



About Ray of Hope: We are a non-profit organization that supports Gwalior Children's Charity in India by providing 120000 lives with rural healthcare, education & sustainability. We want these families to have the chance to live happy, healthy, and productive lives. With your support and resources, this can be a reality. Our annual dance recitals and other events, support our international causes. Furthermore, we continue to support Inglis House- a home for 300 disabled residents in Philadelphia. In addition to the annual shows, we have held massive clothes drives and holiday gift wrapping events to benefit local causes. Through our numerous events, we have been able to raise close to \$265k that continue to impact & improve the lives of many! We couldn't do this without all of you! Thank you for your tremendous support & contributions. Please feel free to reach out to your network to have them join this wonderful cause. We look forward to seeing you at our events.

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Presents

Vande Mataram – Ode To Mother

SUNDAY MAY 13TH 2018

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Charity Dance Recital benefiting



Every \$10 provides healthcare for 100 underprivileged lives in India

Welcome to Nava Nritya Dance Academy's (NDA) 14th annual show, Vande Mataram. During this showcase, we will feature classical Indian dance, Bharatanatyam, as well as Navanritya, our unique contemporary style of Indian dance incorporating several traditional Indian dance forms, ballet, martial arts, and yoga. We are thrilled to be able to highlight the growth, achievements and teamwork of our dancers. We are so proud that along with the growth of the dancers has come the growth of our charity, Ray of Hope.

Through this charity and our dance family, we have helped more than 120,000 underprivileged lives in India and USA get the opportunity to gain the level of education and empowerment that every person deserves. In this show, we are showcasing different forms of mothers. You will watch as the different forms are shown through dance, everything from motherland, Mother Nature, mother and child, and Mother Teresa. As you sit back, and enjoy another awe inspiring show, keep in mind that though different religions, cultures and politics may divide us, we are united through our dance and our belief that with our dance, and through our charity, Ray of Hope, we can change lives.

Our students and dancers:

Blooming Buds (Beginner level 1) -Ahna Arora, KG -Arianna Desai, Pre-K -Ava Thomas, KG -Avani Yip, KG -Leah Varghese, 1 st grade -Prisha Goyal, 1 st grade -Rayah Ganguly, KG -Tova Wexler, KG -Ziya Abraham, 1 st grade	Twinkle Stars (Beginner level 2) -Anjali Yip, 2 nd grade -Mahee Patel, 2 nd grade -Dr. Meera Shah, Physician, Abington Hospital -Samiya Chowdhury, 2 nd grade -Snaha Paul, 3 rd grade -Srijani Saha, 3 rd grade
Sunflowers (4th yr Intermediate Level 1) -Aleena Thomas, 5 th grade -Asha Paul, 6 th grade -Chitra Verma, 6 th grade -Juliana Ghosh, 5 th grade -Mahi Vaghela, 4 th grade -Riya Shankaran, 4 th grade -Zaara Abraham, 6 th grade	Snowflakes (5th year) Intermediate level 2 -Himani Patel, 6 th grade -Lily Mehta, 3 rd grade -Riya Mainigi, 5 th grade -Saloni Bhatia, 6 th grade -Sarah Juma (Drexel grad) -Savina Copas, 5 th grade -Selina Tripathy, 7 th grade -Soumita Ghosh, Postdoc student, U Penn
Dancing Angels (7th year Senior) -Aratika Das, 5 th grade -Sneha Chaudhuri, 7 th grade -Sophia Balaratna, 8 th grade -Srija Chaudhuri, 5 th grade -Swathi Murali, 9 th grade -Upasana Bharadwaj, Patient Transport Coordinator at Doylestown Hospital -Zara Bhatt, 6 th grade	Mirage (10+ years/Advanced*) - Anjalee Bhuyan, 12th grade (solo debut in 2017) - Enakshi Deb, 12th grade (solo debut in 2015) - Naiya Mainigi, 9th grade - Nishitha Kannan, 8th grade - Puja Saha, 9th grade - Saanvi Bhatia, 8th grade - Saadhana Jakka, 9th grade (solo debut in 2016) - Sangeetha Bhuyan, 8th grade (solo debut in 2017) - Sunanda Ganguly, District Sales Mgr for Nevro - Sushritha Haripriya, 10th grade - Teachers: Anitha & Anjali continue advanced training
Faculty: Anwsha Dutta: Tech Consulting Ops Leader at PwC, Co-Founder Ray of Hope Intl Foundation, Artistic Director at NDA & Teacher of Mirage, Dancing Angels & Snowflakes Anitha Kannan: Adjunct professor at Gwynedd Mercy U & Teacher of Sunflowers & Dancing Angels Anjali Menon: Mental Health Intake Coordinator, Merakey Behavioral Health & Teacher of Snowflakes, Blooming Buds & Twinkle Stars <i>*Most of our Mirage dancers are also assistant teachers for junior groups*</i>	
Garba guest dancers: Moms of students – Bella, Suranjana, Shuktara, Sushmita, Meera, Snehal, Hima, Mina, Seema, Krishna, Payal, Shital	

Vande Mataram- Program

Dance:	Group:	Language:	Choreographer:
Act I: Classical Bharatnatyam dances			
Vande Mataram-tribute to the universal mother	All Groups	Sanskrit	Anwsha & teachers
Pushpanjali	Twinkle Stars		Anjali
Bhumi Devi (Mother Earth) & Alarippu	Sunflowers	Sanskrit	Anitha
Janani – Oh Mother	Blooming Buds	English & Hindi	Anjali
Ganga Kavuthuam	Snowflakes	Sanskrit	Anjali
Shabdham	Dancing Angels	Tamil	Anwsha & Anitha
Devi Stuti	Mirage	Sanskrit	Anwsha
Thaye Yashoda	Snowflakes	Tamil	Anjali
Ave Maria	Twinkle Stars	Malayalam	Anjali
Jhansi Ki Rani	Dancing Angels	Hindi	Anwsha
Ganesha Tandava	Sunflowers	Tamil	Anwsha
Thillana	Mirage & Dancing Angels		Anwsha
Intermission			
Act II – Navanritya contemporary dances			
Dance:	Group:	Language:	Choreographer:
Graduating Seniors Solos	Anjalee Bhuyan & Enakshi Deb	Assamese & Bengali	Anjalee & Enakshi
Maiya Mori	Anjalee and Sangeetha Bhuyan	Hindi	Anwsha
Dance drama on Mother Teresa	Leads: Puja Saha & Mirage; Dancing Angels & Snowflakes	English & Hindi	Anwsha
Act III – Folk Dances			
Koli	Sunflowers	Marathi	Anitha
Mayna	Twinkle Stars & Blooming Buds	Bengali	Anwsha
Garba	Mothers of dancers	Gujarati	Anwsha
Giddha	Mirage	Punjabi	Anwsha
Kurathi	Dancing Angels & Snowflakes	Tamil	Anitha
Vande Mataram: Grande Finale in Navanritya style	Mirage & All Groups	Sanskrit	Guest lecturer: Sanjib Bhattacharya