

2014 FESTIVAL OF THE

Silk Road

*Afsaneh Art & Culture Society
Presents the 6th Annual*
Festival of the Silk Road
Sunday, April 27 2014

Mexican Heritage Plaza Theater
1700 Alum Rock Road
San Jose, CA 95116
<http://festivalsilkroad.com/>

Tickets

<http://festivalsilkroad.brownpapertickets.com>

24/7 by phone 800-838-3006

Prices: \$20 (youth-senior) - \$30 (general) - \$100 (Gold Circle VIP)

Sunday, April 27, 2014 1:00 - 8:00pm One Day Only

The Afsaneh Art & Culture Society/Ballet Afsaneh proudly presents the 6th annual Festival of the Silk Road - 2014 at the Mexican Heritage Plaza Theater in San Jose. The festival features daytime fun in the beautiful gardens and two concerts in the luxurious 500 seat theater. Enjoy dance, music and poetry from the Silk Road including Iran, Afghanistan, Armenia, China, India, Azerbaijan, Egypt, the Balkans, the Roma & more...

Concerts, International Foods, Folk Dance Mania, Costumes & Art

The Festival of the Silk Road unites stellar dance and music artists to celebrate the rich cultural traditions of the Silk Road. These historic trade routes stretched 7,000 miles across Eurasia from the China Sea in the east to the Mediterranean in the west, celebrating an epic cross-pollination of ideas and creativity!

Festivities begin at 1pm in the beautiful gardens and lobby of the plaza theater with an international food court including Halal favorites, costume

exhibits, and a Silk Road bazaar offering traditional clothing, jewelry and art, dance and music workshops. Free performances and folk dancing all afternoon with many special guests, Armenian dancer and vocalist Hasmik Harutyunyan, Edessa Balkan/Greek/Mid-East dance party, along with plenty of Folk Dance Mania with the Folkdance Federation of California. Come picnic on the lawn under the palm trees with family and friends!

Two ticketed concert events feature performances of dance, music and poetry from the Silk Road regions. The 3pm Concert Showcase features Afsaneh Dance Academy, Niosha Dance, Hala Egyptian Dance, Pezhham Daf Ensemble, Tarangini School of Kathak, and many more.

The 6pm evening concert features Ballet Afsaneh, Salar System - Sounds and Rhythms of Afghanistan, Mohammad Nejad - Nejad World Music, Chinese Performing Arts of America, ARAX Dance, Zaryab Persian Music ensemble with Neema Hekmat, master Persian percussionist Pezhham Akhavass with Mehdi Bagheri, and other special guests.

1pm - 6pm Free activities!

Folkdancing, Music, Workshops, International Food Court, and Family Fun.

3:00 - 4:30pm Afternoon Concert

6:00 - 8:00pm Evening Concert

Ticketed performances featuring master performing artists from across the Bay Area and around the world. One ticket price for an all day pass to the theater concerts!

One ticket to see both theater concerts! All outdoor festivities are free.

Resources

Full schedule (available in early April)

<http://festivalsilkroad.com/schedule.html>

Performer listing

<http://festivalsilkroad.com/performers.html>

Video promotion

<http://youtu.be/JGALvGoMdkE>

Artwork and high resolution images are available by request or for download from <http://festivalsilkroad.com/press.html>

About the Festival of the Silk Road

Every year since 2008 The Festival of the Silk Road brings to the Bay Area a celebration of the rich dance, music, and cultural traditions of the people and

countries spanning the ancient trade route from Central Asia to the Balkans including Iran, Afghanistan, China, Armenia, Turkey, Greece, India, Indonesia, Tajikistan, Egypt, Uzbekistan, and the Roma. The Festival encourages appreciation, learning, and participation among the artists, dancers, and musicians of unparalleled reputation in the ethnic arts of the Silk Road.

About the Producers

Afsaneh Art & Culture Society - Ballet Afsaneh

"The top tier of Bay Area world dance."--- Alan Ulrich, Voice of Dance

Afsaneh Art & Culture Society - Ballet Afsaneh is an artist-run, non-profit cultural organization and performing arts ensemble. Performances and other programs produced throughout the year draw on cultural heritage to create art that resonates with universal ideas. The Ballet Afsaneh performance ensemble is well known in the Bay Area for melding ancient art forms of Eurasia with modern dance and theater in an unprecedented, richly imagistic approach. The annual Festival of the Silk Road is made possible through the collaborative efforts of many artists, performance groups, and creative communities that draw inspiration from traditional practices.

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