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In HER Words
Multicultural women empowered through story telling

In brief:

What: *In HER words* -a performance of women's storytelling through dance, songs, poetry and film, directed by Padma Menon

Date/Time: Saturday 15th June 2019 at 6.30pm

Where: Murrniji Theatre, Hawker College, 51 Murrniji St, Hawker ACT

Tickets: www.marss.org.au/in-her-words

Through ***In HER Words***, culturally diverse women who have found strength, joy and empowerment from traditions and families in their own cultures will present dance, songs, poetry and film derived from their stories and cultures.

Dewani Bakkum, the CEO of MARSS says: 'We often think that people have to leave their own culture to find models of strong women. However, many cultures have stories, dances and songs which created women's communities and a space for women to find solace and inspiration. This is what we want to showcase in this performance.'

Internationally renowned choreographer and former Canberra Times Artist of the Year, Padma Menon, is Artistic Director of the *In HER Words* project. Padma sees it as being about women taking pride in their own cultures and what inspires them— stories, dances, songs, poetry and role models.

In HER Words is part of the Empowering Women Towards Action for Zero Tolerance program, funded by the ACT Office for Women to raise community awareness about domestic violence to multicultural women. Proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to two local not-for-profit organisations which help multicultural women experiencing domestic violence: Domestic Violence Crisis Service, and Beryl Women's Refuge. The performance will be opened with a keynote speech from ACT Minister for Women, Yvette Berry.

For more information visit www.marss.org.au/in-her-words

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