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"Love is in The Air" by Robin Frisella

"Looking for Love" At East Colony Fine Art

MANCHESTER – Join the artists of East Colony Fine Art for their annual Valentine Show which runs from February 14 through 21 at the gallery. This year's theme, "Looking for Love," finds East Colony's twenty-eight member artists pursuing the theme with a wide variety of subjects and styles, some challenging the viewer to find the word "love" hidden in a piece. The public is invited to celebrate the opening of the show at a Grand Opening Reception, complete with chocolate fountain and confectionary, on Saturday, February 14, from 5-8 pm.

The gallery is free and open to the public. East Colony Fine Art is located in Langer Place, 55 South Commercial Street, Manchester, NH. Gallery hours are T-F, 11-5 and Saturday 10-5. Gallery phone: 603-621-7400. Sullivan Frame Shop (located on premises): 603-624-8833. Web site: www.eastcolony.com.

Wild About Animal Art at Gallery One

The Nashua Area Artists Association will be hosting a:"Wild About Animal Art" exhibit at Gallery One during the months of February and March. Paintings, photography and jewelry designs will focus on the love for animals great and small with whom we share our Earth. Gallery One is located on the second floor of the PM MC Kay building at 5 Pine Street Extension, Nashua. Gallery hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday 12 to 5 pm. Phone: 883-

www.amherstcitizen.com





The Dana Center, Saint Anselm College Presents

Cyan Magenta Yellow Black

Ragamala Music & Dance Theater Classical dance of Southern India with Taiko Drums of Japan



Ragamala Music and Dance Theatre come to the Dana Center, February 12, for one performance only.

MANCHESTER - The Dana Center, regional performing arts center at Saint Anselm College brings the culture of India and Japan to New Hampshire by hosting Ragamala Music and Dance Theater one night only on Friday, February 12, at 7p.m.

The dance company's East Coast tour, fea-

tures the latest work of artistic directors Ranee and Aparna Ramaswamy. The piece, Sva (Vital Force), unfolds the beauty, elegance, poetry and driving rhythmic complexities of Bharatanatyam, the ancient classical dance of Southern India and one of the world's oldest and most involved dance forms.

Accompanied by traditional Taiko drumming, the title work represents sound as the first element in an unfolding universe. Six dancers and three drummers converge on stage to embody the rhythm and flow of life and the primordial sound that unites all of creation – the sacred and the profane, the animate and the inanimate. Taiko drumming, performed by The Wadaiko Ensemble Tokara, provides a brilliant background with large sweeping movements, thundering

force, and stunning physicality, complementing Ragamala's fluid precision, punctuated footwork and sustained gestures.

Audiences have an opportunity to experience the infinite scope of Bharatanatyam, from the grace and power of the traditional solo form to the aesthetic vitality of the company's ensemble. A hauntingly beautiful dance expe-

rience in bursts of amazing color, thunderous sound and spectacular movement exploring the kinship between Taiko and Bharatanatyam, the spiritual traditions from which they

emerged and their journey into the 21st century.

In addition to the evening performance, a student matinee performance specifically designed for student audiences and educators is scheduled for the following morning at 9:30 a.m. The student matinee represents the Dana Center's ongoing commitment to its mission to bring performances from a diverse array of countries and traditions to the community which in turn serves to build audiences of the fuRagamala Music and Dance Theater is funded in part by the National Dance Project of New England Foundation for the Arts, with lead funding from the Doris Duke Charitable foundation. Additional funding provided by the Ford Foundation, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, J.P Morgan Chase Foundation and the MetLife Founda-

For more information on Ragamala Music and Dance Theater visit www.ragamala. net Reserved Seating: \$25.50, Senior Citizens, \$19.50 NH College/University Students \$10.00 (with I.D)

The Dana Center serves the citizens of New Hampshire and the Saint Anselm College community. The Box Office is open Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. For tickets and information, call (603) 641-7700 or now buy online at www.anselm.edu/



Traditional Taiko drummers will perform Friday, February 12.

"Charley's Aunt" Comes to Concord



Dave Ostrowski, of Amherst, appears with Brandi Philbrick and Julia Delois Aunt", February 12,13,14,15. For Tickets go to www.communityplayersofconcord.org or call our reservation line now at 224-4905.

it in "Some Like It Hot". In the eighties, Dustin Hoffman did it in "Tootsie" and in the nineties, Robin Williams did it in "Mrs. Doubtfire". But Brandon Thomas started it all in the turn-of-the-century comedy "Charley's Aunt" presented by the Community Players of Concord, just in time for Valentines Day!

This classic farce of hysterical proportions ran for four years in London and another four on Broadway, before being adapted into four feature films, including a version featuring Jack Benny and the musical "Where's Charley?, starring Ray

In a time of chaperones, butlers, and English tea, this daring play

In the fifties, Jack Lemmon did reminds us of the foibles of desire, money and gender, but often leaves us laughing too hard to ponder them.

> Directed by Nancy Barry, and produced by Dottie Fair, with designs by Jim Webber, Sharon Burnston, and Dave Nelson, "Charley's Aunt" will be playing at the Audi on February 12, 13, 14 at 8:00 with a matinee on Sunday February 15th at 2p.m.

> Tickets are available through the website at www.communityplayersofconcord.org or a the box office February 8-14th, 4p.m.-8p.m. and February 15th,12-2p.m.. Audi Box Office phone is 228-2793 or call our reservation line now at 224-4905.

Nashua Community Concert Association

Massenkoff Russian Folk Festival

NASHUA – The Nashua Community Concert Association presents a spectacular musical treat by the Massenkoff Russian Folk Festival at Nashua's Elm Street Middle School at 8:00 PM on Friday, March 6.

Nikolai Massenkoff, internationally acclaimed star of The Massenkoff Russian Folk Festival, founded the group in 1975 because of love for his Russian heritage. He was born of Russian parents in the "White Russian" community in China. From humble beginnings as an immigrant child, Massenkoff has become an acclaimed international performer. After training at San Francisco State University, in 1975 he founded The Massenkoff Russian Folk Festival, which immediately exploded onto the international scene. In 2004, Is- 9158.

rael's Helicon Records named him one of the Century's Greatest Art-

The show stars Massenkoff and features a Balalaika ensemble with virtuoso musicians and Russian folk ballet. Their performances include shows at Carnegie Hall; the Olympic Stadium in Seoul, Korea before a live audience of 90,000; over 100 performances at the International Division of Epcot Center's World Stage in Florida; with major symphony orchestras; and at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas.

Further information may be obtained at www.nashuacommunityconcerts.org. Tickets can be purchased on-line at www.cityartsnashua.org or by calling 888-





