



**DANCING
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NEW YEAR**



**DANCE NEW JERSEY POP-UP PERFORMANCE FUNDRAISER
SUPPORTED BY SHISHYA SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS
DEC 15, 2024 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM - THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL**



AN AFTERNOON OF DANCE

This Dance New Jersey pop-up performance will showcase DNJ members from a variety of dance styles with the goal of creating an inclusive, diverse, and exciting program! This fundraiser event has been graciously supported by DNJ Board Member Sukanya Mahadevan and the Shishya School of Performing Arts. All proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to DNJ, supporting our mission to strengthen connections within New Jersey's dance community and keep dance arts, education, and advocacy thriving across the state.



MARGAZHI VIZHAA

Today's event will kick off the start of Margazhi Vizhaa - a month long celebration of Indian performing arts traditional to the southern Indian city of Chennai. In celebration, Shishya School of Performing Arts will stream performance videos daily for the next 20 days on [their YouTube channel](#). Recordings from today's event will be featured as well - stay tuned!



DANCE NEW JERSEY

[Dance New Jersey](#) creates opportunities for the New Jersey dance community to connect, learn, and share resources to keep dance thriving in our state. By cultivating wide diverse participation across the spectrum of dance styles and professional roles, Dance New Jersey seeks to build an equitable, inclusive community that elevates the role of dance in New Jersey's creative landscape. Members are encouraged to cooperate and collaborate to promote the success and vitality of our art form.



THE SCHOOL

Shishya School Of Performing Arts is a dance company with the sole purpose of educating and qualifying students in the art of Indian Classical dance, music, mythology and dance theater. They have been granted opportunities to dance in prestigious bharatanatyam festivals and invitation-only showcases in the US, India, and Europe. As a chapter of the National Honor Society of Dance Arts, Shishya dancers are encouraged to collaborate across dance genres and cultures, having done so through unique performances like Carnegie Hall, International Summer Stages in Rome, Italy, and Trenton Thunder baseball games.

Students at Shishya are also taught to use their craft for social justice by following the school's creed of, "Art for Humanity." The school maintains a mentorship program, giving students the opportunity to explore their interests by teaching dance, writing blog posts, creating social media content, and curating fundraising events for charitable organizations.

Shishya School is celebrating its 20th year of creating performing artists and community in central New Jersey!

THE GURU

Guru 'Kalashree' Sukanya Mahadevan, the founder and artistic director of Shishya School of Performing Arts, is a prominent performer, teacher, and choreographer in both India and the United States. She is also a visiting faculty member of Rider University's World Dance Program and serves on the board of trustees for Dance New Jersey.

Her career spans performances at the Chennai Dance Festival, International Summer Stages in Rome, Italy, Carnegie Hall, New York Fashion Week, TCNJ Arts Festival, New Jersey Department of Transportation and Labor, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Mercer County Heritage Festival, and Trenton Thunder Baseball. Her many accolades include earning the prestigious 'Kalashree' title, Dr. Saraswati Award, Rotary Humanitarian Award, and PAE Fellowship. Among the numerous arangetram solo recitals and dance drama productions she's choreographed, a recent standout was the dance scene for the premier of famous Indian playwright Mahesh Dattani's *Dance like a Goddess*.



EVENT PROGRAM

GAJAVADANA - INVOKING GANESHA'S BLESSING

Shishya School of Performing Arts

MURALI KAUTHUVAM - PRAISE LORD KRISHNA, THE MAGICAL FLUTE PLAYER

Shishya School of Performing Arts ft. choreography of Madurai Muralidharan

DANCE NEW JERSEY MIX

Dance With Derrick

ALARIPPU

Shishya School of Performing Arts

VELAVA SHABDAM - SPEAR IN HAND

Shishya School of Performing Arts

PUSHPANJALI

Deepa Mahadevan

BITE BACK

Extensions Dance Project

RIVER RAIN

Malini Variar

VARNAM - LORD VISHNU, MY BELOVED

Shishya School of Performing Arts

DEVI STHUTHI - PRAISE BE TO THE GODDESS

Shishya School of Performing Arts ft. choreography of Rama Vaidyanathan

TARANGAM

Neelima Raju

PHANTASM

Bridget Ryan

DURGE TILLANA - THE DEMON SLAYER

Shishya School of Performing Arts



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