



**MOKSH COMMUNITY ARTS INC & NAACH HOUSTON**



**PRESENT**

# HOUSTON'S GOT BOLLYWOOD



# MELA

# THE CARNIVAL

**SATURDAY  
APRIL 2  
2022  
8:00 PM**

**FREE  
TICKETS  
FREE  
PARKING**



**CONCEIVED & DIRECTED BY  
MAHESH MAHBUBANI**



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**THE CITY OF HOUSTON**  
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**Miller Outdoor Theatre**  
6000 Hermann Park Drive, Houston

*Rungta Foundation*

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*Rungta Foundation*

Rungta Foundation was established to support other non-profit organizations that engage in activities involving the fine arts, education, spiritual and religious activities, and community service.

Manju and Manish Rungta are the Directors along with father Devi Prasad Rungta.





# MOKSH COMMUNITY ARTS INC

Moksh Community Arts Inc , a non profit organization 501 c (3) formed in Feb 2016 with the purpose:

To engage the community in collaboration with artists from diverse social and cultural backgrounds in using dance to provide opportunities for:

- Physical, mental and emotional wellness, self discipline and commitment
- Team work
- Respect for differences through varied dance forms
- Enhanced self esteem and positive self image
- Leadership through dance

## Vision

To make Dance an integral part of life for all individuals within the context of a community inclusive of all social and cultural backgrounds.

## Philosophy

We believe in the transformative power of dance, to integrate the body and mind for total wellness. Through dance we intend to create a holistic experience in every participant and thereby impact the larger community.

## Mission

To create and provide performance platforms through community dance theater performances aimed at the physical, mental, emotional and social wellbeing of adults and children.



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## Director's Note

On Behalf of the Moksh Community Arts Board, President- Dr Manish Rungta, Vice President – Malay Vyas, Secretary- Nithya Venkatesan & Board Member Disha Thadani, I am proud to announce the 5th production from Moksh Community Arts Inc at the Miller Outdoor Theatre.

At Moksh Community Arts, our primary goal is to provide a performance platform to nurture local talent and help them develop as individuals through creativity, commitment and cooperation. We work as cultural ambassadors collaborating with other dance, theatre and music companies from diverse social and cultural backgrounds.

This year's Production, Mela, in Hindi means Carnival. I have used it as a metaphor for life - Life being the Carnival where we celebrate our existence. We enter this world as strangers, make friends, fall in love and unite to begin a new journey and the cycle of life continues....

The production includes an overture and four mesmerizing acts that take you on a magical journey into the colorful world of the carnival, and its many facets, with stylish, colorful and exuberant costumes, mind-blowing visuals and lighting, energetic dancers with dramatic & electrifying performances, filling your heart with joy and making you want to dance to the lilting melodies and irresistible Bollywood songs

As an Artistic Director at Naach Houston, my work is to nurture local talent by sharing my life experiences in the field of dance and performing arts, passing it down to the new generation, and providing performance platforms to showcase their talent.

Naach is more than a Dance Institution, we use dance as a means to empower individuals providing the best Dance Education in Houston, the only syllabus based Bollywood dance Institution , covering diverse dance styles from Contemporary, Hip Hop , Indo Jazz, Latin and Bollywood Fusion.

The NAACH team has performed for social causes partnering with non-profits such as Texana, Pratham and Daya, as well as graced the dance floor at corporate events for Fluor, KBR and AAHOA, just to name a few. Naach has performed with superstars namely Bappi Lahiri, Richa Sharma, Raghav and Farhan Akhtar.

I would like to thank our Generous sponsors The Rungta Foundation – Manish & Manju Rungta. This performance is funded by the city of Houston through the Miller Theatre Advisory Board.

Thank you!

Love,

Mahesh Mahbubani

CEO - Moksh Community Arts Inc

Artistic Director/Founder - Naach Houston Inc



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## The Team

### **MOKSH COMMUNITY ARTS INC.**

**President** ~ Dr. Manish Rungta

**C.E.O.** ~ Mahesh Mahbubani

**Vice President** ~ Malay Vyas

**Secretary** ~ Nithya Venkatesan

**CPA** ~ Dr. Manoj Nair

**Board Member** ~ Disha Thadani

**Photography** ~ Navin Mediwala

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### **NAACH HOUSTON**

**Artistic Director** ~ Mahesh Mahbubani

**Naach Faculty** ~ Afraaz Malick, Anita Vyas,  
Anusha Visnani, Brinda Patel, Kanishka Deepak,  
Kashan Ali Qazi, Mahesh Mahbubani, Nidhi  
Naveen, Rajosri Dey,

Rithvik Edupuganti,

**Choreography** ~ Afraaz Malick, Anita Vyas,

Anusha Visnani, Brinda Patel, Kanishka Deepak,  
Kashan Ali Qazi, Mahesh Mahbubani, Nidhi  
Naveen, Rajosri Dey,

Rithvik Edupuganti, Sanjana Khanna

**Visuals & Sound Design** ~ Mahesh Mahbubani

**Costumes** ~ Bipin Tanna, Mumbai  
Naach Team, USA

**Lighting Design** ~

Mahesh Mahbubani

**Lighting Programming & Operator** ~

Erika Reyes

**Graphics & WebDesign** ~ Anita Vyas

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### **MOT TECHNICAL TEAM**

Shawn Hauptmann

Nicole Young

Brian Evans

Marc Wilson

Cliff Presswood

John Smetak

**Live streaming by BEND Productions LLC**

**Conceived & Directed by Mahesh Mahbubani**



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## Overview of the Show

**Houston's Got Bollywood ~ Mela, The Carnival** is a Bollywood Dance Theatre performance, depicting the celebration and the stories at a carnival. The production uses the metaphor of the carnival as a parallel to life experiences, interpreted in four acts.

The show is performed by 50 dancers, in exuberant costumes, innovative choreography, and foot tapping melodies, energetic performers, & mesmerizing visuals.

The show opens with an Overture, a grand orchestra piece, an invocation, to sanctify the space.

### Act One ~ Welcome to the Carnival

This is a grand Act depicts the colors and joy at a carnival depicted through Dance and music, akin to the beginning of life a new birth

### Act Two ~ Musical Chairs

A comical depiction of a musical game at the carnival, exploring relationships between men and women

### Act Three ~ Through the Looking Glass

This act uses the concept of the crystal ball to shed light on the relationships from the preceding act

### Act Four ~ End is a New Beginning

The carnival comes full circle where relationships are developed and celebrated as a new journey

## Performing Artistes

AFRAAZ MALICK  
AAHANA DUGGAL  
AISHWARYA RAVAT  
ANISSA PATEL  
ANUSHA VISNANI  
KANISHKA DEEPAK  
KASHAN ALI QAZI  
MANYA RUNGTA  
PRIYANKA VENKAT  
RAJOSRI DEY  
RITHVIK EDUPUGANTI  
SIDDHANT DHAR

ADITI MOOTHEZHATH  
ARPITA SHANKER  
DIA SAJO  
TASHI GUPTA  
ESHA PATEL  
HANNAH THOMAS  
HIRSH CHAVAN

ARIYANA PATEL  
LEAH PANGA  
MAHI TAKKAR  
MYRA MARUBOYINA  
RAINA SHETH  
TANAY CHATWANI  
TRISHA DATTA

AARNA KAPIL  
DISHITA STOREWALA  
JIYA SINGH  
ROSEMINA NATHANI  
SAREENA MEHTA  
VRITIKA SINGH

AMOLA SHAH  
ANITA VYAS  
BRINDA PATEL  
GAYATRI CHOUDHARI  
LAMISSA CHOWDHURY  
MONA SHETH  
NEENA PATEL  
NITHYA VENKATESAN  
SHABNUM HIREMATH  
SONAL BAGOOR



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