



Future Stages Festival 2019 Performance Group Biographies- Community Stage



Mudra Dance Academy

Performing Indian Classical and Bollywood Dances at 11:00AM



Joyeeta Chakraborty is the founder, instructor, and choreographer of MUDRA Dance Academy. Since 2003 her troupe has been rendering unforgettable dance routines both individually, and in groups entertaining Indian, Asian, and various other communities alike, the latest being in Nelson Atkins Museum in 2016 /2017/2018 for "Passport To India "celebration.



Team Shakespeare

*Performing **Shakespeare in Love** at 11:30AM*

Team Shakespeare is Kansas City's premiere Shakespearean Acting Company for metro area youth. Now in its eleventh year,

Team Shakespeare has performed all over the area and helped bring Shakespeare and theatre to many under-served communities. Made up of people age 12-18, Team Shakespeare is the apprentice acting troop of the Heart of America Shakespeare Festival and can be



seen before every HASF production serving up their acclaimed pre-show parody. Go to kcshakes.org for more information and to find out how you can get involved.

HK Chinese Folk Dance Group

*Performing **Joyful Mood, Colorful Fan and Faraway** at 12:00PM*



The HK Chinese Folk Dance Group provides services to the community in the form of Chinese Folk Dance. The dance group is very active in servicing the community and promoting Chinese folk dance culture.



En Gard, Bard! Stage Combat Workshop *Presented by Heart of America Shakespeare Festival*



Guests can participate at 12:30PM

Heart of America Shakespeare Festival's education programs enrich the lives of young people in the community by nurturing an early appreciation for Shakespeare. You're invited to participate in the *En Gard, Bard!* Stage Combat Workshop! Learn some of the basics and safety of stage combat with trained combatants! Also, don't miss Heart of America Shakespeare Festival's performance of

Shakespeare in Love running until July 8th in Southmoreland Park.

The Last Carnival Circus School

Performing at 1:00PM



The Last Carnival is the first and only circus arts school in Lawrence, KS devoted to performing arts, aerial dance, acrobatics, and whole-body fitness training for young folks and folks young at heart. The Last Carnival not only is a school but a performance troupe as well that travels regionally to provide circus productions that are enjoyable for the whole family. You can catch them at state and town fairs as well as private events and festivals.



Bharathanatyam from Chilanka School of Dance

Performing Pushpanjali and Kavuthuvam at 1:30PM



Chilanka School of Dance is committed in developing an environment that promotes student's interest and passion for the Classical Indian dance forms through systematic, structured and disciplined learning. The school offers classes in Bharathanatyam, which is a highly structured and codified form of dance and is taught in traditional progression of items, and Mohiniyattam, known as Dance of Enchantress, which involves delicate footsteps and subtle expressions and is taught in a flowing rhythmic structure.

Kansas City Ballet Community Engagement & Education: Community Dance Workshop

Guests can enjoy the workshop at 2:00PM



Kansas City Ballet reaches students and adults of all backgrounds and experience levels through dance workshops, in-school programming, behind the scenes studio tours, and specially priced school matinees held in the Muriel Kauffman Theatre. Kansas City Ballet also offers other unique education opportunities for adults wishing to expand their experience around the ballet's current repertory. More than

20,000 people – from students to working professionals to seniors – benefit from the ballet's community engagement programs annually.

Join KC Ballet's Reach Out and Dance teaching artist and dance students on stage for The ABC's of Dance workshop!



Kansas City Aerial Arts Training Company

*Performing **Something Bad, Trampoline, A Moment Apart, and On Fire** at 2:30PM*



Kansas City Aerial Arts' Training Company is a group of aerial and ground performers of all ages that creates and presents original work to Kansas City year-round. Students and Apprentices who join the program receive advanced education in strength building, act creation, and ensemble performance provided by qualified, high-level mentors.

The Charlie Parker Memorial Jazz Ensemble

Performing at 3:00PM



KC Arts Outreach is part of the Charlie Parker Memorial Foundation. They are a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing free and low-cost music arts education to underserved areas in Kansas City's Urban Core. The Charlie Parker Memorial Jazz Ensemble features youth between the ages of 13 – 17 performing traditional jazz music both instrumentally and vocally. They also compose their own music and will perform one of the selections at Future Stages Festival. This group is led by and will be joined by Greg Richter and Joe Straws Jr. who both have over 30 years of experience as professional jazz musicians.