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## Bichitra Celebrates Nababarsha on Saturday April 21, 2007

We invite you and your family to join us in celebrating the Bangla Nababarsha (1414) at **Grissom Middle School, 35701 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48310** on Saturday, April 21, 2007.

### Nababarsha Program Schedule:

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| <b>Event:</b> | 2:00 pm – 8:45 pm   |
| 2:00-2:45 pm  | Social get together with Chaa, Singara & Jilipi           |
| 2:45-3:45 pm  | Cultural Program  |
| 3:45-5:45 pm  | General Body Meeting                                      |
| 6:15-7:15 pm  | Dinner  |
| 7:30-8:45 pm  | Classical Dance by Sreyashi Dey (Srishti Dances of India) |

### Dinner Menu:

Tadka Dal, Malai Kofta, Goat Curry, Butter Chicken, Naan, White Rice, Salad, Papad, Mutter Paneer (Vegetarian special)  
 Desert: Ras Malai

Nababarsha event Chairperson Keshav Rakshit requests your assistance in making the event a success. For more Information about the event, please contact him at 313-942-0848 or visit our website: [http://www.bichitra.org/index\\_1.htm](http://www.bichitra.org/index_1.htm)

### Directions to: Grissom Middle School Sterling Heights, MI

- **From I-696 East**, take Exit 20, Follow Eastbound 11 Mile Rd for about 1.5 mile, Turn Left on Ryan and go about 4 miles. School will be on Left.
- **From I-75 South**, take Exit 67, Follow direction to Rochester Rd North, go about 0.3 mile to turn Right on Big Beaver Rd. Go Eastbound for about 3.1 miles. Turn Right on Ryan and go about 0.8 miles. School will be on Right.



### Featured Artist:

Sreyashi Dey is a world class performer of Odissi and Bharata Natyam Classical Dances. The Dance Magazine USA cites her performance as "A Feast of Indian Classicism", "...intriguing study of rhythmic footwork, beautifully defined hand gestures and curved body placement"

She is an Adjunct Faculty at the Music Department at the Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh where she teaches Indian classical dance from a Cultural Perspective.

Her dance performances help fund natural disasters relief, education, development projects in India etc.

### Nababarsha subscription:

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| Member Family     | \$40 |
| Member Single     | \$25 |
| Non Member Family | \$50 |
| Non Member Single | \$30 |
| Student Family    | \$25 |
| Student Single    | \$15 |

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### Membership

Membership dues for the fiscal year 2007-08 (Family: \$35.00, Single: \$25.00) will be due on the day of the Nababarsha program. Member Family includes husband, wife and all unmarried children. Please renew your membership at the front desk on that day. Your early renewal will help us in our bookkeeping and finances. The patrons are requested to avail of our one time rate of \$270.00, which will cover your membership dues and attendance for all regular functions for the year 2007-08.

### Annual General Election

Bichitra's new fiscal year 2007-08 will begin on May 1, 2007. An election for the Bichitra Governing Body (2007-08) will be held during the Nababarsha program by secret ballot. There will be another ballot with Yes/No options to accept the changes in constitution as outlined by Bichitra Governing Body. The rules for election are the same for both the ballots.

- 1) Only current members\* ( both husband and wife) of Bichitra can participate
- 2) One person can vote for only one candidate for a particular position or check only one option.
- 3) No postal ballot will be accepted
- 4) Election time is between 3pm to 7pm ( result will be declared by 8:30pm.)
- 5) List of the candidates running for the 2007-08 Governing Body positions will be posted on the website after March 15, 2007.

\* Current members include all new members as of October 31, 2006, and members who renewed their membership by January 20, 2007.

### Constitution Amendment

Bichitra membership has felt the requirement to change the constitution for sometime in recent past to keep up with changing time and community needs.

So, since last Fall the Bichitra Planning Committee, as charged by the Governing Body, has been working with the Governing Body to make necessary changes and improvement in the Bichitra Constitution. Drafts of the constitution were presented in numerous working sessions and meetings of the Bichitra Governing Body. All the changes focused on balancing the spirit of volunteerism with transparency. On February 21, 2007 the Governing Body members unanimously

approved the revised version of the proposed constitution amendments, a copy of which is attached with this newsletter. This will now be presented to the General Body members for their approval during the General Body meeting on April 21, 2007.

### Message from the President

Dear Members,

As we get close to the end of our term, I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve you as President of Bichitra. Because of tremendous efforts and help by everyone, we came out very successful in executing the various programs throughout the last one year. I believe that we have made progress to build a stronger future of Bichitra inspite of many challenges we faced since the beginning of the fiscal year.

A number of changes in the structure and methods of operation of Bichitra have been included in the proposed constitution amendments which were approved by your organization's Governing Body unanimously. Governing Body urges you to read through the attached constitution in its entirety – especially to pay attention to the highlighted changes. The revised constitution will make our organization even stronger, more efficient and accountable to its members. Internal accounting control system is also being developed. The focus will be on transparency.

The annual General Body meeting will be held on Saturday April 21, 2007 starting at 3:45 pm. I request all members to come to this important meeting. Annual General Election will also be held on this day. All eligible voters, please come and exercise your voting rights. I also urge you all to get involved in Bichitra affairs in a constructive way and serve the community through Bichitra.

Thank you again for your support and help. May 'Poila Baishakh' bring you Peace, Happiness and good fortune.

Sincerely,  
Gopal Roy