



# YOU ARE INVITED!

## Shadhika's ANNUAL MELA

**THE MELA** is Shadhika's annual get-together and fundraiser. Come have a fun afternoon - meet fellow friends of Shadhika and find out more about how your generous contributions help the women and children of Kolkata. As always, you'll find **FABULOUS FOOD**, refreshing beverages and a lively entertainment program at the Mela. **THE BOUTIQUE** features beautiful, high-quality, hand-crafted scarves, jewelry and trinkets - a great place to pick up some unusual gifts. There's also our annual **SILENT AUCTION**, with exciting items like getaways to hot vacation spots, gourmet dinners, and luxurious spa treatments to name a few. And of course, rest assured that every dollar you spend goes directly to one of the worthy projects we support.

**WE** ARE DELIGHTED to announce that members of **THE CHITRESH DAS DANCE COMPANY**, established and directed by world renowned Kathak artist Pandit Chitresh Das, will perform at the Mela! The Company is one of the world's foremost professional ensembles for the North Indian classical dance known as Kathak. Chitresh Das visited New Light this January and conducted an intensive course in Kathak to a group of SOMA girls, and gave them a chance to perform with his school in Kolkata, Chhandam Nitrya Bharati. The Chitresh Das Dance Company **PERFORMANCE WILL START AT 4:45PM**. Please make sure you arrive in time as we want to assure no distractions during this highly anticipated event.

**SUNDAY, April 23, 2006**

**3:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**AVENIDAS**

*• New Location! •*

**450 Bryant Street**

**Palo Alto, CA 94301**

*(downtown between University & Lytton)*

**RSVP by Saturday, April 15.**

**Call PETER & JUTHICA at:**

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**CAN'T MAKE THE MELA?** Donations may be made by mailing checks payable to:  
The Shadhika Foundation, 3790 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306.

All contributions are tax deductible. Shadhika continues to be a zero overhead foundation. Your entire contribution directly helps Indian women & children. No part of any donation is used for operating expenses, all of which are funded by members of the Shadhika board.

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