

## Fine Arts Center Asian Arts & Culture Program

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**WHAT:** Kehkashaan: Live Bollywood Band

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 7 at 8 PM

**WHERE:** Fine Arts Center Concert Hall, UMass Amherst

**TICKETS:** Fine Arts Center Box Office 545-2511/ 1-800-999-UMAS

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### *"Chak De Phatte!"... BRING THE HOUSE DOWN!*

Please join the UMass Fine Arts Center Asian Arts & Culture Program for a glorious evening of pop music Bollywood style and dance the evening away. Polish up your hip thrust, quick dip and step touch dance moves to music featuring **Kehkashaan: Live Bollywood Band** on **Saturday, November 7 at 8 PM at the Fine Arts Center Concert Hall**. The **UMass Fusion Dance Team** will open the evening with hot dance numbers from popular Bollywood films and transform the orchestra pit with the glitter and frenzy of dances to songs like Jai Ho (Slum Dog). Reserved tickets are \$25, \$20 and \$15 for general public and \$10 for Five College GCC/STCC students and youth 17 & under. Call the Fine Arts Center Box Office at 1-800-999-UMAS or 545-2511 or online: [umasstix.com](http://umasstix.com).

**Kehkashaan: Live** is Washington DC's hottest Bollywood band. Their repertoire ranges from oldies to the current sizzling song hits from popular Hindi movies. This extraordinary eight member Indo-Pak band with both male and female vocalists, guitars, keyboards and a selection of drums from around the world delivers a high energy rocking good time. Performing with legendary Rock 'n Roll Bands such as the B-52's and Styx, Kehkashaan is a hit on the music circuit for Bollywood style concerts around the country.

Bollywood movies, one of India's most popular exports, come complete with song and dance routines and have become a world-wide phenomenon.

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From the streets in Bali, to smoky cafes in Azerbaijan and Saudi Arabia to Finland, the Bollywood craze has hit the globe hard. With its boy meets girl romance, gang violence and traditional family set-up, the movies are filled with luscious heroines in gorgeous costumes performing exotic dance routines to a special blend of west and east style music. Bollywood Dance is so popular, Terence Lewis, a Mumbai-based choreographer holds workshops in major cities across America teaching Bollywood moves to hundreds of fans.

Minakshi is Kehkashaan's co-founder and lead vocalist. She has a diverse background in Indian classical, semi classical and pop music along with training in classic western Rock/Pop, chorale, Broadway, and classical music. Extremely passionate about music, Minakshi incorporates English, Arabic, French, and Spanish languages into her performances. Her love of music grew from an early childhood exposure to listening and learning in Ragas sung by her father and songs by India's film industry maestro vocalists such as K.L. Saigal, C.H. Atma, Pankaj Mullick and Talat Mahmood. One of the most promising vocalists in America of Indian origin, Minakshi's voice overflows with warmth and expressiveness that communicates her passion to the audience. Her musical expression ranges from the contemporary to the Ghazals and Sufi styles. Her amazingly diverse voice and range capability is reminiscent of music legends, Asha Bhonsle, Usha Uthup and the late Geeta Dutt.

KEHKASHAAN will keep you entertained the entire evening and have been called Bollywood Music Rockstars by "extremely pleased" audiences who have yelled "Chak De Phatte!" on the dance floor. Don't miss this evening of pure fun.

**Please see our website at [www.fineartscenter.com/asian](http://www.fineartscenter.com/asian) for additional information, including a complete schedule of events, locations, times, and ticket prices. Tickets available online: [www.fineartscenter.com](http://www.fineartscenter.com) or by calling 1-800-999-UMAS or 413-545-2511.**

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