

Newsletter – Issue 3 July 2001

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From The Editor's Desk

It's with great pleasure, that we bring you yet another edition of our newsletter. We, the ICCA team, hopes that all of you are enjoying the wonderful summer months and making the most of them. It's our earnest effort to maintain this channel of communication with our members and also with the community at large. Any feedback would be really appreciated.

Anu Kashyap

Message from the President

Summer has arrived and we have started some of our favourite activities such as gardening, picnics and camping.

In May we showcased the dance program, "The Living Tree", which was an enchanting experience. This sold-out performance was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We hope to bring more professional cultural programs in the future.

Last month the movie, "Zubeida", was screened at Place Riel Theatre. It was a superb film but we had a smaller-than-expected crowd. We are amidst organizing for FolkFest and we are looking for energetic volunteers. We are also looking for anyone interested in setting up a business in our pavilion. Please do not hesitate to contact a board member.

Sushama Shrikhande

Events Update

The Living Tree (May 21st, 2001)

On May 21, 2001 the stage of Persephone Theatre came alive with the extravagant dance recital "The Living Tree." This sold out show was a beautiful story of a young girl and her relationship with the tree. The values of sharing, caring and generosity of spirit and strong relationship between family and friends was very eloquently and movingly portrayed

Inspired by Shel Silverstein story 'The Giving Tree', this dance drama was very well received and appreciated by everyone who was able to witness it, not only in Saskatoon but all over North America.

The ICCA would like to thank all our sponsors who helped us make this event such a huge success. Some of the comments that we received from the audiences are:

- Simply enchanting & delightful.
- Excellent! Experience of a lifetime.
- Excellent performance. I hope you keep on your beautiful synthesis.
- Excellent Program & performance
- A tribute to our culture. Keep up the great work. Values for LIVING.

❖ The month of June brought the film Zubeida to the screen of Place Riel Theatre. Although we had hoped to see a bigger crowd, we sure do appreciate the presence of the people who took the time and the effort to come out. And when we are on the subject of movies it would help to know what you would

like to see. Please contact anyone on the board, with your views.
Keep tuned in for the next movie.....

❖ Another well-received performance was that of Shubangi Deshpande, on July 6, 2001. This semi - classical vocal performance was brought in joint collaboration with the Hindu Society of Saskatchewan at Lakshmi Narayan Temple.

FolkFest 2001

Summer brings with it the frenzy of Folkfest activities, with this year being no different. The various committees are in place and the Chairs of each committee are trying to beat the clock and get ready before August 16. The Committee Chairs are as follows:

Food Co-Chairs:	Noor Syed, Rani Kanthan Rajani Chibbar
Display:	Leena Menon
Entertainment:	Jyotika Patel
Set Up:	Anurag Saxena
Volunteer Coordination:	Anu Kashyap
Pavilion Manager:	Sushama Shrikhande

We would really appreciate your help in whatever way possible. All efforts are being made to reflect the theme Heros and Legends at the India Pavilion.

Our ambassadors for this year are:

Adult: Mr. Harbans Dhingra

<i>"I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again..."</i> <i>-- Mahatma Gandhi</i>
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Youth: Mrs. Kamla Kalra
Sameer Shrikhande
Sona Manek

(ICCA sincerely apologizes for the error in the names of Mrs Kalra and Ms Manek in our last issue of the newsletter)

Radio Committee

Sangeetmala continues to air on CFR 90.5 FM every Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The committee is constantly trying to get more new people involved.

Unfortunately, the committee is facing some challenges with Dolly Mehdiratta resigning as the Coordinator, and the responsibility of coordination falling on the Chair.

The members of the Committee include: Leena Menon, P.K. Chattopadhyay, Vasu Penugonde, Roopa Balakrishnan and Anu Kashyap (Chair). Please contact us if you wish to host a program. Any comments and queries can be directed to 651 -1026.

News Flash

❖ A warm welcome to Mr. Shankaran, who joined the Board of ICCA. Mr Shankaran is replacing Mr. Arvind Kumar.

❖ Congratulations to Ms Sona Manek for being selected as the Program Assistant with Folkfest Inc. for the summer.