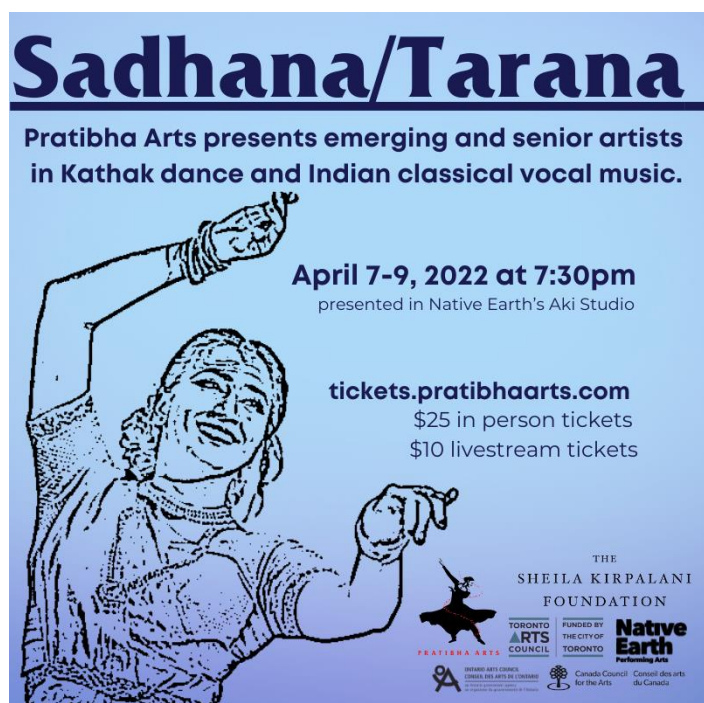


Pratibha Arts presents one-of-its-kind South Asian event in North America in 'Sadhana/Tarana'

Toronto, ON – Legacy and the future come together in **Sadhana/Tarana**, an event curated by Pratibha Arts, featuring emerging and senior artists in Kathak dance and Indian classical vocal music, premiering at **Native Earth's Aki Studio**, opening on **Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 7:30pm**. www.pratibhaarts.com

'Sadhana' means intense dedication and 'Tarana' is a song for dance. **Sadhana/Tarana** highlights the strong interaction between dance and music in South Asian culture, demonstrated by emerging and established artists in Canada and the U.S. who demonstrate mastery of their craft.



Sadhana/Tarana

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April 7-9, 2022 at 7:30pm
presented in Native Earth's Aki Studio

tickets.pratibhaarts.com
\$25 in person tickets
\$10 livestream tickets

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"2020's calls for racial reckoning and the passing of legendary artists during the pandemic have made this program all the more necessary and compelling. South Asians constitute such a significant demographic in Canada and yet their arts are hardly visible in mainstream culture, and especially on the mainstages of dance and music programming.

Sadhana/Tarana demonstrates the high calibre of Kathak and Indian classical vocal music, art forms that have stood the test of colonialism, both in India and here in North America."

– Bageshree Vaze, Artistic Director

The event will honour legacy in South Asian arts, marking the recent passing of Kathak legend Pandit Birju Maharaj and Canadian Bharatha Natyam pioneer Menaka Thakkar.

Featured artists of **Sadhana/Tarana** include Ottawa vocalist Vinay Bhide, Tabla virtuoso Vineet Vyas, Kathak dance artist Bageshree Vaze, Sarangi artist Pankaj Mishra, and emerging artists Utkarsha Kale, Anindita Anaam, Tarika Nath, Shivani Badgi and Ariaki Dandawate.

Pratibha Arts Presents: **Sadhana/Tarana**

April 7 – 9, 2022, 90 minutes

Presented in Native Earth's Aki Studio, 585 Dundas St. E. Toronto, ON M5A 2B7

- Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 7:30pm (**Opening night**)
- Friday, April 8, 2022 at 7:30pm (Post-Show chat)
- Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 7:30pm (Closing night)

\$25 In-Person Tickets and \$10 Livestream Tickets available at tickets.pratibhaarts.com

About Pratibha Arts

Pratibha Arts serves to enhance and advance the cultural fabric of Ontario and Canada. Under the Artistic leadership of Bageshree Vaze, the organization's vision is to promote artistic excellence as well as nurture future generations of artists in Ontario and reflect the current 'faces' of Toronto and Canada. '**Pratibha**' means 'creative intelligence' in Sanskrit. Pratibha Arts' activities enhance the collective artistic intelligence of Canadians, but also explore new avenues and models for intelligently supporting creativity.

Bageshree Vaze (Artistic Director) is an award-winning dance (K.M. Hunter Award) and music (MTV India rising star) artist whose recordings for dance are digitally accessed by dancers around the world. '**Sadhana/Tarana**' will present her original 'tarana' compositions that have changed the way Kathak dancers access music for performance and teaching.

"Vaze is a brilliant and expressive dancer with a crisp, highly articulated attack." Paula Citron, *The Globe and Mail*

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