

Palaver Strings' *You Can Dance If You Want To*



Cambridge, MA- February 20, 2019- The Dance Complex and Palaver Strings present *You Can Dance If You Want To*, April 28, 2019 at 7PM. Palaver Strings, a string chamber orchestra, brings music and dance of many styles together for an unforgettable evening. Half concert, half social dance, this event begins with a performance of Enescu's Octet for Strings with modern choreography by Chavi Bansal and members of Vimoksha Dance Company. After intermission, all are invited to join Palaver for a contra dance, a New England tradition where no experience or partner is required. Live music will be provided by Palaver Strings and Neil Pearlman, and dancers will be guided by experienced caller Dela Murphy.

Palaver Strings is a musician-led string ensemble and nonprofit, founded by young musicians who share a passion for collaborative music-making, education, and community engagement. Since its opening season in 2014, Palaver has performed at the Kennedy Center and at a celebration of the Lullaby Project at Carnegie Hall, and has enjoyed residencies at the Boston Center for the Arts and Bay Chamber Concerts in Rockport, ME. With the support of local partner organizations, Palaver plans to open a community music school in Portland, ME in fall 2019. To learn more, visit www.palaverstrings.org

Chavi Bansal was born in India. Her early dance training was in Bharatnatyam, Bollywood, Martial Arts, and Indian Contemporary dance. Craving a broader dance vocabulary, Chavi moved to the Netherlands, where she earned her B.A. in Dance with a specialization in Choreography from Fontys Hogescholen Voor de Kunsten. In 2010, Chavi founded her company, Vimoksha, or "Liberation" in Sanskrit. Her artistic practice is rooted in Indian martial arts (Kalaripayatt), yoga, meditation, and both Indian and modern dance. At its heart, regardless of the form, the practice is focused on three areas: self-inquiry, stillness, and connection. Since moving to Boston in 2014, Vimoksha has found a company of Boston based dancers. More information about Vimoksha is available at <https://www.chavibansal.org>

This performance will take place in the loft-style Julie Ince Thompson Theatre where thousands of companies and dancers of international acclaim have explored, created, and shared work for over 30 years.

Beer, wine, and beverages are available for purchase. For accessibility/ADA information, please visit our website. Tickets and more information available at dancecomplex.org.