



nava nripa dance academy
School of Indian Classical and Contemporary Dance

Presents:

REBEL GIRLS

**showcasing colorful divine feminine and Rebel Girl
stories from all around the world**

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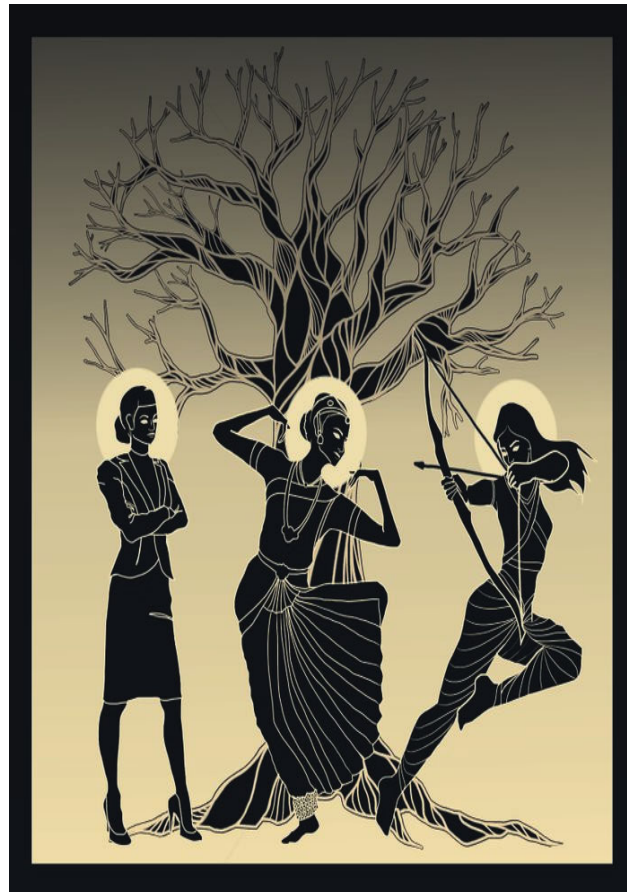
Radnor Middle School

18th Annual Charity Dance Recital benefiting



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Rebel Girls

We welcome you to 'Rebel Girls,' our 18th annual dance recital, and our homage to women, past and present, who paved a way for all in the face of adversity. The show presents their powerful and inspiring stories, all set to the enchanting tunes of Indian classical & world music in six different languages. The first act will showcase pure Bharatanatyam, a dance form that originated in the temples of India and dates back 3,000 years. The second act will focus on Navanritya, a newer contemporary synthesis of various Indian classical dances, including Western ballet, yoga, folk dances, and martial arts. This style was created by Anwasha's Gurus, the late Dr. Manjushri Chaki-Sircar and Dr. Ranjabati Sircar. This act features two dance dramas: Chitra: Princess Warrior and Moana. At NNDA and Ray of Hope International, we stress these important themes in our world through dance, music and poetry.

Program

Dance	Group	Language
Act I - Bharatanatyam Classical Dances		
Anjali: Invocation	Teachers, Mirage &	Sanskrit & Tamil
Balika Katha	Little Angels	Tamil
Alarippu	Dancing Fairies	
Mallari	Blooming Buds	
Shakti Tandava	Mirage	Sanskrit & Tamil
Parrot Kauthuvam	Blooming Buds	Tamil
Saraswati Kauthuvam	Dancing Fairies	Sanskrit
Meenakshi Varnam	Dancing Stars	Tamil
Rebel Girls' Stories	Mirage	Multiple
Thillana	Mirage & Dancing Stars	Tamil
Act II - Navanritya Contemporary Dances		
Rebel Girls' Stories	Dancing Stars, Blooming Buds, Dancing Fairies	Multiple
Graduate Tribute	Mirage: Madhura Dahale & Carolyn Thomas	
Post Arangetram solos:	Savina Copas, Aratrika Das, Himani Patel	Sanskrit
Moana Dance Drama Led by Dancing Stars & supported by juniors	Leads:: Moana- Mahee Patel, Maui- Mahi Vaghela, Grandmother- Snaha Paul, Teka/Tafti Srijani Saha;	Hindi and English
Chitra: Princess Warrior Dance Drama	Leads: Chitra 1- Himani , Chitra 2- Aratrika , Arjuna-Savina , Cupid- Zaara , Supported by: Mirage Seniors	Bengali & English
Unstoppable Rebel Girls	All Groups	English

Our dancers

<p>Little Angels (1 year)</p> <p>Aarushi Desai, 2nd grade Aarya Modi, 1st grade Anita Hollenstein, Kindergarten Avni Yavagal, 3rd grade Azaria Thomas, Kindergarten Rachael Thomas, pre-K Saanya Ajmera, Kindergarten Sandhya Santhosh, 4th grade Smiti Rali, Kindergarten Soushree Halder, 1st grade</p>	<p>Dancing Fairies (4 years)</p> <p>Anushree Ingle, 4th grade Alyssa Varghese, 3rd grade Dyuti T Sriprasad, 5th grade Kavya Nachiappan, 5th grade Siddhita Saha, 4th grade Anya Thomas, 4th grade Rashmi Pandurangi, Sr. QA Specialist, Equisoft</p>
<p>Blooming Buds (5.5 years)</p> <p>Ahna Arora, 5th grade Arianna Desai, 4th grade Ava Thomas, 5th grade Leah Varghese, 6th grade Ziya Abraham, 6th grade Sayali Tambe, 6th grade Rayah Ganguly, 5th grade</p>	<p>Dancing Stars (7 years)</p> <p>Mahee Patel, 7th grade Dr. Meera Patel, Physician, Abington Snaha Paul, 8th grade Srijani Saha, 8th grade Mahi Vaghela, 9th grade Dr. Grishma Rali, Pediatrician, CHOP</p>
<p>Faculty:</p> <p>Anwasha Dutta: Managing Director, Deloitte Health Strategy Consulting; Artistic Director NNDA & teacher of Mirage and Dancing Stars; President & Co-Founder, Ray of Hope</p> <p>Anitha Kannan: Life Cycle Assessment Engineer - R&D, TerraCycle; Lead Instructor for Blooming Buds and Little Angels & Asst Teacher to all groups</p> <p>Maya Rahman: Research Associate, Spark Therapeutics, Lead Instructor for Dancing Fairies (Debut 2014)</p> <p>Guest Lecturer: Shri. Sanjib Bhattacharya (Manipuri, Chhau & advanced Navanritya teacher - choreographed & taught 3 major group dances in Chitrangada)</p>	<p>Mirage (10+ years/Advanced)</p> <p>Aratrika Das, 10th grade (debut 2022)* Maya Rahman, Research Associate, Spark Therapeutics (Debut 2014)* Upasana Raja, Service & Memory Care* Coordinator at PA Health Mgmt and Behavioral Health Tech* (debut 2023) Savina Copas, 11th grade (debut 2022)* Himani Patel, 11th grade (debut 2022)* Aleena Thomas, 10th grade Asha Paul, 11th grade Chitra Verma, 11th grade Juliana Ghosh, 10th grade (debut 2023) Carolyn Thomas, 12th grade* (debut 2023) Vinaya Venkat, 10th grade (debut 2023)* Madhura Dahale, 12th grade (debut 2023)* Zaara Abraham, 11th grade</p> <p><i>*Assistant teachers for multiple groups</i></p>

About Ray of Hope: We are a non-profit organization supporting multiple programs in India and the USA, focused on healthcare technology, empowerment & education for underprivileged families:

Inglis, Philadelphia: Inglis runs several programs for the disabled community, including Assistive Tech, which has been proudly supported by ROH for many years.

Karma Healthcare, Udaipur, India: Karma runs 26 nurse assisted e-health clinics to virtually connect doctors to underserved rural patients. ROH funds 2 clinics in Rajasthan, serving 70,000 villagers in two districts, a few hours away from Udaipur, Rajasthan.

Bal Utsav, Bangalore, India: Balutsav innovates government schools' infrastructure, education & hygiene. ROH funds 1023 school girls' menstrual hygiene supplies & free OB GYN visits/year.

Through our annual dance recitals and other events, we have been able to raise close to \$550k+ that support the above causes! In addition to the annual shows, we have held 5k walks/runs, themed dinners, yoga/dance fitness sessions, cooking shows, bag bingo, mixology classes, clothing drives and holiday gift wrapping events to benefit these causes.

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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: **www.letsgivehope.org**

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