

Bainbridge Performing Arts 2009-2010 Season

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**Bainbridge Island Arts Education Community Consortium presents
Urvasi Dance Company: Odissi Classical Dance of India
Friday, February 19 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. @ Bainbridge Performing Arts (BPA)**

This stunning dance-theatre from India — Odissi classical dance — is over 2000 years old and thrives today through its dynamic sculptural quality, juxtaposed with rhythmic strength and lyrical torso movements. Odissi takes inspiration from both temple sculpture and the well-loved epics of India, the Mahabharata and Ramayana, and is accompanied by virtuoso percussion and modal melodic music. The Urvasi Dance Company is the leading proponent in the United States of the mahari style (temple dance) of Odissi dance originating in the ancient artistic center of Orissa in India. Artistic director Ratna Roy in 2007 was honored in India for her dedicated work over the last 30 years with Urvasi and her North American dancers were acclaimed widely for their performances. Parents and families are heartily encouraged to attend in enthusiastic support of their students' learning about world culture, and its connection to the community in which we live.

Urvasi Dance Company appears at BPA, with shows Friday, February 19 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Tickets, \$7 per person, may be purchased by calling or emailing Bonnie Showers at the Bainbridge Island Arts and Humanities Council office at 206.842.7901 or bonnies@artshum.org. All teachers and chaperones receive five complimentary tickets per group of 25. Performances — held at Bainbridge Performing Arts, 200 Madison Avenue North, Bainbridge Island — are recommended for all ages.

The event is presented by **Bainbridge Island Arts Education Community Consortium**. BPA is supported, in part, by the **Bainbridge Island Arts and Humanities Council** and the **City of Bainbridge Island**.

Find out more about BPA at www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org. Check online for the latest on theatre and symphony auditions, complete theatre school and adult class offerings, performance listings, tickets, cast lists, video promos, posters, press, and more. Click on "Join Mailing List" to receive electronic performance announcements and behind-the-scenes news.

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