

ICA'S POST

Talent Nite Recap

by Arka Ghosh



Upcoming ICA Events

By Poonam Dubey

- **Daddy Kool – a stand-up show by Atul Khatri** | Mar 28th 2020, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM @ Ames City Auditorium. This event is free for ICA members/sponsors. You should have gotten an email on how to claim your tickets. Send an email to contactus@icaiowa.org with any questions.
- **Chai Tunes** | Apr 11th, 2020 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM @ Ames City Auditorium. This event is free for all public. Samosas and Chai will be served. Proceeds from event will be donated to local, national, and international charities.

Daddy Kool

By Anuj Sharma

The executive committee is extremely excited to host our next event "Daddy Kool". There are two reasons for this – 1) Atul Khatri is a rising star within the Indian stand-up comedy scene and has been featured in a Netflix special, and 2) ISU student "Chirayu Shukla" – a rising star within the Ames community will be the opening act for the show.

Despite this event being a new format of a show that ICA is hosting, we are highly encouraged by the response from the community. At the same time, there have been some concerns (and rightfully so) raised about the maturity of the content. At this time, the committee would like to invoke the standard disclaimer – all views expressed in the show are that of the artist and not that of the executive committee members:) Jokes aside, this is a comedy show. Dave Chappelle (award winning stand-up comedian) says it is the job of stand-up comedians to talk recklessly. The intent is not to hurt anyone's sentiments and neither is it to influence views. We hope to see you at the event having a great laugh and going home with a smile.



Please share details about this event in your social networks. Scan QR code on left using your phone for the URL to share.

Youth Leadership

By Karthik Shanmuganatham

At the beginning of the fiscal year, there was feedback provided by our membership base that we as an organization needs to try harder to bring in Iowa State students into our events.

Moving in this direction, we are pleased to announce that Rahul Namboori (ex-India Student Association President) is joining the ICA Executive Committee. Under Rahul's leadership, ISA hosted some of its biggest on-campus events in 2019–20. Now Rahul plans to bring his skills to help the ICA executive committee with digital marketing and with attracting ISU students to our upcoming events.

We also presented in a booth at the Ankeny Centennial Fair to recruit high school volunteers.

Kid's Corner

Alexander's Invasion

By Dr. V.V. Raman (originally published in Indher magazine)



Alexander – son of King Philip of Macedonia – was born in 356 B.C. He died at the early age of 33. He was a ruthless imperialist who successfully expanded his empire across Asia. Yet, with all the bloodshed he caused, Alexander was also sensitive to art, culture, and philosophy.

In the year 326 B.C. this ambitious Greek conqueror entered India with a mighty army. Little by little he brought many kingdoms of North India under his sway. He is said to have invaded India with over three hundred thousand soldiers.

There is a famous story relating to Alexander's encounter with a defeated Indian prince by the name of Puru. This proud and valiant prince, having lost thousands of horses and elephants and men in battle, finally conceded victory to the invader. He was now brought before Alexander and asked how he wished to be treated. To which Puru is said to have replied in a fearless voice: "Treat me like a king!" The astounded Greek was much impressed with this answer, and he gave Puru his well-deserved respect.

Alexander had intended to make most of North India a part of his growing empire. But this did not come to pass. One reason for this was his premature death. However, Alexander's invasion opened up the doors of India to Greek influence, at least in some fields. In particular, Indian art was considerably affected by this contact, as also astronomy.

Our Growing Community

India Cultural Association of Central Iowa

