. She also serves as the President of the BoD for Gregory Hancock Dance Theater. Complementing her dance career, Anindita is a Regulatory Affairs Executive for UCB Biopharma following a 19-year tenure at Eli Lilly and Company.



Participants

Graduated students : Pritikaa Biswas, Navya Mishra, Ria Tandra, Ashwini Singh

Advanced students : Riti Tandra, Sruthi Devarapalli, Shivika Jain, Sanam Shah

Adults : Anita Gupta, Ena Bhattacharya, Debarati Bardhan Akala, Madhumita Boddapati, Anjali Leley, Sonali Shah (Guest Dancer)

Intermediate IV : Simran Virdi, Kavya Devarapalli, Saanvi Nagireddy, Pari Ponugoti, Pooja Thakkar, Aditi Purohit, Rysha Banerjee, Juhee Tyagi, Sanjana Lathar

Intermediate III : Meghna Sarma, Zoe Singh, Sarvi Bhardwaj, Eva Francis, Gargi Walekar, Riddhi Dangle

Intermediate II : Alayah Mitra, Ananya Bhatwadekar, Payal Bhatia, Piyali Kohli, Nimisha Nagar, Prachi Subbannavar, Vaishali Salvi

Intermediate I : Hitisha Desai, Avani Gupta, Ivana Gupta, Garima Kakkar, Nitasha Khanna, Mira Talwar, Preetu Lathar, Ananya Dutta, Kamalika Chatterjee, Dikshita Dey, Ashwini Ravishankar, Shashi Yadav, Ashi Yadav.

Beginners : Samruddhi Dawande, Puja Pandya, Dhyan Jethava, Soniya Patel, Swati Lakhanpal, Aadya Mehta, Savita Bhardwaj



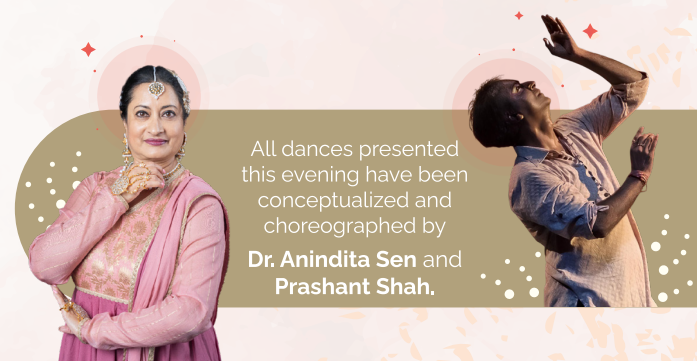
Program

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| 1 Ganesh Vandana | 5 Meera Bhajan ■ |
| 2 Desert Rose | 6 Mitwa * |
| 3 Uff Teri Adaa | 7 Sakala Bana* |
| 4 Despacito | |

Intermission

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| 8 Kathak to live music | 12 Albela Sajan |
| 9 Take 5 - Kathak to live jazz music | 13 Malhar Jam - Kathak and Tap Fusion |
| 10 Kahe Chhed Mohe | 14 Pyar Kiya Toh Darna Kya |
| 11 Tayyari ■ | 15 Tarana ■ |

Award Ceremony and "Dancer(s) of the year"



All dances presented this evening have been conceptualized and choreographed by
Dr. Anindita Sen and Prashant Shah.

- * Premiere
- Dances choreographed by **Prashant Shah**