



INDIA COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL CENTER, INC. (ICRCC)

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Spring 2019



Newsletter

SPECIAL GENERAL BODY MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED SHORTLY. THE DATE/TIME/LOCATION WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO ICRCC MEMBERS SEPERATELY

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Upcoming Events Summary:

Date	Event	Place	Contact	Additional Notes
March 31	Holi 	Manlius Recreation Center	Falguni Vora Disha Manocha	Members/children/students: \$5 Non Members: \$10 Children under 5:Free
April 12	Mallika Sarabhai Dance	Everson Museum	See attached flier for details	\$8 for members
May 4	Spring Festival	Lincoln Middle School	Falguni Vora	Additional details coming soon
August 18	India Day Picnic	TBD	Surabhi Raina, Bala Murthy	Additional details coming soon
November 2	Diwali	TBD	Surabhi Raina, Disha Manocha	Additional details coming soon

Information on events is listed on our website, at <http://www.icrcc.org/culturalprograms.html>

Dear friends,

2019 will be an amazing year with many festive events scheduled this year. We cherish our community through the commitment of the board members, and our enthusiasm for the upcoming year will foster many memories for this diverse community. The Holi Celebration is coming up on Sunday, March 31st and I eagerly look forward to celebrating with you all. The flier will be available within this newsletter.

On May 4th, we are planning the annual Spring Festival which is one of our most popular events. Children and adults will be able to present their talents in the form of music, dance and short plays. There will be a variety of food from different parts of India. The signup application form for the performing artists will be available soon. We need volunteers to showcase this great event. This is a community event for the benefit of the community, and we ask for your enthusiastic participation. Please touch base with me if you can assist in this event.

We will be hosting a special General Body Meeting to address the possibility of acquiring a building for ICRCC. The exact date/time/location will be communicated to the ICRCC members shortly. All details pertaining to this process will be addressed at that time, as well as pros and cons if this purchase comes to fruition. Your feedback is very important as many questions, comments and concerns can be discussed in an open forum. I hope to see everyone for this amazing opportunity ahead of us.

The Annual General Body meeting will be held on Saturday, November 16th and our goal is to revise the bylaws to reflect the operations of our organization. In addition,

Please add the events in the newsletter to your calendar and further developments will be updated to you throughout the year.

ICRCC would like to remind our members that any other public/private events presented to the board can be circulated if it does not conflict with the programs we organize.

Let's celebrate Holi and look forward to an entertaining year!

Sincerely,
Sanjeev Kumar
icrcpresident@gmail.com

Greetings from the Editor

Namaskar:

Happy to be your ICRCC's newsletter editor again this year! I look forward to continuing this "dialogue" with the community here- my extended family. Please continue to share local news, and events pertaining to our community, so that we can distribute it to the community at large. I also encourage you to submit articles related to Indian history, philosophy, local customs/traditions, and festivals to us for inclusion in this newsletter. You can also submit anecdotes about your recent trips to India, or remembrances of years gone by.

Last year we were able to support many local and internationally known artists for cultural events. All this was possible because of member contribution. We ask that you continue to support this organization and become a member. Membership information is listed below. If you happen to know any newcomers to our town, please let us know. We will be happy to provide the required community information, so they can consider Syracuse as their new home for many many years to come.

Old man winter is almost gone, and warm weather is coming, with "paradise like"- conditions anticipated right here in our Central New York!

Stay healthy and connected

Yours

Shridevi Karikehalli

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ICRCC Membership

- Regular Yearly Membership, Family: \$50. Single: \$30
- Permanent Lifelong Membership, Family: \$1000. Single: \$750.

Preferred method of payment online: <http://www.icrcc.org/membership.html>

OR mail a check to:

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If you have any questions, please contact the membership committee:

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ICRCC PRESENTS



SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST 2019, 3 - 7 PM

**Join us for a fun filled afternoon festivity of colors,
music, dance, games and light snacks**

Suggested Dress Code : White

**Members / Students / Children Age 5-12 : \$5
Non- members : \$10 , Children under Age 5 : Free**

**Village of Manlius, 6 Stickley Dr
(Off Rt 92, behind Fire Station)**

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Srinivasa Ramanujan

Submitted by: N V Suryanarayana

The mathematical prodigy (or phenomenon) Ramanujan was born in Erode in South India on Thursday, December 22, 1887. His mother Komalathammal sang bhajans (devotional songs) at the temple, where she got meager offerings.

When he was just two years old he suffered an attack of small pox but fortunately he recovered completely.

Even at the tender age of ten years he was challenging his teachers. When one of the teachers stated that when a number is divided by itself the result is one, Ramanujan immediately enquired if zero divided by zero would also be one!

His mathematical powers were put to good use even when he was in school. A fairly large number of students - in different grades and different subjects - had to be assigned to various sections. This was a tedious task for the teachers. Recognizing Ramanujan's capabilities, the task was handed over to him, which he accomplished with ease.

By the time he was thirteen he had mastered S.L. Loney's trigonometry. When he was awarded a prize for mathematics at a ceremony when he was about 17, the head master introduced him to the audience as a student who deserved higher than the maximum – “he was off-the charts”!

A few years later people in the mathematics field told him that there was no one in India who could help him to continue his studies and that he should seek someone in the U.K. He wrote to three people indicating the lines on which he was working and whether they could help him. Two of them showed no interest but G.R. Hardy, a great mathematician, found that he was a genius and wanted him to come to the U.K.

But there was a problem. In India travel overseas was considered as polluting and was forbidden. So he was taken to Namakkal the temple of his deity for guidance. It is said that the deity appeared in his dream and gave him permission to travel.

He boarded the ship Nevasa on March 17, 1904 and sailed to London.

He was a strict vegetarian and remained so all through his life. While in England he drank milk with added Ovaltine, only to find that some non-vegetarian component was in it. He was mortified and disappeared for a few days!

In England there were other problems. Being a strict vegetarian, he had to cook his own meals. He missed the spicy, South Indian food. Coming from the sunny South India he had to adjust to the gray, cold climate of England. Being used to the attire in India with only sandals he was not comfortable in a suit and shoes in England.

There was also the issue of racism. When Hardy proposed his name for election as a Fellow of Trinity College, one of the English Fellows responded that he would not have a “black man” as a fellow.

At this point his health declined requiring frequent hospitalizations. He was also disappointed at the rejection of the election. Prof Hardy tried other ways to get him the recognition that he deserved. He put him up for the election to the Royal Society. In 1918 Ramanujan became a Fellow of the Royal Society. He was also elected to the London Mathematical Society.

His health continued to decline and suspecting that he was suffering from Tuberculosis, Hardy suggested that he should go back to India. On March 13, 1919 he paid his last visit to Hardy and set sail to India. On January 12, 1920 he wrote his last letter to Hardy telling him that he had discovered a new type of function - mock theta function. In India his health continued to decline. Early in the morning of April 26, 1920 he fell into a coma and died that day.

In memory of this great mathematician, a Centennial Memorial Tribute is being organized in Syracuse, NY on May 2, 2020. Several well-known people - Professors George Andrews, Bruce Berndt, Ken Ono, Kavita Ramanan, and Ravi Ramakrishna have agreed to participate in the event.

The book "The Man who Knew Infinity" by Robert Kanigel is a well written biography of Ramanujan.

Save The Date

May 2, 2020

Occasion: Centennial Memorial Tribute for Mathematician Ramanujan

Contact: NV Suryanarayana and IC RCC Board Members



Srinivasa Ramanujan

Community News

1. Carnatic Violin Concert - Featuring Arun Ramamurthy

When: Friday, March 22 7:00 pm

Where: Slocum Auditorium, Syracuse University

Arun Ramamurthy is a versatile violinist, educator and organizer based in Brooklyn, NY. His music is rooted in his lifelong training of South Indian Carnatic music and influenced by his various musical interests growing up in New Jersey. Arun is a disciple of the celebrated violinist brothers, Dr. Mysore Manjunath & Sri Mysore Nagaraj, the distinguished violinist Sri. Ananthakrishnan as well as many early years with western classical violinist Jim Mate.

Arun Ramamurthy - Violin
S. Kavichelan - Mridangam
Kabilan Jeganathan - Kanjira

The event is **FREE** and open to all Students, Faculty and Community members. Please be sure to invite your friends, neighbors, and colleagues for a wonderful night of Music and Art.

Spring 2019 Concert Series

7:00 PM | Mar 22 | Slocum Auditorium

ARUN RAMAMURTHY
Violin Concert

Featuring
S. Kavichelan on Mridangam
Kabilan Jeganathan and Kanjira

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Event Parking at G4 Lot
For Directions Visit: goo.gl/n7g8do

2. Theatre-Dance Performance by Mallika Sarabhai and company

When: Friday, April 12, 2019 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Where: Everson Museum of Art

Description:

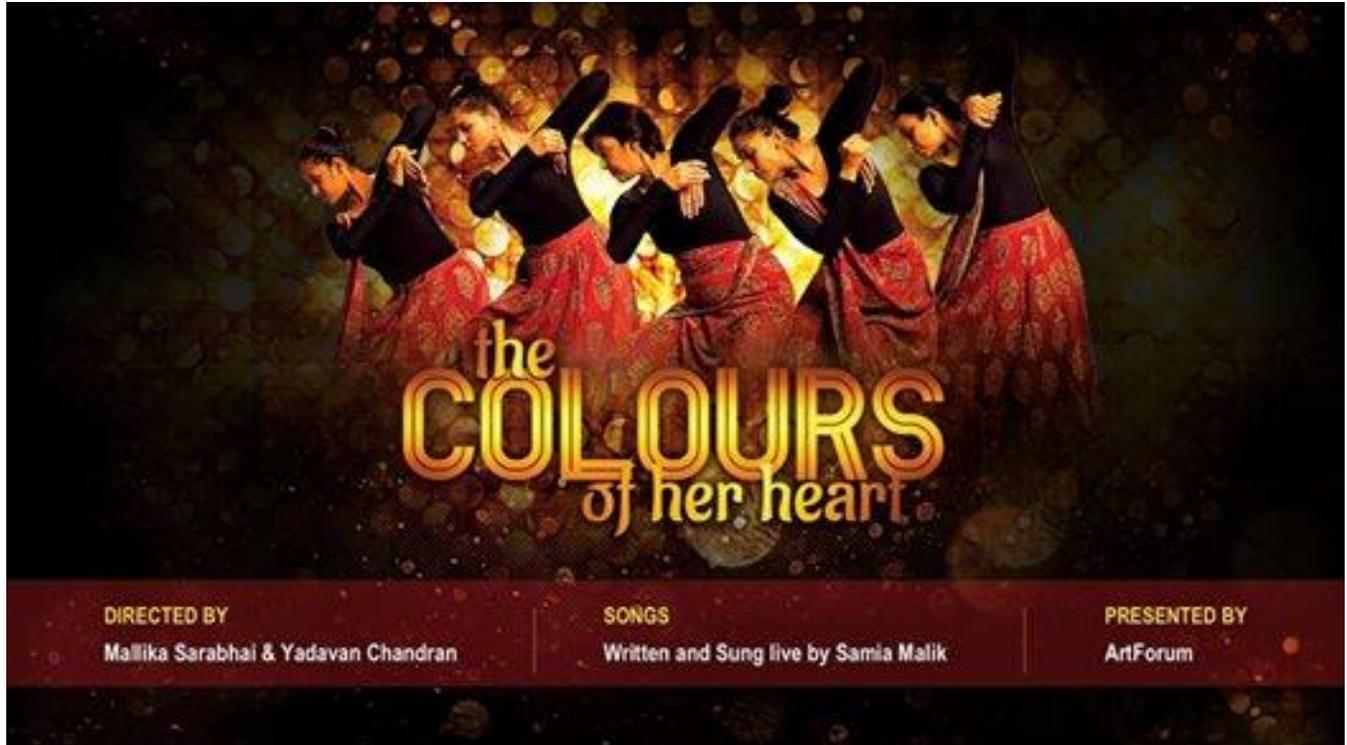
Mallika Sarabhai's *The Colours of Her Heart*, a roar for women's freedom and an emerging international sisterhood.

Tickets are free for members of the Everson Museum of Art and \$8 for non-members.

Please contact Emera Bridger Wilson (elbridge@syr.edu) if you are interested in transportation by March 31.

There will be a \$5 refundable deposit for transportation.

Co-sponsored by: College of Arts and Sciences Ray Smith Symposium, the Ford-Maxwell Professor of South Asian Studies, Departments of Art and Music Histories and Women's and Gender Studies, **Indian Community Religious and Cultural Center (ICRCC)**, the Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse University SPIC-MACAY.



3. Khalsa Festival:

When: Saturday, April 27, 2019 11am to 3 pm

Where: Clinton Square

Details: Free admission, free food, and cultural performance on site. **Flier coming soon!**

4. Summer Internship Opportunities:

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Indian Central Government Holiday List 2019:

Sl. No.	Holiday	Date	Day
1	Republic Day	26-Jan	Saturday
2	Mahavir Jayanti	17-Apr	Wednesday
3	Good Friday	19-Apr	Friday
4	Buddha Purnima	18-May	Saturday
5	Idul Fitr	05-Jun	Wednesday
6	Id-ul-Zuha	12-Aug	Monday
7	Independence Day	15-Aug	Thursday
8	Muharram	10-Sep	Tuesday
9	Gandhi Jayanti	02-Oct	Wednesday
10	Dussehra	08-Oct	Tuesday
11	Diwali	27-Oct	Sunday
12	Milad-un-Nabi	10-Nov	Sunday
13	Guru Nanak's Jayanti	12-Nov	Tuesday
14	Christmas Day	25-Dec	Wednesday



'Tis the season- Mango-The king of fruits!