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presents

*Indian Classical Dance Night by
Prachee Shah*

At

Jerash festival - July, 2015

About the Dance

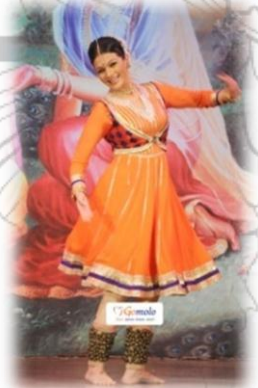
Kathak is one of the eight forms of Indian classical dance. The name Kathak is derived from the Sanskrit word *katha* meaning *story*, and *katthakar* in Sanskrit means *he who tells a story*, or *to do with stories*. This dance form traces its origins to the nomadic bards of ancient northern India, known as Kathakars or storytellers. Its form today contains traces of temple and ritual dances, and the influence of the bhakti movement. From the 16th century onwards it absorbed certain features of Persian dance and Central Asian dance which were imported by the royal courts of the [Mughal era](#).

About the Artist

With a Masters in Kathak and having set a Guinness World Record for '93 Kathak spins in a minute' Prachee Shah is a highly acclaimed Kathak Dancer of Jaipur Gharana.

Wedded to Kathak at the tender age of three, Prachee has given over 200 performances in India, UK, USA and South Africa, of which a few prestigious performances are, Ajanta-Ellora Festival, Elephanta Festival, Sangeet Natak Akademy, Taj Mahotsav-Agra, Pune and Lucknow Festivals and the Raj Bhawan in Mumbai.

She is also a very popular face on Indian television, having acted in many in shows. After getting over 10 years of rich acting experience and several laurels in the TV industry, she has made a mark in films.



Programme

Saturday, July 25, 2015 at 7 PM

Venue: King Abdullah II Centre, Zarqa

Sunday, July 26, 2015 at 8PM

Venue: Open Forum in Jerash

Entrance: Free

