As co-chair of the marketing committee and on behalf of the Mosaic America team, I welcome you to the first edition of our newsletter, Tessera. A mosaic is a pattern made of stone, tile or glass produced by arranging together small pieces of material called tesserae. The absence of even a single tessera, either by error or omission, leaves a mosaic unmanifested and the artwork incomplete.

You may have participated in a Mosaic America event and enjoyed the dances, the music, and the poetry before you. All of these acts work together as a beautiful presentation of artistry in America.

This newsletter is a gift to go along with those experiences and an offering in honor of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Opening it, you will discover how our highlighted artists, Eric Solano of Parangal Dance Company and Urmila Vudali, view and practice their art. Please enjoy these contributions as we invite you to take part in learning what makes us all a part of the mosaic of America.

In solidarity,

GLADY LEE
Marketing Co-Chair

At the Intersection: Urmila Vudali

Urmila Vudali, a young yet seasoned Bharatnatyam dancer, shares with us her

Building Awareness for Indigenous Philippine Communities at Parangal Dance Company
Eric Solano and his Parangal Dance Company pay tribute to their Filipino heritage through the unifying power of traditional folk dance.

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Upcoming Event - May 20th

FROM DIVERSITY TO BELONGING

Tune in to our second episode of From Diversity to Belonging on May 20th at 6-7:15pm Pacific. We’re partnering with the San José Museum of Art and the makers of the multi-awarded film From Here, to chat about how to redefine belonging in an era of rising nationalism. Join Christina Antonakos-Wallace, Sonny Singh, and Tania Mattos in a panel discussion. A screener of the film will be provided prior to the event.

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Past Event - April 22nd

BHANGRALISCO

On April 22nd, we launched a new series From Diversity to Belonging with the Commonwealth Club of California as our presenting partner for the very first episode. We opened with a panel discussion moderated by award-winning filmmaker Christina Antonakos-Wallace with Dr. Sumun L. Pendakur, Việt Lê, and Ashley Quarcoo.

The event closed with a dance party led by Arturo Magaña of Ensamble Folclórico Colibrí and Srividya Eashwar of Xpressions Dance. Check out our BhangraLisco (Bhangra from Punjab, India + Folklorico from Jalisco, Mexico) playlist and have your own dance party at home, any time of the day!

LISTEN NOW
Past Event - April 24th

CELEBRATING GOOD TROUBLE

Another recent April event, Celebrating Good Trouble, lent us the opportunity to highlight some of our dear artists and friends who are committed to creating their own kinds of good trouble through their art, music, dance, and poetry.

From poet LaToya Jackson's reading of "Angry Black Woman, A Letter to Women," to flautist Ray Furuta's reminiscence of his cross-cultural collaboration, Primal Reboot, and beyond, we celebrate those who use their voice and creativity to create something utterly different and challenge the status quo.

If you weren't able to join us, we'd love to host you for a remote viewing of "Celebrating Good Trouble" via our YouTube channel.

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MOSAIC RECOMMENDS

As seen on India Currents
Mosaic Silicon Valley's 'Femina': Find the Divine in India, Cambodia, & China

Book: Angel and Hannah
By: Ishle Yi Park (Korean-American)
The sweeping, unforgettable story of an interracial couple in 1990s New York City who are determined to protect their love against all odds—a reimagining of Romeo and Juliet.

AMERICA: The home of the brave
Mosaic America partnered with Seismic Sisters to bring an in depth piece on the importance of creating belonging in the US and how we're doing this for our community.

Bay Area Restaurants
Venture into these nearby neighborhoods and you can't go wrong these choices:
San José Japantown Restaurants, Bars, Eateries
Japantown SF Dining
Korean Restaurants in Santa Clara

AAPI-owned jewelry brands
Explore designs by Ina Sol, Maaari Co, and Abacus Row.

Diasporic Vietnamese Artist Network
DVAN believes that the stories and aesthetics of a thriving Vietnamese diaspora can unite our global community. Our mission is to celebrate and foster diasporic Vietnamese literary voices.

Asian Hustle Network
Asian Hustle Network highlights entrepreneurs around the world to amplify their voices and empower Asians to pursue their dreams and goals.

Prubechu in The Mission serves classic flavors from Guam and the Marianas Islands using the finest ingredients from California's farmer's markets and adding a modern twist to traditional dishes.

With more than 40+ flavors, Sugar Mama Desserts in Milpitas includes everything from green tea and pandan to salted...
caramel and chocolate caramel pecan crunch.

Anti-Asian Violence Resources
Find resources for services and allyship.

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