

# ANJALI MITTER DUVA

## KATHAK DANCE FROM TEMPLE TO COURT TO STAGE: AN AUTHOR TALK AND DEMONSTRATION



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The history of *kathak*, North India's classical story-telling dance, mirrors that of the region, with every major socio-political upheaval in the country's history paralleled by a similar disruption in the dance, from its form to the social context in which it was performed. Boston-based author and dance organization co-founder Anjali Mitter Duva will take the audience on a journey through 1,000 years of history with a presentation combining elements of dance and literature. The event will include a history talk; a literary reading from the author's book, Faint Promise of Rain, enhanced with movement; and a brief *kathak* demonstration.

Anjali Mitter Duva is an Indian-American writer raised in France, and the author of Faint Promise of Rain (She Writes Press, 2014). Trained as an urban planner, she is also a co-founder of Chhandika, a non-profit organization dedicated to kathak dance. She runs a children's book club and the Arlington Author Salon. Educated at Brown University and MIT, she lives near Boston with her husband and two daughters. Visit her at [www.anjalimitterduva.com](http://www.anjalimitterduva.com) and on Twitter @AnjaliMDuva.

