

India Association of Charlotte announces a new event

Leadership Conference on

REIMAGINING FUTURES: A NEW LANDSCAPE FOR THE ARTS IN CHARLOTTE

November 18, 2022 - 5:30 PM at UNC Charlotte, ROBINSON Hall # 118

Charlotte, N.C. (October 6, 2022) – UNC Charlotte, Department of Dance and India Association of Charlotte collaborate to present a leadership symposium focusing on leveraging artistic diversity as a means to strengthen social cohesion within the civic life of Charlotte and surrounding communities. We strongly believe that Art is a universal language that crosses all manmade constructs of race, ethnicity and geography.

In India, the arts permeate all aspects of civic life, and dance is a part of daily life in a spiritually affirming and nurturing way. Could this idea influence Charlotte's "Charlotte Arts and Culture Plan" at:

<https://charlottenc.gov/arts-culture/Pages/cultural-planning.aspx>

as our Queen City aspires to become a culturally rich and diverse world class city?

As Charlotte creates its first cultural master plan, we explore a radically different landscape, considering Indian culture as inspiration for how to move forward in a new way. Art, music and dance forms transcend all barriers; this symposium introduces and is a stepping stone towards a new vision for the arts in Charlotte. And by centering global south perspectives, it emphasizes various facets of artistic and cultural diversity, and their role in shaping our future, with insight from our panel of distinguished speakers from Educational, Art, Corporate and Public sectors.

Conference Agenda

A. Vocal solo by Anirban Bhattacharyya, Fullbright scholar in Dance

B. Plenary: Priya Sircar, Charlotte Arts & Culture Officer - Reimagining Futures; Artistic and Cultural Diversity; Public-Private Sector Partnership

Panel Discussion:

- Dimple Ajmera, Charlotte City Council
- Natasha Brinegar, Vice President, Food Lion
- Manoj Kesavan, Founder Director Boom Festival

C. Address by Dean Brook Muller

D. Choreography by Professor Kim Jones

E. Closing, Community Centered Practice, Professor Carlos Cruz

F. Reception in Lambla Gallery at 7:00 PM

This event is **free**, but registration is required. [Click here to register.](#)

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reimagining-futures-a-new-landscape-for-the-arts-in-charlotte-](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reimagining-futures-a-new-landscape-for-the-arts-in-charlotte-tickets-427934863697)

[tickets-427934863697](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reimagining-futures-a-new-landscape-for-the-arts-in-charlotte-tickets-427934863697)