



Deepali Vora

Choreography and Nattuvangam

Guru Deepali Vora acclaimed dancer, choreographer, and teacher of Bharata Natyam who has trained with masters of Tanjavur tradition, Guru Shri Madurai R Muralidharan, Smt. Chitra Muralidharan, & Smt.

Manimekalai of Nrithyakashethra Dance Academy Chennai India, holds over 200 dances to her credit. Founder of Nityashetra Bharata Natyam School of Dance in Southern California, 1997, Deepali, with her complex foot work mingled with her grace, expression, imagination and creativity gives her the unique style. Has trained and develop many young children into elegant for the past 19 years, installing discipline into their daily life. The Nityashetra Dance School, since its inception in the year of 2005 has been a performing platform for the senior dancer. Deepali Vora has been recipient of prestigious titles from Nityanjali Trust, Kalamandalam, and Music Academy Mylapore Chennai to name a few.

Nityashetra Dance School has performed for various organizations, Toyota, Boeing, Honda, Mattel, India Independence Day celebration, FIA, AFIA, Asia Pacific Museum, 100th Year celebration, Whole Foods Market, Women Day, Prana Pratistha Hanuman Temple Torrance CA, HOPE, promoting of cancer awareness, Pratistha Mahotsav, Buena Park CA & Mayor's event at The Westin Bonaventure Hotel CA. to name a few.

CREDITS

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NITYASHETRA DANCE SCHOOL

PRESENTS

DASARATHA KUMARA



JAMES ARMSTRONG THEATRE

SATURDAY JUNE 11TH 2016

Dasaratha Kumara

Dasaratha was the king of kurukshetra and a descendant of the Ikshvaku dynasty (also known as Suryavamsha or Raghuvamsa dynasty). Dasaratha was the son of Aja and Indumati. Dasaratha was the scion of Raghuvamsa and the king of Ayodhya. Dasaratha was famous for his miraculous ability to hunt blind and shooting arrows by hearing only the sound. He is the one who kept his promise to his wife, Kaikeyi.

Dasaratha had three wives who are his queen consorts, Kaushalya, Sumitra and Kaikeyi. Kaushalya was from the Kingdom of Magadha. Sumitra was from Kashi. Kaikeyi was from Kekeya Kingdom. Kaikeyi acted as Dasaratha's charioteer when he fought for the gods in the battle against Asuras. Kaikeyi saved Dasaratha's life during that battle.

Dasaratha had no sons. He was able to overcome that by performing the horse sacrifice. Dasaratha performed two yagnas with the help of Sage Rishyasringa on the advice of Vashista. One was the Ashwamedha and other was the Putrakameshti. As the conclusion of the Yagna, Agni sprang out from the yagnakunda (sacrificial fire pit) and handed Dasaratha a pot of kheer advising him to distribute it among his queens. Kaushalya ate half the kheer, Sumitra ate a quarter of it. Kaikeyi ate some and passed the pot back to Sumitra who consumed the kheer a second time. Dasaratha was blessed with four sons.

After consuming this divine drink, Rama was born to his first queen, Kausalya; Bharatha was born to his favorite queen, Kaikeyi; and Lakshmana and Shatrughna were born to his third queen, Sumitra.

Tumaka Chalata articulates Rama's anklets' sound when he walks and is heard everywhere. It talks about the childhood of Rama and his brothers.

Rama broke the mighty bow that could not even be lifted by Gods and won the hand of Janaka's daughter, Sita, in marriage. Sita was no ordinary girl. She was the incarnation of Goddess Lakshmi. She emerged from the earth when Janaka, King of Mithila, was plowing the sacred fields of the earth-goddess with his golden plow.

Rama is considered the embodiment of truth and morality, the ideal son and husband and above all, the ideal king. Rama radiated a divine aura from an early age. His noble and caring nature earned him the respect of the young and the old. To keep his father's promise, he exiled to the forest for 14 years and he lead a life of sage along with his wife, Sita and brother, Lakshmana.

In the forest, Sita was abducted by the demon king, Ravana of Lanka, with the help of demon Mareech, who disguised himself as a golden deer. Rama fought Ravana and brought Sita back, with the help of an army of monkeys and Hanuman.

PROGRAM

Welcome Dance

Mallari

Alarmel Mangai

Bho Shambo

Dasaratha Kumara Dance Drama

Sri Rama Jaya Jaya Gp 1

Janaki Ramana

Mahaganapatim Gp 1

Ellai Illa Inbam

Anandam Kondadam Azhaga

Indra Stuti

Mahaganapatim Gp 2

Idathu Padam

Sundar Gopal

Sri Rama Jaya Jaya Gp 2

Intermission

Alarippu

Jaya Durga

Pushpanjali

Mahisha Sura Mardhini

Shabdham Gp 1

Kavadi Sindu Gp 1

Shabdham Gp 2

Kaliyuga Varadhan

Kavadi Sindu Gp 2

Thillana

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