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Saturday, June 15, 2019

### DANCE IN THE ROUND

Company: Parijat Desai Dance Company

Venue: Gibney

Location: New York, NY

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GIBNEY DANCE CENTER  
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SATURDAY JUNE 15, 3:00-5:00p

Choreographer Parijat Desai offers DANCE IN THE ROUND, an inclusive dance workshop, in partnership with GIBNEY

#### WHAT IS DITR?

Dance In The Round is program created by choreographer/dancer Parijat Desai to share the transformative collective dance experience of Garba and Raas—circle dances from Gujarat, India—in a variety of spaces and communities. Parijat's public Dance In The Round events are open to all ages and levels.\*\*

This edition of Dance In The Round is supported by Gibney's Moving Toward Justice Cohort, which supports high-potential projects that use art as a tool for activism and social impact.

#### WHAT WILL IT BE LIKE?

Choreographer/dancer Parijat Desai will lead a gentle and invigorating warmup, and guide participants into the basic steps of Garba. Before you know it, you'll be traveling around the circle.

Parijat will be joined by dancers who help demonstrate and support new folks. We'll also be accompanied by a percussionist, and fun Garba music tracks. We'll conclude the workshop with learning Raas (dandiya or sticks).

Already know how to Garba? This is for you too! When we move in concentric circles, there's space for all. And we need you to help raise the energy! Why wait 'til Navratri to show off your moves?

As part of our session, Parijat will share about her Moving Toward Justice project to create a model for working with advocacy and justice organizations. With MTJ support, Parijat is collaborating with Queens-based community org Chhaya CDC to use dance to support to their housing and immigrant-rights work.

MTJ: <https://gibneydance.org/programs/moving-toward-justice/>  
Chhaya CDC: <http://chhayacdc.org>

FB Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2359058824363476>

PDDC Calendar (non-FB): <https://www.parijatdesai.org/events/danceintheroundatgibney>

Pay What You Can | Suggested Donation: \$15-\$20

[Please RSVP at FB event or drop a line to [info@parijatdesai.org](mailto:info@parijatdesai.org) if you're not on social media. Thank you!]

#### LOCATION

DITR will be at Gibney's 280 Broadway; enter at 53A Chambers Street b/t Broadway and Lafayette. The dance center is near ACE 123 (Chambers Street stations), 456 (Brooklyn Bridge), and RW (City Hall) trains.

\*\*KID POLICY: Instruction is geared to people 10 and up. Kids under 10 must attend with an adult. Kids under 8 must be with an adult at all

times. For small children under 5, two adults present are recommended.

ABILITY: Parijat is thinking about how to truly welcome people of all abilities. If you are not able to walk, but would like to attend, please email [info@parijatdesai.org](mailto:info@parijatdesai.org). We can strategize how best to make the experience inclusive.

DRESS: Comfortable loose bottoms or long skirts suggested. Chania and/or kurtas are welcome, but not required. No street shoes on dance floor. If your feet need support, please bring indoor shoes to wear. Bring a water bottle!

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Gibney's Moving Toward Justice Cohort is made possible by generous support from The Bay and Paul Foundations. Parijat is part of Gibney's inaugural Moving Toward Justice Cohort. The six selected artists have met monthly since November 2018 to evolve their practice, develop their projects, and create plans for sustainability.

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