

# THOUSAND FACES FESTIVAL

# MYTH COUNTRY FAIR 2023

PRESENTED BY:



**JULY 14TH & 15TH, 6:45PM:**

An enchanting, intimate evening of mythic performances and free food!

**JULY 16TH, 1:00PM:**

Family friendly fun!

**JULY 16TH, 3:00PM:**

New mythic play readings!



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# EVENING PERFORMANCES & FEAST

## PROGRAM NOTES - JULY 14TH & 15TH, 6:45PM:



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- **Kreena Patel - KaranaKruti**

Choreography by: Kreena Patel

Special Thanks: to my dance teacher and Guru Dr. Smriti Vaghela, who is a professor at M. S. University of Baroda. Under her guidance, I have received training of Karanas that I have performed today.

- **Asia Weinkauff-Bowman - The Ether Journey**

Created and performed by: Asia Weinkauff-Bowman

Content Advisories: Death & dying.

Special Thanks: to my mom and dad, who have been guiding me through the Ether Journey my whole life.

- **Antonio Bavaro - The Trials of Irpinia**

Created and performed by: Antonio Bavaro

Special Thanks: to my Zio Gerardo Bavaro (RIP) & Zia Angela Turturro.

- **Anna Marie Sewell - Indigi-Noir Readings**

Readings from *Humane* and *Urbane*, by Anna Marie Sewell, published by Stonehouse in 2020 and 2023.

Content Advisories: Foul language, allusion to physical violence.

Special Thanks: to Stonehouse Publishing, Thousand Faces Festival, and Cher Barrett.

- **Hebert Poll Gutiérrez - Yoka's Flower (video presentation)**

Written & Directed by: Hebert Poll Gutiérrez

General Producer: Rodolfo Ortega Arnaiz

Storyteller: Marconio Vázquez (Mexico)

Production Company: Imaginante S.C (Mexico)

Special Thanks: to my mother Gladys Felicia Gutiérrez Rodriguez.

- **Mingle Ensemble, with Marcus Fung & Herman Lau - Tales Wise and Wonderful**

Jia Jia Yong: Music and Movement

Yeng Chang: Storytelling

Herman Lau: Movement

Marcus Fung: Music and Storytelling

Both nights will feature the story of a foolish stone cutter and the story of a diva musician & the story of a wise farmer and the adventures of seven sisters.

- **Usha Kala Niketan - Bharatanatyam & Kathak Dance**

**Friday, July 14th:** Item: Thillana | Raga: Hamsadvani | Tala: Adi

Choreography by: Usha Gupta

Performer: Thariniy Sutharsan

Item: Tarana from Mughal Period | Tala: Ektaal | Raga: Pahadi

Choreography by: Aamarapalli, adapted by Usha Gupta

Performer: Indu S.

**Saturday, July 15th:** Item: Thillana | Raga: Kuntalavarali | Tala: Adi

Choreography by: Usha Gupta

Performers: Thariniy Sutharsan & Siva Kannan

Item: Teen Taal | Taal: Teen Taal

Choreography by: Usha Gupta

Performers: Navneet Athwal, Nitu Jiwnani, & Harneet Kaur

- **Natasha Riddell - Echoes**

Created and performed by: Natasha Riddell

- **Karilagan Dance Society - For Apo**

Choreography/Direction: Jeannine Kroening

Musicians: Jonah Andres and John Naboye

Dancers: Dante Abuan, Isabella Abuan, William Bautista, Kayla Domingo, Meteah Indradat, Christine Naboye, Jayden Naboye, Keoni Malbog-Tan

Content Advisories: Male dancers will be dancing in a traditional loincloth called a "bahag."

Special thanks: Ate Memen and Ate Grace for their support in this project!

## FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN!

# PROGRAM NOTES - JULY 16TH, 1:00PM:

- **Theatre Prospero's Mythic Quest Ensemble** - *The Timeless Travellers in the Quest for the Lost Shield!*

Directed by: Jennifer Spencer      Stage Manager: Galen Hite      Designer: Rebecca Cypher  
Script by: Jaysel Arroyo, Angie Bustos, Natasha Riddell, Jennifer Spencer, & Asia Weinkauff-Bowman  
Celia: Jaysel Arroyo | Apollo: Angie Bustos | Frank: Brennan Campbell | Juniper: Asia Weinkauff-Bowman  
Content Advisories: Optional audience interaction & games.  
Special thanks: Kim, Edmonton Arts Council, Norwood Neighbourhood Association



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- **Usha Kala Niketan** - *Karakattam Folk Dance*

Karakattam Folk Dance is an ancient folk dance of Tamil Nadu performed in praise of the rain goddess Mariamman. The ancient Tamil epic says that this type of dance derived from Bharatham and a mixture of multiple forms of Tamil dance forms like Bharatanatyam postures and mudras. The offering of this dance is to the goddess to bless rain.

Choreography by: Usha Gupta      Performers: Thariniy Sutharsan & Siva Kannan

## NEW MYTHIC PLAY READINGS

# PROGRAM NOTES - JULY 16TH, 3:00PM:

- **Hebert Poll Gutiérrez** - *The Great Race*

Written by: Hebert Poll Gutiérrez      Directed by: Mark Henderson  
Actors: Brennan Campbell, Tatiana Duque, Mark Henderson, Amanda Samuelson  
Music: Lazaro Ross and Olorum Folkloric Group, Cuba; Folkloric Group Afrocuba from Matanzas, Cuba.  
Special Thanks: to my mother Gladys Felicia Gutiérrez Rodriguez.



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- **Samantha Fraughton** - *The Homeric Hymn to Demeter, Kind of*

Playwright: Samantha Fraughton      Director: Alix Reynolds      Sound Design: Zac Strom  
Larry: Michael Peng | Demeter: Julie Golosky | Persephone: Kira Hickey | Hades/Dad/Zeus: Gus  
Content Advisories: Strong language, drug references.  
Special Thanks: to Zach Vansen & to the Thousand Faces Festival for supporting this show and bringing us back to develop the script to its full length.



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**Thank you to:** Alyssa Short, Sasidevi Caster

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