Often, Mosaic co-founder Usha and I complete each other’s sentences or text each other at the same time. Most times, we know what the other means, without spelling it out. While this telepathy is not reserved for women, it is indicative of the sisterhood between us. The first time this happened was in early 2016, when Usha looked up from her laptop and asked, How can many cultures be brought together? And I answered :) That simple, single Q&A has been the blueprint for Mosaic, for five years.

At that time, all we knew was that we need to act, needed to do something about the deep unrest we were all feeling about where the nation was heading. The world it seemed, did need changing. I read somewhere that each time women gather, the world heals a little more; that the power of women connecting is immeasurable. In our journey, we encountered other organizations that embodied the spirit of sisterhood regardless of gender—solidarity and support, yes, but most importantly, uplifting the soul. We work with artists too, that emphasize intention in each act, authenticity in each message, connection with each artform.

This issue of Tessera celebrates National Sisters’ Day, and also our comunidad (community) that is built upon the ‘Ohana (family) cultivated by our sisterhoods. Experience this at our festival on Sep 25th in San Jose—Click here to join us for free!

Namaste, in respect,

PRIYA DAS
Co-Founder
Sisterhood Through Hula: How This California-Based Hālau Honors Native Hawaiian Culture

By Melissa Howard

Hula, in the best way it can be described using western terminology, is an act of Hawaiian cultural preservation. A local hula community describes what their practice means to them.

Mosaic Festival Artists: Danny Thien Le, Kavita Patel, New Ballet

By Sydney Williams

The first annual Mosaic Festival Silicon Valley is just around the corner, and we're excited to have such a partnership of incredible artists and performers. Here's a sneak peek into our lineup.
JOIN THE MOSAIC FESTIVAL
September 25, 2021

Join the celebration of our mosaic of American cultures at the first annual MOSAIC FESTIVAL in Silicon Valley on September 25, 2021. The very first of its kind, the festival honors our community with a day of belonging, healing, and harmony through art.

Experience performances by artists around the Bay Area. Discover cultures through food in an eclectic curation of food trucks and small business vendors. Shake off the languishing of quarantine through movement, whether it's through walking, yoga, or dancing in place. Marvel at the art by local creators at an exhibit of their work that presents their perspective of the "American Mosaic." Most importantly, take part in our united effort to heal from the pandemics of COVID-19 and racism that attempted to erode who and what we truly are: a united mosaic of American communities, rooted in our love for our home - the gleaming, diverse, and culturally-rich Silicon Valley.

RSVP and you'll automatically be entered to win the raffle at our free event! Learn more about the festival, or maybe volunteer with us!

RSVP HERE
Past Event: August 14th

MOSAIC AT SAN JOSE JAZZ SUMMERFEST

Mosaic collaborated with San Jose Jazz to present many incredible artists for this event. George Brooks and Indian classical music innovator Arjun Verma unite for a collaboration that transcends cultural and musical barriers. For this special concert they re-interpret material commissioned by San Jose Jazz and Mosaic America last year, joined by guitar virtuoso Gyan Riley and rising tabla star Nilan Chaudhuri. Sponsored by Realtor Valya Ragu, Top Producer for Legacy Real Estate Associates. Learn more about SummerFest!

MOSAIC RECOMMENDS

BOOKS

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants
by Ann Brashares

Divine Secrets of the Yaya Sisterhood
by Rebecca Wells

Frientimacy
by Shasta Nelson

Doing the Dirty Work?: The Global Politics of Domestic Labour
by Bridget Anderson
**SHOWS**

**The Good Place**  
Four people and their otherworldly frienemy struggle in the afterlife to define what it means to be good.

**Gilmore Girls**  
A dramedy centering around the relationship between a thirtysomething single mother and her teen daughter living in Stars Hollow, Connecticut.

**Grey's Anatomy season 17**  
A drama centered on the personal and professional lives of five surgical interns and their supervisors.

**Modern Love**  
TV series based on the New York Times' column that explores relationships, love and the human connection.

**FOOD**

**Cucos Burritos**  
Mexican Restaurant in Redwood City, CA

**Nirvana Soul**  
Coffee Shop in San Jose, CA

**Sister Restaurant**  
Modern Restaurant in Oakland, CA

**Souley Vegan**  
Vegan Louisiana Creole in Oakland, CA

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