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MANJU PRASAD, INDIAN DANCER, WILL PERFORM FOR SUMMERGARDEN

Classical Indian dances will be performed by Manju Prasad as part of the Summergarden program at 8 pm on Friday, August 24, and Saturday, August 25.

Manju Prasad was born in Bangalore, India, where she learned the native dances from Guru Muthaih Pillai and Sitara Devi. After arriving in America, she taught Indian dance at Indiana University while she was earning her Masters at that institution. Returning to India, she worked in advertising and television. She has recently come back to tour the United States.

Manju Prasad has given performances throughout America, most recently at the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco, the Indianapolis Museum of Art, and in New York City as part of the Parks Department sponsored program of entertainment.

Summergarden is Mobil Foundation's gift to New York. It enables The Museum of Modern Art to open its Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden without charge on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings from 6 to 11 pm, through September 30. Entertainment scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights begins at 8 pm. Access to the garden is through the gates at 8 W. 54 Street.

Next week's performer will be Grungie O'Muck, a folksinger.

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