



June 14, 2011

Dear students, parents and friends,

Saturday June 25, 2011, marks the end of our Spring session of group classes. This year we have welcomed many new students to our beginners group classes. As it usually takes 2 years before one can move up to the intermediate level, we will be adding a new beginners class starting on September 17, 2011 for our new season's session. These additional classes will also be held at 10 a.m. on the 7th floor, in the new dance studio of the Scotiabank Dance Centre. Please tell your friends who wish to register for a new beginners class. Rena Boggaram has also been successfully conducting beginners classes in Richmond. We take this occasion to wish Rena a very happy birthday!

We have noticed very good progress from our students at all levels in our classes this year, and our senior students have been getting accolades, recognition, and grants for the quality of their training, and to further enrich their dance experience. We have also welcomed new national and international students at the advanced level.

The private classes help us groom and prepare our intermediate students for an eventual Arangetram. For the new season we have scheduled two such programs: Arno Kamolika, an international student from Bangladesh, graduating in December 2011, and Puja Nair, graduating in May 2012. We will keep you posted, and hope that you will all join us for these two unique occasions.

Mandala arts and culture has been preparing an incredible dance festival for October 2011. We will be honored to present today's leading bharata natyam artist, **Priyadarsini Govind**, who is coming with a live orchestra from India. Mrs. Govind will also conduct a 2 day workshop on Sunday Oct. 30 and Monday Oct. 31 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Scotiabank Dance Centre. We will accept a limited number of students for this *abhinaya workshop*, so if you are really keen on attending, it is a good idea to give us your name in advance to reserve your place. The cost for this workshop will be \$70.

The festival will also present male Odissi dance sensation, **Rahul Acharya**. Mr. Acharya will be giving a free lecture-demo performance on Saturday Oct. 29 at 1:30 p.m. at the Scotiabank Dance Centre.

Every year, the festival highlights new upcoming talents. This year we will present **Kiruthika Rathanaswami**, a Jai Govinda Dance Academy graduate, who will perform a new bharata natyam repertoire completed in India on an Indo-Canadian Shastri Institute arts fellowship. We invite you to please keep this weekend free, and tell all your family and friends that this will be *the Indian classical dance event of the year*, and an incredible opportunity to witness the artistry of these incredible performers.

Kindly mark these dates on your calendar:

- **JUNE 25 – 2011**: End of our 2010-2011 session.
- **SEPTEMBER 10- 2011**: Registration and beginning of our new group dance classes at the Scotiabank Dance Centre.
- **OCTOBER 28 to 31 – 2011**: **GAIT TO THE SPIRIT**, our second festival of Indian classical dance with Priyadarsini Govind, Rahul Acharya and Kiruthika Rathanaswami.

Please note that Mandala will again have discounted prices for students, and again a special offer of a free ticket for anyone who buys a minimum of 10 tickets. Also remember that we SOLD OUT our 3 shows last year, and that the workshop by Janaki Rangarajan was also at full capacity. As we will have a publicist and two ticket outlets for this year's festival, the tickets will sell quickly.

For all the students who wish to continue with their private and semi-private classes with Jai Govinda and Rena Boggaram in September 2011, please contact your respective teachers to schedule your day and time of classes.

Please keep yourself updated with all the above information by visiting our website's "events" section at www.mandalarts.ca. Have a great summer.

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