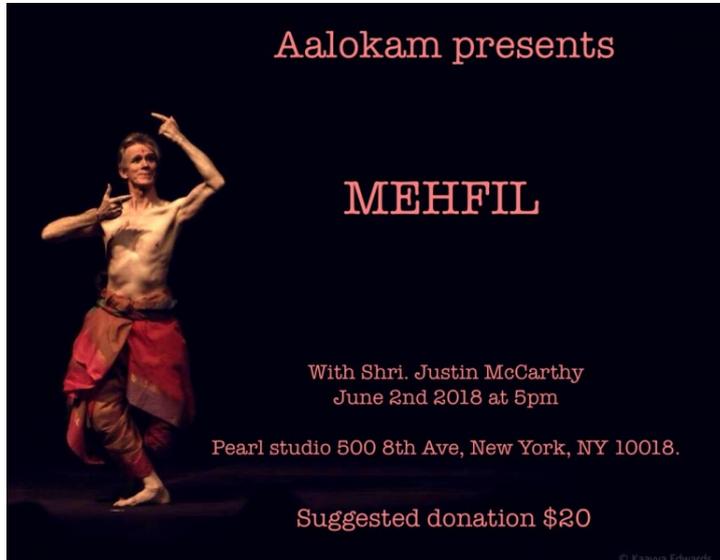


Saturday, June 2, 2018

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 Venue: Pearl Studios, Studio 1209  
 Location: New York, NY

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The first concert of the year will be a Bharatanatyam dance performance by Shri. Justin McCarthy on June 2nd, 2018. His student, Bharathi Penneswaran, will accompany him on stage. The performance will also feature a live orchestra with Vignesh Ravichandran on vocals and Murali Balachandran on mridangam.

Justin McCarthy began his studies in Bharatanatyam at the Way of the Dance School in Berkeley, California. He later studied in Chennai under Subbarayan Pillai before settling in Delhi, where he studied for a full decade under Leela Samson at the Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra. He has taught Bharatanatyam at the Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra since 1990. He has been with Ashoka University since 2014, where he is in charge of performing arts. He continues to perform both as a soloist as well as with his students. He, along with filmmaker Sandhya Kumar, received a national film award in the culture category in 2014 for a film they made on padams, songs of 17th century South Indian dancing girls. Sandhya and he have just completed a new film on Koothu, a dance-drama form found in parts of rural Tamil Nadu.

Date - June 2nd, 2018, Saturday  
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 500 8th Ave  
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 NY 10018  
 Tickets - Suggested Donation \$20 (at the door)

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