

<b>SOUTH ASIAN AMERICAN ARTS FESTIVAL Curated by Subashini Ganesan, New Expressive Works. Funded in part by RACC (Equity Grant) &amp; PICA (Space and Technical Support)</b>				
<b>All events occur at PICA - 15 NE Hancock Avenue unless noted.</b>				
<b>All events are FREE unless a Dollar figure is indicated.</b>				
<b>Multi-media art work for public viewing at all times of the festival by Aruni Dharmakriti (NYC/PDX), Chitra Ganesh (NYC, courtesy of KSMoca), Garima Thakur, and Sabina Haque (PDX).</b>				
Time	Thursday - March 8th	Friday - March 9th	Saturday - March 10th	Sunday - March 11th
10:00am - 11:30am	"Embodied Inquiry: Desirable Conversations" by Neera Malhotra, Assistant Professor at Portland State University. Desirable Conversations is a series of interview-based theater work exploring the understanding of sexuality by young women with intellectual disabilities. (FREE)	"Unlocking Creativity, Finding your own Voice" by Pireeni Sundaralingam, co-editor of "Indivisible: An Anthology of Contemporary South Asian American Poetry," winner of the 2011 N. California Book Award & PEN Josephine Miles Award. Jump into a series of playful creative writing exercises that explore how our sensory perceptions and our memories can help to tell our own unique stories. (FREE)	Panel Discussion on Teaching and Performing South Indian Dance forms in Current day America - Moderator: Smt. Vasanti Jayaswal. Panelists: Mini Jairaj, Yashaswini Raghuram, Sweta Ravishankar. (FREE)	
11:00 AM	KOLAM/RANGOLI INSTALLATION - Community members creating floor art using rice flour. They will be around to answer questions and to help visitors to try their hand at this art-form. This art-form is present in Hindu homes and community spaces across the Indian subcontinent. This will be a progressively growing installation.			
12:00pm - 1:30pm	LUNCHTIME CONVERSATION - Social Justice & Activism by South Asian Portlanders. Confirmed panelists:- Muzammil Afzal (SE UpLift) and Nafisah Ula (New Orleans Worker Center for Racial Justice). (FREE TO ATTEND. SOUTH INDIAN BROWN BAG LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR \$5)	LUNCHTIME CONVERSATION WITH ARTISTS - Aruni, Sabina Haque, Roshani Thakore, and more. (FREE TO ATTEND. SOUTH INDIAN BROWN BAG LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR \$5)	LUNCHTIME PERFORMANCE - Young Dancers/Folk Dancers (FREE TO ATTEND. FIJIAN BROWN BAG LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR \$5 - \$7)	LUNCHTIME PRESENTATION - Introduced and Moderated by Priya Kapoor. Presenter is Dr. Geetanjali Joshi - Bauls from Bengal and how the Bhakti poets of India have influenced the poetry of Allen Ginsberg and the Bauls, the music of Bob Dylan. (FREE TO ATTEND. SOUTH INDIAN BROWN BAG LUNCH AVAILABLE - TBA)
12:00pm - 1:00pm			OFFSITE - Portland Art Museum - Free Museum Day - Pireeni Sundaralingam reading & discussion	
2:00pm - 4:00pm			OFFSITE - COLLINS GALLERY at MULTNOMAH CENTRAL LIBRARY ( <a href="https://multcolib.org/events/reimagining-home-cultural-journey-south-asian-americans-opening-reception/85009">https://multcolib.org/events/reimagining-home-cultural-journey-south-asian-americans-opening-reception/85009</a> ) - Prajwal Vajracharya, Vasanti Chechi, Pireeni Sundaralingam, Aruni, Sabina	
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3:00pm - 5:00pm	Visiting hours for Art Installations (FREE)	Nepali Dance Workshop - Prajwal Vajracharya - ( <a href="http://www.dancemandal.com/portland-temple/">http://www.dancemandal.com/portland-temple/</a> ) (FREE)		THE FUSION PROJECT - YOUTH JAZZ/INDIAN MUSIC PERFORMANCE & MUSIC JAM SESSION (FREE)
<b>PAID PASSES OR INDIVIDUAL TICKETS REQUIRED FOR THE REST OF THE EVENING (\$35.00 for Friday- Sunday + \$20.00 Thursday Dinner; See individual ticket prices below.)</b>				
5:00pm - 6:30pm			FAMILY FRIENDLY Dandiya CLASS & Party (\$10 walk up tickets; Free kids entry); Instructors: Priti Shah & Sruti Raghavan of the Gulabi Gang	
5:30pm - 6:30pm				Samita Sinha. NOTE: Max 60 Audience members. (\$15 walk-up tickets)
7:00pm - 8:30pm	OPENING FESTIVAL DINNER- CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (\$20.00 for Indian Vegetarian Dinner, Opening Remarks. Partly sponsored by the Portland International Women's Day Organization.)			CLOSING CEREMONY (FREE)
7:30pm - 9:00pm		Minita Gandhi - MUTHALAND (\$15 walk-up tickets)	OPEN MIC - On themes of Friendship, Art, Culture, and Collaboration - MC Raahi Reddy (METRO Director of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Program. (\$10 walk up tickets)	
9:30pm Onwards		DJ Anjali Dance Night (\$15 walk-up tickets)	DJ Anjali - Dhandiya Dance Party (\$15 walk-up tickets)	