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Kalapriya

Kalapriya Center for Indian Performing Arts was founded in Chicago in 1994 by critically acclaimed dancer and teacher Pranita Jain. Kalapriya's programming supports India's performing arts traditions through its dance troupe and dance classes, and through the presentation of Indian artists to American audiences, and educational outreach in various community settings.

Kalapriya Dance is a professional performance group that presents various styles of Indian dance that include, classical, folk and contemporary. Public performances are presented locally, nationally and internationally, including performances at such venues as the Smithsonian Institute, in Washington DC, the Art Institute of Chicago, Symphony Space in New York City and Darpana Academy, Ahemdabad, India.

Kalapriya presents professional level instruction of Bharata Natyam with classes in [two Chicago metropolitan area locations](#). As a presenter of Indian performing arts, Kalapriya showcases the work of Indian artists of the highest caliber. Musicians, dancers and choreographers working in a variety of disciplines and from different regions of India are presented. Kalapriya has also facilitated [cultural artistic exchanges](#). Kalapriya also works with local and national organizations to present artists to broader audiences.

Kalapriya has a working relationship with the [Indian Council on Cultural Relations \(ICCR\)](#), which fosters mutual understanding between India and other countries and cultural exchanges. Through ICCR Kalapriya sponsors performing artists as they tour the United States.

<http://www.kalapriya.org/index.html>

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"Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed." -
Mahatma Gandhi

Hinduism is a way of life, with diversity of religion, and Indian teachings share the
importance of *seva* (service).

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Om! Asatoma Sadgamaya, Tamasoma Jyotirgamaya, Mrityorma Amritamgamaya,
Om Shantih, Shantih, Shantih!

(Aum! Lead the world from wrong path to the right path, from ignorance to
knowledge, from mortality to immortality, and peace!)

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