



Harris Center

Three Stages at Folsom Lake College

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THE DHOAD GYPSIES OF RAJASTHAN CELEBRATE — AND PRESERVE — CENTURIES OF INDIAN CULTURE

The 17-member ensemble has performed 1,100 concerts in over 95 countries, coming to the Harris Center in October

(September 24, 2018, Folsom, CA) They have performed for Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee, for the Prime Minister of India, the President of France and, lest we forget, the birthday party of Mick Jagger. Direct from Jaipur, India comes DHOAD Gypsies of Rajasthan, a 17-member ensemble that shares a repertoire of song, music and dance from the semi-nomadic traveling musicians of Rajasthan. "Authentic without any of the heavy lifting, their catchy melodies and intense grooves — a heady blend of Hindustani classical and Sufi devotional music — are hypnotic, joyous and instantly likeable" (*Irish Times*).

DHOAD Gypsies of Rajasthan comes to Folsom Tuesday, October 30, 2018, 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$22-48, Premium \$52. Children & Students with ID \$11-\$26. They are available online at www.harriscenter.net or from Harris Center Ticket Office at 916-608-6888 from 12 noon to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday, and two hours before show time. Parking is included in the price of the ticket. Harris Center is located on the west side of Folsom Lake College campus in Folsom, CA, facing East Bidwell Street.

Go back to a time when the courtier musicians of Rajasthan played before kings and queens in the sumptuous palaces of India — when vibrant, colorful, spectacular celebrations of life were born and then passed down over generations of courtier musician ancestors. Rahis Bharti is the director of the DHOAD Gypsies of Rajasthan; he was captivated at an early age by traditional Rajasthani culture and has been a guardian of authentic traditional music and dance of Rajasthan for years. A Jaipur native musician and a seventh generation descendant of the courtier musician caste called "Khan Saheb" (they performed for the royal courts in Rajasthan, India), Rahis Bharti notes the DHOAD Gypsies of Rajasthan have performed over 1,100 concerts in 95 countries.

In addition to the notable performances listed above, the company has had collaborations with the “Queen of the Gypsies” Esma Redžepova, Orchestra di Piazza vittorio (Italy), Cheikh sedi Bémol (Algeria), Mathieu Chedid (France), Warsaw Village Band (Poland) and others. Additionally, DHOAD Gypsies of Rajasthan were awarded Poland’s Fryderyk, their equivalent of the Grammy Award, in 2016.

Known today as “the Cultural Ambassadors of Rajasthan,” Rahis Bharti describes DHOAD Gypsies of Rajasthan as an ensemble that “embarks on a rapturous journey with love, peace and honor at the centre of their lyrical message. Passionate and haunting, the legendary onstage stamina combines sweeping scales and vocals, a traditional Gypsy Rajasthani dancer and stunts by the group’s resident acrobat for a truly unforgettable experience.”

Their new production consists of 17 artists with the powerful vocals, poets and troubadours of Khan Saheb musicians, traditional Rajasthani female dancers, male dancers dressed in drag, and acrobats who perform traditional Rajasthani song and dance as well as perform mesmerizing stunts.

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The Harris Center for the Arts at Folsom Lake College brings the community together to share in cultural experiences featuring the work of artists from throughout the region and around the world. Built and operated by the Los Rios Community College District, the \$50 million, state-of-the-art regional performing arts center boasts three intimate venues with outstanding acoustics, an art gallery, a recording studio, elegant teaching spaces, plenty of safe parking and all the other amenities of a world-class performing arts venue. Each year the Center hosts over 400 events attracting more than 150,000 annually.

Event Summary

What: **DHOAD Gypsies of Rajasthan**
When: Tuesday, October 30, 2018, 7:30 pm
Where: Harris Center for the Arts at Folsom Lake College
10 College Parkway
Folsom, CA 95630
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High resolution images available at <http://bit.ly/2iacUNX> (This link to the Press Room at www.HarrisCenter.net has been updated).