



Diwali is the Indian Festival of Lights that symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness and marks the Hindu New Year. The Holmdel Indian Association invites you to share the joy of Diwali and take you on a journey across India through an afternoon of dance, music and storytelling.

2.00 PM: Address by the Holmdel Indian Association

2.20 PM: Ghar More Pardesiya - Kathak

by Dr. Mahima Singh

Kathak started as a dance of temple dancers of North India, who told stories of spirituality and divinity. This piece is an excerpt from 'Ek Shloki Ramayan', celebrating Lord Rama's return to Ayodhya after defeating Ravan. It is reciting the original celebration of the first Diwali in history.

2.30 PM: Rhythms of Bengal - Folk Dance

by Samprikta Khanna & Ujjayani Chakrabarti

Deeply rooted in the Baul folk tradition of Bengal, this dance honors the simple, heartfelt rhythms of Bengali folk, capturing the joy, spontaneity, and soulful spirit that define the Baul way of life.

2.40 PM: Rhythms of Bengal - Rabindra Sangeet

by Gitanjali Kundu

Written and composed by the legendary Bengali poet and Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore, this song beautifully blends poetry, melody, and philosophy, capturing a wide range of emotions and themes—from devotion and love to nature and patriotism.

2.50 PM: Rhythms of Bengal - Fusion Dance

by Samprikta Khanna

Set to 'Missing You' by Ananda Shankar — a pioneering artist who fused Indian classical music with global rhythms, this dance expresses both longing and discovery, celebrating Bengal's creative spirit and its enduring legacy of artistic innovation.

3.00 PM: Patanjali Stotram - Bharatanatyam

by Ishani Singh

Composed by Patanjali, the author of the Yoga Sutra (the foundational text on yoga philosophy and practice) and the first siddhar (spiritual and enlightened being), and choreographed by Guru Renuka Srinivasan, this Bharatanatyam dance describes the attributes of Lord Shiva.

3.15 PM: Shiva-Shakti Music Medley

by Jyothsna Reddy & Chandramouli

A medley of musical compositions, "Lingashtakam", "Aigiri Nandini" and "Bho Shambho", highlighting the divine glory Lord Shiva and the feminine power of Goddess Durga and their victory over evil.

3.30 PM: Carnatic Music

by Pushpa Setlur & Chandramouli

A short alapana followed by Thillana in the ragam Brindavani composed by the great composer Lalgudi Jayaraman.

3.45 PM: Invocation of Light - Odissi Dance

by Rishika Mitra

Presented by Rishika Mitra, an 11-year-old dancer who has been learning Odissi under the guidance of Guru Bani Ray. Rishika performs Shri Laxmi Stuti — a dance offering to Goddess Laxmi, the goddess of prosperity, purity, and light, and ending with a joyful Diya Dance celebrating Diwali.

4.00 PM: Ekadantaya Vkratundaya / Khwaja Mere Khwaja

by Arjun Menon

Arjun's performance opens with a Marathi Ganpati Aarti originally sung by Shankar Mahadevan, followed by a rendition of A.R. Rahman's classic 'Khwaja Mere Khwaja', combining the traditionally Sufi Qawwali with Hindustani improvisations.

4.15 PM: Ram Leela- The Story of Ramayan

by HindiUSA, Holmdel Chapter

Students of HindiUSA School, Holmdel will perform the Ram Leela or the story of Ramayan - one of the greatest epics of India.

Ranvit Singh as Ram
Koshin Sharma as Sita
Priyaan Dixit as Lakshman
Ansh Mathur as Hanuman
Shaurya Joshi as Raavan

Reyansh Yadav as Ram Ki Sena
Kush Singh as Ram Ki Sena
Kiaan Singh as Ravan Ki Sena
Luka Govorenko as Ravan Ki Sena
Anand Shah as Ravan Ki Sena

4.30 PM: Guided Garba

led by Nikita Shah & Payal Shah

Get ready to learn the basic steps of the Garba, high-energy folk dance from the Indian state of Gujarat with our experts and join in the celebration!

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2025



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*Join us for an afternoon of music,
dance, henna and delicious snacks
as we celebrate the richness of
Indian culture and the joy of
Diwali!*

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