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*Saumya Kundu's journey with Hindu dancing has taken her around the world connecting her to new places and her history.*

Saumya Kundu has been dancing since she was 4 four years old, but it wasn't until she was introduced to Bharatanatyam that things really advanced. Bharatanatyam is a branch of Indian classical dance that incorporates elements of Hindu mythology.

Kundu is able to learn about her culture through the ritual and tradition of this type of dance. She connects with other people interested in the culture at various Hindu festivals that she performs at. Participating in this type of dance allows Kundu to grow up with similar experiences to those of her parents.

Her career and passion would not have been the same without the support from her instructor, Guru Smt. Vishal Ramani.

"She knows how to push me to perfect my pieces," Kundu said. "I love being her student and learning about Indian culture from her."

Her dancing has also taken her to countries all over the world to perform in showcases and competitions.

"I have been to places like Cambodia, Italy, Barcelona and more for things like competitions and showcases," Kundu said. "I really like traveling and I get to combine it with my passion for dance."

Kundu is eager to share her interest in this art with others. In the future, Kundu wants to keep teaching kids at her studio and branch out into choreographing her own routines.



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**SAUMYA KUNDU ('24)**

love to keep teaching and helping kids with the art form," Kundu said. "Another thing I have thought of is choreographing and being a choreographer, which would be super cool as a profession."

Before starting her time as an instructor, Kundu hopes to continue dancing in college and meet other people who are interested in the same type of cultural dancing.



**LESSONS LEARNED** (above) Saumya Kundu is supported by her lifelong teacher Guru Smt. Vishal Ramani. Kundu's experience with Bharatanatyam would not have been the same without the continuous support and guidance from Ramani. "She really knows how to push me to perfect my pieces," Kundu said.

**ACROSS THE WORLD** (left) Saumya Kundu has been lead all over the world to perform her dance routines. "I have been to places like Cambodia, Italy, Barcelona and more for things like competitions and showcases," Kundu said.

**ON STAGE** (cutout) Saumya Kundu executes her well-practiced routine on stage with her full outfit and accessories.

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