PRESS RELEASE

"Drive East Festival Featuring ICCR sponsored Artists"

On Thursday, August 02, 2018 Consulate General of India & Navatman Inc. presented Drive East Opening Night at the Consulate wherein Navatman's Co-Artistic Director - Sridhar Shanmugam and Sahasra Sambamoorthi announced the schedule for their annual Indian dance and music festival - Drive East. This year Consulate is participating in "Drive East" with an ICCR sponsored Kathak! Ensemble.

2. Navatman, Inc., is an organization dedicated to supporting the Indian classical arts, emphasizing Indian classical music and dance. This year, Navatman will present 35 concerts in 14 days and in 2 major cities - New York (August 13-19) and San Francisco (August 22-26) at the LaMama Experimental Theater Group and in San Francisco, California, at the Joe Goode Annex.

3. From Bharatanatyam to ghazals, Drive East will present international, award-winning artists from all over the world. However, the highly anticipated performance is in New York on Friday, August 17 of Kathak!, a group of acclaimed performers from India produced by Battery Dance Company, sponsored by Indian Council of Cultural Relations and Consulate General of India, New York. Kathak! will feature acclaimed Kathak dancers - Sandip Mallick & group with Anuj Mishra and group. Joining them will be Piyush Chauhan and Preeti Sharma. The entire schedule for Drive East is available on http://www.driveeastnyc.org/index.html

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