



## Neelima Raju to perform at Fringe

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Neelima Raju will perform "Sacred and Sensual: Gods and Goddesses of India" at the 2016 First Niagara Rochester Fringe Festival at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 22 and 4 p.m. Sept. 24 on the TheatreRocs Stage, Xerox Auditorium, 100 S. Clinton Ave., Rochester.

"Sacred and Sensual: Gods and Goddesses of India" is an evening-length solo dance performance that will explore the inner masculine and feminine energies as external representations of gods and goddesses. The work includes four pieces with an English introduction before each piece.



The first piece is a selection of poems which describe Goddess Matangi as an embodiment of creativity in poetry, music and dance. The second piece describes Goddess Lakshmi as the goddess of fertility and prosperity. The third piece is a description of select episodes from Lord Krishna's life, ending with his dance on the hood of the serpent Kaliya. Raju will dance while balancing her feet on the rims of a brass plate. The last piece celebrates the Dance of Lord Nataraja, the patron lord of dance in Indian mythology.

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