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Its time for a celebration, Bollywood style



HOUSTON
Moksh Community Arts presents its fifth production at the Miller Outdoor Theatre in Houston on April 2, Saturday at 8 p.m.

Free tickets are available Online at <https://www.miller-outdoorthatre.com/get-tickets/>. Parking is free.

Moksh Community Arts presents –Mela, The Carnival of Life, celebrating 99 years of Miller Outdoor Theatre.

The show uses the carnival as a metaphor for life, where we enter the world as strangers, have encounters and experiences, develop friendships and love, completing one journey to

begin another. This production is funded in part by the City of Houston through the Miller Theatre Advisory Board.

Moksh presents this production in collaboration with the Mesmerizing Bollywood Dance Theatre Company Naach Houston and its electrifying dancers, conceived and Directed by Mahesh Mahubani, the Artistic Director of Naach Houston.

The production features over 40 performers ranging from the ages of 12 to 58 years old, celebrating the community spirit in dance.

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Ekam USA

Houston chapter of EKAM USA focuses on providing women's and children's health and COVID -19 relief initiatives. EKAM Houston will be hosting a play partnering with Bharathi Kalai Manram of Houston on April 2, at the Sri Meenakshi Temple.

Right, EKAM Youth coordinators Vinay Dhinesh, Adharsh Nambi, Sathvik Sankaranarayanan, and Anya Gokul.

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COMMUNITY



Mela

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The last nine weeks at the Naach Studios has seen a vibrant and exciting time with the enthusiastic Naach dancers, creating 27 dances of diverse styles, strung by a carnival theme, a fantastic collaboration by the talented Naach team of 10 choreographers. It is the culmination of a collective labor of love, manifested into this magical production. We invite you to share the magic with us.

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, created by Mahesh Mahubani, programmed and operated by Erika Reyes, 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.

Moksh Community Arts Board, includes Dr Manish Rungta – President, Mahesh Mahubani – C.E.O., Malay Vyas – Vice President, Nithya Venkatesan – Secretary & Disha Thadani – Board Member.

Moksh Community Arts' primary goal is to provide a performance platform to nurture local

talent and help them develop as individuals, through, creativity, commitment and cooperation. The team works as cultural ambassadors collaborating with other dance, theatre and music companies from diverse social and cultural backgrounds.

Naach Houston has uncovered some phenomenal talent - young choreographers and performers this year, whose work is featured in this production, Afraaz Malick, Anusha Visnani, Rajosri Dey, Rithvik Edupuganti, Kashan Ali Qazi, Kanishka Deepak & Nidhi Naveen, alongside the senior Naach Team Anita Vyas, Brinda Patel & Mahesh Mahubani.

Costumes are done by Bipin Tanna from Bollywood Mumbai and the Naach Costume Management Team.

The show is sponsored by The Rungta Foundation Dr Manish & Manju Rungta, we are thankful to Navin Mediwala for his brilliant photography and to Cissy Segall Davis for her passionate work bringing diverse forms of performance Arts to the Houston audiences for free. Live streaming for the production is by Bend Productions, the links are available at www.milleroutdoor-theatre.com. Free tickets open on April, 10 a.m

Naach Houston offers summer camps starting May 30 to July 3 & July 5 to Aug 7. Contact www.naachhouston.com.

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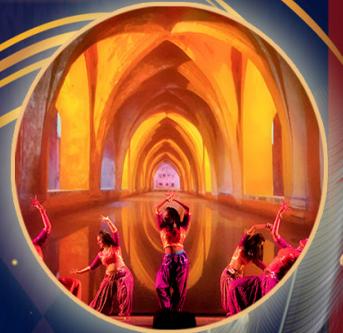
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