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## *Welcome to the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center*

As time carries us through another breathtaking season, we've enjoyed every precious second with you. We know that whatever demanded your time before your arrival in these seats, it is an honor to be the place you chose to unwind and share in the healing power of togetherness.

Thank you for choosing this place and the people around you, celebrating our inclusive and engaging community. By gathering here, you are sharing in the transformative power of live performing arts experiences that inspire, connect, and uplift us all.

This season has ushered in spectacles of magic, dance, music, comedy, education and more. It's a pleasure to join in it all with you. Even more wonderful is the expanding reach we have been able to extend thanks to partnerships with inclusivity-focused organizations and donations that allow us to meet more members of our community. Thanks to so many motivated individuals, more memory-making awaits.

One of the most rewarding parts of attending live arts is the ripple effect. You come here to enjoy the moment with your community, and that very act of involvement allows more experiences to come.

When you have time, we encourage you to flip through these pages to learn more about the diverse and inclusive resources and programming offered here. Tell someone you know who may not realize they can benefit from what we offer. And let us know if you identify a need you'd like to see met. We want everyone to feel welcome and know you belong.

We look forward to experiencing, together, what the future will bring.

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To help all guests have a safe and enjoyable experience, we ask everyone to treat others with respect, kindness and compassion. To the best of your ability, please be mindful of the distractions you may be causing to your group and those around you.

## **THEATER COURTESY TIPS:**

### ***Arrive Early***

To avoid disruptions, please arrive on time and be mindful of others as you find your seat.

### ***Minimize Distractions***

Ensure your phone is turned off or set to silent mode and keep conversations to a whisper or avoid them entirely. If you need your device for specific accessibility support (such as GalaPro), please inform your nearby usher so they are aware.

### ***Photography and Videography are prohibited***

The Center's standard photo and video policy prohibits the use of cameras or recording devices in the theater. It's more fun when we're in the moment together! Please note that these policies may vary at the request of the artist.

### ***Be Discreet***

If you need to leave your seat during the performance, please do so quietly and considerately to avoid distracting others. During the performance, avoid talking, singing and rustling your drinks and snacks.

### ***Staff and Volunteers are here to help***

If you see something, please notify a volunteer or staff member as soon as possible so that it can be addressed.







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# KultureCity® Partnership Enhances Sensory Inclusive Experiences

As a multicultural gathering place, we believe in providing resources that allow everyone to experience the magic of live arts together – all ages, abilities and backgrounds that make up our community. Encouraged by the spirit of this mission, your Fox Cities Performing Arts Center has partnered with KultureCity to become Sensory Inclusive™ Certified.



Our exciting new partnership continues to expand efforts to provide sensory inclusive resources and programming each season. KultureCity's resources and training help to prevent or soothe sensory overload. Staff and volunteers at the Center will take annual sensory inclusive training courses to be prepared and stay aware of ways in which we can be most helpful.

If you or a loved one are seeking assistance, ask a volunteer, follow KultureCity signs, or go to our Information Desk in the Main Lobby. We want comfort to be easy to access so everyone knows they belong here.

***Now, thanks to this partnership, patrons have access to:***

- **designated quiet areas.**
- **sensory bags** available for checkout at the Information Desk in the Main Lobby containing fidget toys, visual cue cards, weighted lap pads, and noise-canceling headphones.
- **a downloadable app** that offers services like visual cue cards, a voice for nonverbal individuals, and a directory of other locations that share in this partnership.
- **the Center's social story**, which can be found on [foxcitiespac.com](http://foxcitiespac.com) on the accessibility page.



*"The Fox Cities P.A.C. is truly a gathering place for all. Through this great partnership with KultureCity, it can now be an even more rewarding experience for individuals with sensory sensitivities and their families, and it's our honor to help support this great endeavor."* – Dave and Kerry Gross, Keystone Fund donors

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From the characters, to the plot, to the singing and dancing, everything is completely improvised and will never be seen again! The cast is full of the best musical improvisers in NYC who have been seen on **Comedy Central**, **Adult Swim**, and on Broadway in shows such as ***Wicked***, ***The Prom***, ***The Book of Mormon***, ***Freestyle Love Supreme***, ***Hair*** and features a live band who are also making up everything as they go!

**The Improvised Broadway Musical** is a love letter to everything that makes Broadway special and all that makes improvisation unique. The cast has improvised musicals for audiences all over the world from sell-out runs at ***The Edinburgh Fringe Festival***, to ***The New York Comedy Festival***.

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# time for three

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TF3's longstanding history of collaboration with contemporary classical composers continues to thrive. They have worked closely with esteemed artists such as Chris Brubeck and Pulitzer Prize winners William Bolcom and Jennifer Higdon. Their most recent commission, *Contact*, composed by Pulitzer Prize winner Kevin Puts, premiered with the San Francisco Symphony and The Philadelphia Orchestra in the summer of 2022. This extraordinary piece, alongside Jennifer Higdon's *Concerto 4-3*, was released on Deutsche Grammophon under the album title *Letters for the Future*. Conducted by Xian Zhang, the album's exceptional quality propelled it onto the Billboard top 10 Classical Recordings charts. Additionally, it garnered a nomination for an Opus Klassik award and received a Grammy win in the Best Classical Instrumental Solo category.

Renowned for their charismatic and energetic performances, TF3 has garnered praise from

respected outlets including NPR, NBC, The Wall Street Journal, and the Chicago Sun-Times. They have graced illustrious stages such as Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center, and The Royal Albert Hall, effortlessly adapting their inimitable and versatile style to intimate venues like Joe's Pub in New York or Yoshi's in San Francisco. TF3 was featured on the acclaimed "Night of the Proms" tour, sharing stages with renowned artists like Chaka Khan and Ronan Keating across several European countries. Their collaborations span a diverse range of artists, including Ben Folds, Branford Marsalis, Joshua Bell, Aoife O'Donovan, Natasha Bedingfield, and Arlo Guthrie.

TF3's exceptional talents have not only earned them a Grammy win but also secured them an Emmy for their concert special, "Time For Three In Concert," produced by PBS. Their appetite for new experiences led them to collaborate with cellist and composer Ben Sollee, creating the soundtrack for Focus Features' film *Land*, directed by Robin Wright. Premiering at the Sundance Film Festival in January 2021, TF3 has teamed up with Grammy-winning songwriter Liz Rose and Grammy-winning producer Femke Weidema for new recordings released through Warner Music. They have also contributed to Summer Walker's R&B hit, *Constant Bullsxxxt*, showcasing their versatility across genres.

Time For Three's artistic achievements, fueled by their relentless pursuit of musical excellence, have solidified their status as a remarkable ensemble. Their Grammy win and extraordinary collaborations speak to their unwavering dedication to pushing creative boundaries and captivating audiences with their exceptional talent.



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# SONGS AND STORIES OF THE BLACK WOLF – WADE FERNANDEZ



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no bounds. Beginning his solo music career joining Jackson Browne & the Indigo Girls onstage has led to a long career with over 80 international tours rocking and soothing stages from Woodstock 94 to the Kennedy Center. His music and his message are firmly grounded in his ancestral roots and love for the land, animals, and people. A passion to educate, share music, serve community, share culture and honor Grandmother Earth is reflected throughout Wade's global presentations, speaking events, work with schools (k-college), serving the elderly, the mentally disabled, the incarcerated, and the youth.

*“Wade Fernandez is not only a world-renowned musician, but an incredibly gifted teacher. And I'm not just talking about music, but also history, and Menominee culture and language. I have had the pleasure to co-teach with Wade for going on two years, and have been humbled by his teaching style and substance time and again. I cannot even begin to describe how important Wade is as an educator, because so much of his life and reputation is tied to his music, but please know that Wade is hands-down an incredible leader and role model inside and outside the classroom.”*

-Dr. Bryan Rindfleisch, Associate Professor of History,  
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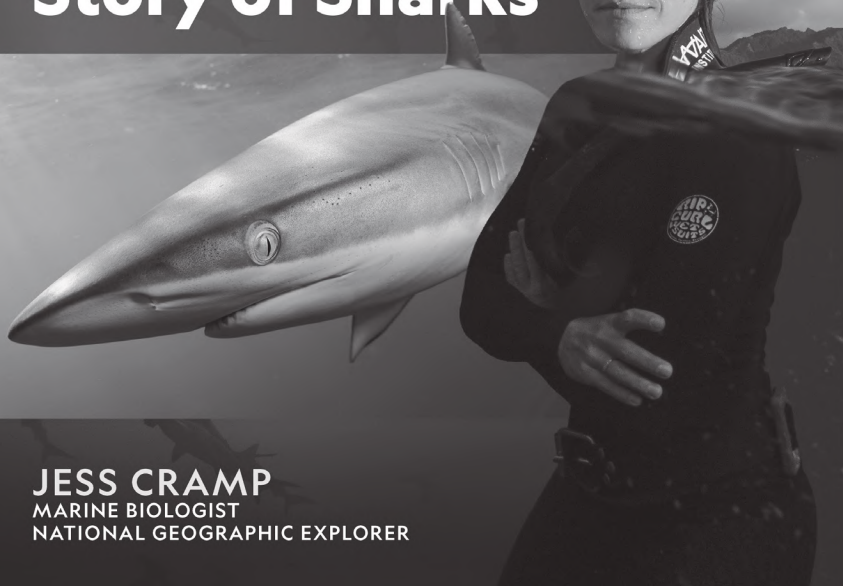
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Sharks have roamed the planet's waters since before the dinosaurs and have evolved into more than 500 species. But only recently have we begun to understand their lives—and how our actions can threaten their survival. Dr. Jess Cramp taps into the National Geographic archives to discover the work of 20th-century women leading shark science and storytelling before she dives into her own cutting-edge research and conservation. Swim alongside her under the vibrant waters of the South Pacific to find out what it truly means to save sharks.



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Dr. Jess Cramp is a shark researcher who specializes in conservation policy and engaging communities in the management of their ocean. Jess co-championed a grassroots campaign that resulted in the Cook Islands Shark Sanctuary in 2012, an area exceeding 770,000 square miles. She is the founder and executive director of Sharks Pacific, a non-profit organization that conducts research, outreach, and advocacy throughout the Pacific Islands region.

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# KATHA DANCE THEATRE: PRAKRITIR PRATISODH – NATURE’S REVENGE!



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All matter is composed of five basic elements - *The Panchamahabhutas*: Earth, Water, Fire, Air and Space. These elements embody the physical and energetic attributes of both the human body and the physical world, exerting a profound influence on our physical, mental, and emotional well-being. When these elements exist in harmonious balance, we experience inner peace and robust health. Conversely, when they fall out of equilibrium, suffering and discontentment may ensue.

Currently, we are living in an age filled with environmental challenges and relentless climatic destruction. The world is undergoing rapid transformations, evoking feelings of unease and apprehension within us all. *Prakritir Pratisodh* attempts to increase awareness and comprehension of the laws of nature while demonstrating the impact of human activities causing disruption of the equilibrium. It presents a series of dance vignettes depicting the natural forces that were once in harmony and are now threatened by human induced environmental alterations. Yet, it also conveys a message of hope, emphasizing the responsibility to shape our collective destiny.

### **PROGRAM**

#### ***Panchabhutas - The five basic elements of nature***

Earth, Water, Fire, Air, and Space

Music by Jayanta Banerjee

Dancers: KDT Company

#### ***Shrishti and Prakriti***

#### ***- Song of Creation and cosmic energy***

from Rigveda

Music by Sharat Srivastav

Dancers: KDT Company

#### ***Manav aur Prakriti***

#### ***- Humans in equilibrium with nature***

Music by Pandit Birju Maharaj

Dancers: KDT Apprentices & Company

#### ***Pradushan - Pollution***

Music by Jayanta Banerjee

Dancers: KDT Company & Apprentices

#### ***Pratisodh - Revolt***

Live vocalization and dance by KDT

Company & apprentices

#### ***Durjog - Disaster***

Music by Rajeeb Chakraborty

Dancers: KDT Company & Apprentices

#### ***Roksha, a prayer - Save and protect***

Music by Sharat Srivastav

Dancers: KDT Company & Apprentices

### **ARTISTIC PERSONNEL**

#### **Concept, choreography, direction:**

Rita Mustaphi

#### **Music Composition in India:**

Jayanta Banerjee, Sharad Srivastava, Rajeev Chakraborty and Pandit Birju Maharaj

#### **Costume design and construction in India:**

Maitreyee Pahari

### **CAST**

**Rita Mustaphi** - The storyteller

#### **The Elements in nature (Company dancers of Katha Dance Theatre)**

Shilpi Chatterjee - Earth

Nivedita Sahni - Water

Rupa Nair - Fire

Sarika Haris - Air

Aaratrika Mondal - Space

#### **People on Earth (Apprentice Dancers of Katha Dance Theatre)**

Rohini Chatwani, Siona Haris, Kamala

Nair, Ajay Patel, Saniya Patel and Aanchal Sahni

### **CREW**

#### **Production Manager and Lighting**

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## About Katha Dance Theatre

Katha Dance Theatre (KDT) creates, performs and educates through the art forms of dance, music, poetry and storytelling. Rooted in Kathak, the classical dance style of Northern India, KDT is dedicated to making dance accessible, inclusive and relevant. It enhances the local community by bridging diverse cultures and audiences to contribute to life's infinite artistic expressions.

## About Kathak Dance

Kathak (pronounced "Kah-tahk") is an Indian classical dance tradition native to North India. Its origins can be traced back to as early as 400 BCE, when it began as a form of sharing stories, myths, and Hindu scripture in temples and royal courts. Characterized by both rhythmic and lyrical elements, it features graceful hand gestures, pirouettes, and complex footwork, performed with expressiveness and precision. Over the centuries, it has grown to incorporate diverse influences and viewpoints with KDT at the forefront of its artistic evolution.

## ARTIST BIOGRAPHIES

### CHOREOGRAPHER

**Rita Mustaphi** founded KDT with the goal of making Kathak relevant and accessible across lines of generation, culture, and community. Over three decades, she has built a reputation as an innovative, risk-taking artist; introduced Kathak to a global audience and garnered countless awards for her choreography and leadership.

Ms. Mustaphi has choreographed more than fifty original dance works. Notably, she has performed at New York's Carnegie Hall, at the prestigious Khajuraho Dance Festival in Madhya Pradesh, India, among other venues worldwide. Her collaborative choreographic credits include *Karna - the Abandoned Hero* (2013) with J.D. Steele; *EKAM - The Supreme Oneness* (2011) with Robert Robinson, and *Sufiana - The Sufi Ecstasy* (2016) with Pooja Goswami Pavan as well as *The Hungry Stones* (2018), *Ritu - the Seasons* (2018). Ms. Mustaphi is a roster artist for COMPAS. She is also a recipient of three McKnight Fellowships for choreography, a Leadership award from the Council of Asian Pacific Minnesotans, a 2011 Lifetime Achievement award from the India Association of Minnesota and a 2012 Education award from the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts. In 2021, she received

a Women's Empowerment award from the Indian Council for Cultural Relations. She is a recipient of the McKnight Fellowship Award for choreography in 2023.

### KDT COMPANY

**Shilpi Chatterjee** pursued her Kathak dance education in India for a decade before relocating to Minnesota where she is continuing her training under the guidance of Guru Rita Mustaphi at KDT. She received awards at many district-level dance competitions in India and has showcased her talents with the Bengali Association of Minnesota. In 2021, she received the Jury Award at the Urvashi Dance, Music, Art, and Culture Society's international talent competition. Her performance credits with KDT include *Shaamya - Of Equality* (2021), *Black Candle* (2022), and *Kathak E-motion* (2023), *Ganga - A Choreographic Odyssey*. She has participated in workshops led by the esteemed late Pandit Birju Maharaj and Ms. Saswati Sen.

**Sarika Haris** began her dance journey in India, where she studied Bharatanatyam, the South Indian classical dance style, for over nine years. She joined KDT as a student under Guru Rita Mustaphi in 1999. Her selected performance credits with KDT as a company member include *Panchatantra* (2024), *Kathak E-motion* (2023), *Ganga - A Choreographic Odyssey* (2024), *Shaamya - Of Equality* (2021), *The Hungry Stones* (2018) *Ritu - The Seasons* (2018), *Sufiana - the Sufi Ecstasy* (2016), *Pourush - The Masculine* (2015); *Rubaiyat - Life in a Day* (2014), *In Retrospect* (2012), and the lead role in KDT's production of *Chandalika - The Untouchable*. A student of Kathak masters Pandit Birju Maharaj and Ms. Saswati Sen, she performed in India's Khajuraho Dance Festival in 2017. Sarika has been a KDT instructor since 2017 and a Company member since 2002.

**Rupa Nair** began her dance career at Mumbai's Sri Rajarajeshwari Bharatha Natya Kala Mandir, where she studied Bharatanatyam for ten years and for which she has won awards at state and district-level dance competitions. Rupa joined KDT as a student of KDT in 2012, and has since studied Kathak under her guru Ms. Rita Mustaphi and masters Pandit Birju Maharaj and Ms. Saswati Sen. Her performance credits with KDT include *Ganga - A Choreographic Odyssey*, *Panchatantra* (2024), *Kathak E-motion* (2023), *Ritu* (2018), *Sufiana* (2016), *Rubaiyat* (2014) and a leading

role in KDT's 2015 production of *Pourush – the Masculine*. Rupa has also been an instructor with KDT from 2017-2018.

**Nivedita Sahni** first studied Kathak at the Jaipur school of Kathak dance and the Kathak Kendra School in New Delhi, India. Locally, she has studied under Rita Mustaphi for over a decade and participated in workshops with the late Pandit Birju Maharaj and Ms. Saswati Sen. Her performance credits with KDT include *Panchatantra* (2024), *Ganga - A Choreographic Odyssey* (2024), *Kathak E-motion* (2023), *Shaamya - Of Equality* (2021), *The Hungry Stones* (2018), a leading role in *Pourush - The Masculine*, (2015), *Ritu - The Seasons*, (2018), *Sufiana - The Sufi Ecstasy* (2016), *The Rubaiyat - Life in a Day* (2014), and *Karna - The Abandoned Hero* (2013). Nivedita has been a member of KDT's Company since 2008 and is a Kathak instructor at KDT school.

**Aaratrika Mondal** began learning Kathak at KDT in 2014 under the guidance of Guru Rita Mustaphi and has since taken workshops with Kathak legend late Pandit Birju Maharaj, his disciples guru Saswati Sen and guru Durga Arya-Krüger. In April of 2021, she won her age group in the Kathak solo performance category at the Bharathotsav International, Virtual Dance Competition in Ottawa, Canada. She has performed in KDT's production of *Black Candle* (2022), *Kathak E-motion* (2023), *Ganga: A Choreographic Odyssey* (2024) and *Panchatantra* (2024). This is her first season as a member of KDT's Company.

## KDT APPRENTICES

**Rohini Chatwani** began learning Kathak at KDT in 2014 and has since studied with masters like the late Pandit Birju Maharaj, Ms. Saswati Sen and Durga Arya-Krüger. Her performance credits include *Panchatantra* (2024), *Ganga - A Choreographic Odyssey* (2024), *Kathak E-motion* (2023), *Black Candle* (2022). This is her second season as a KDT apprentice.

**Aanchal Sahni** began studying Kathak under the guidance of giri Rita Mustaphi at KDT in 2007 and attended the master classes offered by Pandit Birju Maharaj and guru Saswati Sen. Her performance credits include *Rubaiyat - Life in a Day* (2014) and *Pourush - the Masculine* (2015).

**Saniya Patel** started dancing with KDT in 2020. She began learning Kathak with her previous guru, Kiran Chouhan, in 2016. She has attended

workshops with Guru Saswati Sen in previous years. This is her first KDT professional show dancing as an apprentice member.

**Kamala Nair** started learning Kathak dance at Katha Dance Theatre in 2006 under the guidance of teacher Mukta Sathe. She has attended intensive workshops with Kathak legend Pandit Birju Maharaj and Guru Saswati Sen. She performed KDT's production of *Ritu - the Season* in 2018. This is his second season as a KDT apprentice.

**Ajay Patel** began learning Kathak at KDT in 2020 and has since studied with masters like Durga Arya-Krüger. Prior to starting with KDT, he studied bharatanatyam for over 5 years with Ragamala Dance Company. His performance credits include *Panchatantra* (2024), *Ganga - A Choreographic Odyssey* (2024), *Black Candle* (2022). This is his second season as a KDT apprentice.

**Siona Haris** began learning Kathak at KDT in 2014 under the guidance of Guru Rita Mustaphi and has since attended workshops with Kathak legend late Pandit Birju Maharaj, his disciples guru Saswati Sen and guru Durga Arya-Krüger. She performed in KDT's production of *Ganga - A Choreographic Odyssey* (2024). This is her second season as a KDT apprentice.

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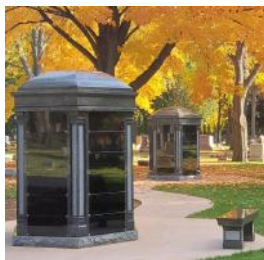
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