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PENINSULA INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL
ANNOUNCES ROSTER OF 200+ ACCLAIMED ARTISTS AND COMPANIES
PERFORMING TRADITIONAL WORLD DANCE, MUSIC FROM
ARMENIA, BOLIVIA, CAMBODIA, CHINA, CONGO, INDIA, JAPAN,
MEXICO, PERU, PHILIPPINES, SPAIN, USA;
JULY 19 + 20, 2025, SAN MATEO PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

www.peninsulalivelyarts.org

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Credit Vin Eiamvuthikorn

San Mateo, Calif. (June 13, 2025) — The **Peninsula International Dance Festival** today proudly announced the roster of more than 200 artists from 21 diverse dance companies—all led by master teachers and choreographers—who will take the stage in this year's two-day celebration of magnificent traditional world dance and music. Two matinee performances at 2 p.m. will take place on Saturday, July 19 and Sunday, July 20 at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center, located at 600 North Delaware Street.

This 4th annual edition of the festival arrives at a pivotal moment amid painful national discourse on issues of immigration and cultural identity. This year, the festival is more than an event - it is bold act of cultural pride and unity in an era of division. Amid rising nationalism, travel bans, and attacks on immigrant communities, this festival stands as a powerful reminder that art transcends borders, celebrates our differences, and reclaims the human right to connect and belong.

Interim Executive Director of Peninsula Lively Arts Debbie Chinn said, "At the Peninsula International Dance Festival, we offer more than just performances—we invite audiences on a journey across borders, a passport to

the world through movement. Dance is a bridge, connecting hearts and stories beyond politics or geography in a thoughtful affirmation of astonishing world heritage.”

Debbie Chinn continued, “There are no barriers, no walls—only an open invitation to experience the beauty of our shared humanity. We are stronger, more vibrant, and more united when we come together, now more than ever before. It is a privilege for us to share these traditions with you.”

Audiences can expect a brilliant tapestry of rhythm, movement, and storytelling that spans five continents, featuring work from **Armenia, Bolivia, Cambodia, China, Congo/Brazzaville, India, Japan, Mexico, Peru, the Philippines, Spain,** and the **U.S.A.** This year’s program will offer everything from the fiery passion of Spanish flamenco to the exuberance of Bollywood and classical Indian dance forms such as Kathak, Odissi and Bharatanatyam; from the thunderous power of Japanese Taiko to the primal energy of Congolese drumming; from the Andean highlands of Peru and Bolivia to the enduring legacies of Armenia, China, and the Philippines; to the traditional folk dances of Appalachia and today’s beats of urban American hip-hop and breakdancing.

The festival remains a beloved summer tradition in the Bay Area, drawing enthusiastic crowds and families each year. It offers an immersive cultural experience, showcasing dazzling global dance performances—some rooted in centuries-old customs, others offering bold, contemporary interpretations. Artists resplendent in vibrant, authentic costumes will deliver unforgettable performances marked by precision, passion, and cultural pride.

Festival tickets are now on sale and may be purchased online www.peninsulalivelyarts.org. Two different programs are scheduled for each of the performances set for Saturday, July 19 at 2 p.m. and Sunday, July 20 at 2 p.m. at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center, 600 North Delaware St., San Mateo.

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The Peninsula International Dance Festival is produced by Peninsula Lively Arts, a San Mateo-based not-for-profit organization and home to Peninsula Ballet Theatre, the Peninsula School of the Arts, and Peninsula Hip-Hop Productions. Additionally, Peninsula Lively Arts is San Mateo’s artistic hub for over 15 dance companies renting studio space for weekly classes in ballroom, musical theater, kathak, tap, Pilates, and music instruction.

INTRODUCING THE 2025 PENINSULA INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL ARTIST ROSTER **(artists are not listed in performance order)**

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025 AT 2 P.M.

Association of Ramayatush Ohlone (Native American)
Charya Burt Cambodian Dance (Cambodia)
Chitresh Das Dance (India)
Ensembles Ballet Folklórico de San Francisco (Mexico)
Gurus of Dance (India)
International Performing Arts of America (China)
Jubilee American Dance Theatre (USA)
Melissa Cruz Flamenco (Spain)
Parangal Dance Company (Philippines)
Perú Expressions (Peru)
Taiko SOBA (Japan)

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025 AT 2 P.M.

ARAX Dance (Armenia)
Ballet Folklórico Mexicano de Carlos Moreno (Mexico)
Ballet Nlolo Kongo (Congo/Brazzaville)
Calpulli Tonalehqueh (Native Mexico)
Feng Ye Dance (China)
Kantuta Ballet Folklórico de Bolivia (Bolivia)
Peninsula Ballet Theatre (USA)
Stuck Sanders (USA)
TaalSutra (India)
Theatre Flamenco of San Francisco (Spain)
Tradición Peruana (Peru)

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