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Culture for a Cause 2015—Help Rebuild Nepal

Sunday, 20th September 2015

2 pm to 5pm

Glimpse of aftermath of Nepal Earthquake - School in Tripureshwar village

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Welcome to Culture for a Cause 2015– Help Rebuild Nepal

The devastating earthquake that hit Nepal in April and May 2015 claimed 8,500 lives and displaced 2.8 million people. Global aid poured in to rescue, recover, and provide immediate relief to support Nepal recover from the natural disaster. The need to continue raising funds to support the people of Nepal arose as only 50% funds have been received so far. Like-minded volunteers from CT got together and thus evolved the organization ' *Bandhan*' meaning bonding.

The confluence of Indian Classical Dances being presented by distinguished artists of Connecticut is a unique blend to aid Nepal. The artists will showcase their talent and embrace the high standards for excellence that is the hallmark of the ancient and rich cultural heritage of India.

The performing artists include Rachna Ramya Agrawal performing Kathak, a dance of Northern India derived from the word "katha" meaning the "art of storytelling". Anindita Nanda will showcase Odissi, indigenous to Orissa in Eastern India. Bharatanatyam, an almost 2000-year-old temple dance of Southern India will be performed by Charu Pandit and Taniya & Puneet Panda. Sarada Nori Akella and her students will enact a Kuchipudi dance drama representing the State of Andhra Pradesh, and Aishwarya Chakravarthy will showcase the Southern Indian State of Kerala with Mohiniattam and Kathakali.

Tonight their support and yours will help us as we continue in our quest to aid Nepal. The funds raised will be channeled through the Maharashtra Foundation who have an exemplary track record of executing programs in the field of health care, education & welfare, and development of women & children.

Thank you for your continued support. Enjoy this evening and the camaraderie of cause believers, and know that your support will make a difference in the lives of the many Nepalese people aided by your generosity.

Sincerely,

Team Bandhan

Thank You

Dear Friends -

Just days before one of our community events, tragedy struck Nepal. Consecutive earthquakes shook Nepal causing severe destructions and massive loss of life. Right after the tragedy, few volunteers came forward with the desire to help Nepal. To provide immediate help, we organized a clothes drive during the forthcoming community event. There was a positive and enthusiastic response to the drive. However, the guidelines from the Nepal government did not allow the collected clothes to reach Nepal and were then donated to a local charity - an equally noble cause. The drive attracted many like-minded volunteers with the intention of giving back. These volunteers and more joined hands to form **Bandhan -** meaning togetherness**.** Bandhan's first initiative is to showcase rich Indian classical dance forms in the event **Culture For Cause 2015**. The proceeds of the **Culture For Cause 2015** will go towards rebuilding a school in Tripureshwar village located in the remote region of Dhadhing district, 126 km from Kathmandu. All of the 225 houses and one school of Tripureshwar got severely damaged. The school is now a non-functioning building and the 500 students from the school are deprived of education.

Maharashtra Foundation (**MF**), a non-profit (501C(c)(3)) organization has graciously joined hands with **Bandhan** to co-host **Culture For Cause 2015**. I would like to thank **MF** president Mr Shirish Gupte and his Board for their extensive assistance towards making the program a success.

I would like to express my gratitude to each and every organization that have sponsored along with every individual who has donated and to all who have contributed towards raising funds. Thanks to your donations and sponsorships, a school in Tripureshwar village will be rebuilt and students will be able to learn again.

The dance teachers and their students have graciously dedicated their time and efforts to present their art form. I would also like to thank all the performers for their support.

Thanks to Western Connecticut University for their partnership in making this program a success. Lastly, I would like to thank each of the community leaders who have helped make this program a success.

Regards,
Mangesh Karandikar

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The Event

Opening Ceremony

Mohiniattam: Paapa Bhaya Haranam

Raga: Hamsadhwani, Taalam: Chempata

Participants: Aishwarya Chakravarthy, Nithya Kannan, Sabitha Sandeep, Priya Nair, Reshmi Parakkal, Rekha Harindran, Veena Pillai, and Karthika Surendran

Bharatanatyam: Govinda Damodar Stotra

Composer: Shri Bilvamangal Thakur

Participants: Aditi Chalasani, Arshia Puri, Charu Pandit, Neha Sudhir, Rassica Bakane, Shravani Daptardar, Vikasini Senthil

Kathak: Shaan-e-Darbar

Raag: Kalavati Composer: Pandit Birju Maharaj

Participants: Garavi Angreji and Vedika Karandikar

Odissi: Pallavi (Patdeep)

Raga: Patdeep Tala: Tripata

Composer: Padma Vibhushan Guru Shri Kelucharan Mohapatra.

Participant: Anindita Nanda

Kuchipudi: Sri Krishna Leelamrutham

Participants: Sarada Nori Akella, Meghna Bangalore, Shreya Kavutarapu, Sreeya Karnam, Krithi Goud, Asirva Alahari, Sanjana Jatti, Nishitha Kumar, Adithi Routhu, Sridha Kadari, Amritha Suresh, and Manju Suresh

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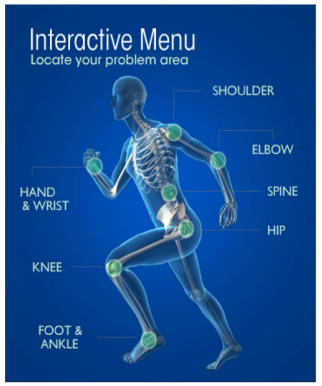

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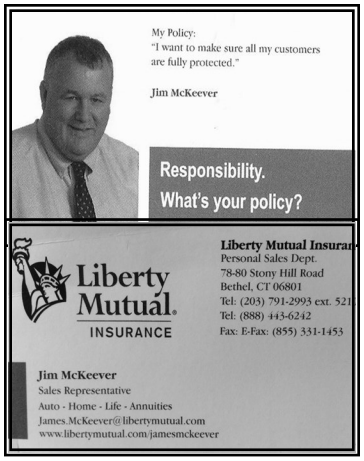

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Odissi: Pallavi (Rageshree)

Raga: Rageshree Tala: Eka Tala

Participants: Anindita Nanda

Kathak: Paramparik Kathak

Tal: Teen tal

Composer: Shri Rajendra Gangani

Participant: Rachna Agrawal

Bharatanatyam: Shri Jalandhara

Participants: Taniya and Puneet Panda

Kathak: Tarana

Raag: Malkauns Composer: Shri Atul Desai

Participants: Garavi Angreji, Vedika Karandikar, Priya Aggarwal, Sejal Bhargava, Ananya Kachru

Kuchipudi: Koluvaithiva Rangasai

Raga: Rama Priya

Choreography: Guru Shri Vempati Chinna Satyam

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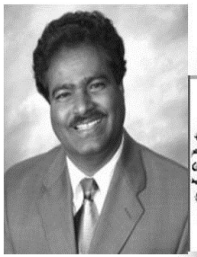

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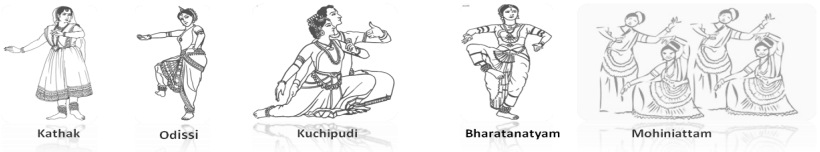

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