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INDIAN DANCER TO APPEAR AT USD

Viji Prakash, internationally renowned interpreter of classical Indian dance, will make a special appearance at the University of San Diego on Tuesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m. in Camino Theatre. Tickets for the performance are available through the USD bookstore box office or at the door on the night of performance. Donor tickets at \$10 assure special seating; other tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$2 for students.

Viji, a native of India and now a resident of Los Angeles, where she conducts a dance academy, has appeared throughout Europe, the United States, and the Orient. Considered a leading exponent of Bharata Natyam, the oldest of the contemporary classical Indian dance forms, Viji has consistently earned critical acclaim for her "wonderful synthesis of artistry and warmth" and "choreographic genius."

The dancer's appearance will benefit USD's People-to-People program, an activity of the Religious Studies Club which sponsors student summer experiences abroad. Last summer, the program sent its first team of three students and a faculty member to Peru for six weeks, their purpose, according to faculty spokesman Prof. Gary Macy, "not to instruct but to bring back to this country what they learned about the Peruvian people and living conditions." Students participating in the program are required to generate their own funding. The performance by Viji is the first campus-wide benefit event sponsored by the program.

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