



# District 66 Centennial and Annual Awards Gala

## MORE THAN JUST A MEETING



October 26, 2024  
DoubleTree by Hilton  
Williamsburg, Virginia

Message from the Governor of Virginia

Message from the Mayor of Williamsburg

Welcome from the Trio and Planning Committee

Keynote Speaker

Centennial Celebration and Fall Awards





**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**  
*Office of the Governor*

Glenn Youngkin  
Governor

October 1, 2024

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia, congratulations to Toastmasters International on your 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. What an amazing achievement!

Since 1924, Toastmasters International has fostered a supportive and safe environment to build confidence in public speaking through a worldwide network of clubs. In this nurturing community, members receive constructive feedback that is designed to help them improve their public speaking skills, prepare and deliver speeches, and answer questions. This regular practice not only empowers members, but also ignites a spark of personal growth enabling them to meet their personal and professional communication goals. With over 270,000 members in 148 countries, Toastmasters International has supported the success of countless individuals who have expanded their skills.

The First Lady and I wish Toastmasters International continued success as you support those who are improving and changing the world through public speaking.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Glenn Youngkin'.

Glenn Youngkin

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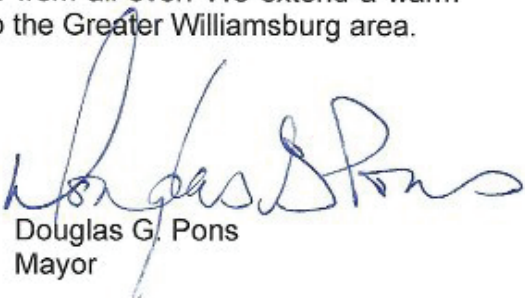
### **GREETINGS!**

On behalf of the citizens of the City of Williamsburg, Virginia, I am pleased and honored to welcome the distinguished members of Toastmasters International to the District 66 Falls Award Celebration, on October 26, 2024. It is particularly exciting that this Centennial and Fall Awards celebration will recognize the exceptional progress and service of individuals within our district.

Williamsburg, the capital city of Colonial Virginia, 1699-1780, stands today much as it did in the eighteenth century. Eighty-eight of the City's original buildings have been restored and preserved while hundreds of others have been reconstructed based on historical documents and research. The restoration program was begun in 1926 by the late Reverend Dr. W.A.R. Goodwin and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. We hope you will stroll through the Historic Area, enjoy the costumed interpreters as they relate the colorful histories of the buildings and gardens, and visit the variety of shops and restaurants.

William & Mary, the second oldest university in America is within walking distance of the historic area. The Wren Building, located on the campus, is the oldest academic building in English-speaking America, in use since 1695, and the first major Williamsburg structure to be restored by Mr. Rockefeller.

Best wishes for a memorable meeting as you gather from all over. We extend a warm welcome to all of you and hope you enjoy your visit to the Greater Williamsburg area.



Douglas G. Pons  
Mayor

# Welcome From the Trio

**District 66 Director, Jim Kennedy, DTM, 2024-2025**



## **Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Toastmasters!**

Welcome to the Toastmasters Centennial Celebration and Fall Awards Banquet in Williamsburg, VA. Today is a day of celebration. Dr. Ralph Smedley started Toastmasters on October 22, 1924, in Santa Ana, CA because “he saw the need of interpersonal skills pertaining to communication, management and leadership in the community.” Over a century later, we in District 66 are living his vision of “a club environment where members prepare and deliver speeches, respond to impromptu questions, and give and receive constructive feedback.” We are excited to welcome the 2024-2025 Toastmasters International President, Radhi Spear, as well as our corporate partners in celebrating this momentous occasion with us.

We are also excited to celebrate District 66 accomplishments for the 2023-2024 Toastmaster Year when our theme was Back to Basics: Speak, Lead, Inspire. Congratulations to all award recipients. I am excited to be able to celebrate with you. As we look back on our accomplishments for the past year, I look forward to even greater achievements in the year to come. Remember, “Together WE Are Unstoppable.”

# Welcome From the Trio

## Program Quality Director, Doretha Pair, EH5, 2024-2025



### Welcome District 66

I am glad you joined us today for our Centennial Celebration and Awards Luncheon. Congratulations to all those who earned awards for the 2023-2024 Toastmasters year. Let this year be a year to accomplish many things and celebrate the legacy of Dr. Ralph Smedley. I look forward to celebrating your accomplishments next year.

## Club Growth Director, Marilyn Vaughan, TC3, 2024-2025



### Welcome District 66

I am thrilled that we are celebrating both Toastmasters' Centennial and District 66 Awards Luncheon today. Dr. Ralph Smedley's remarkable legacy has brought us to this milestone—100 years of Toastmasters and 62 years for District 66. Congratulations to all the award recipients for the 2023-2024 program year; we are incredibly proud of your achievements.

As we look forward to 2024-2025, let's make it our best year yet by continuing our success, expanding our district, and launching new clubs. Introducing the benefits of Toastmasters to

new communities and corporations are one of the most exciting and rewarding endeavors we can undertake. By growing our network of clubs, we extend the transformative power of Pathways to even more people. In addition, organizing new clubs offers leaders a tremendous opportunity to sharpen and expand their leadership skills.

**Immediate Past District Director, Tishaun Harris-Ugworji, DTM, 2024-2025**



**Congratulations**

Welcome District 66 Toastmasters and guests to our Annual District 66 Awards Ceremony and Centennial Celebration. I want to thank each and every one who is participating today to make this event a memorable one. We thank our sponsors for their contributions that made this event possible. We thank our members whose contribution to this organization gives us a reason to celebrate one hundred years of excellence. We look forward to the future as we embrace another historical moment.



# District 66 Executive Committee 2023-2024

**District Director** Tishaun Harris-Ugworji, DTM  
**Program Quality Director** Jim Kennedy, DTM  
**Club Growth Director** Doretha Pair, EH5

## **Division A Director – Kristine Vey**

Area 11 Director – Venus Wilmer  
Area 12 Director – Nick Mastrovito  
Area 14 Director – Cassandra Sabo  
Area 18 Director - Patricia Gaspard

## **Division B Director – Robin Jenkins**

Area 21 Director – Jeya Chelliah  
Area 22 Director – Carla Davis  
Area 23 Director – Sitrena Woodson  
Area 24 Director – Dinesh Pai  
Area 25 Director – Drusilla Pair  
Area 26 Director – Frederica Ricks  
Area 27 Director – Lamees Abourahma

## **Division D Director – Damon Slater**

Area 41 Director – Melissa Parks  
Area 42 Director – Michelle Wilkes  
Area 43 Director – Rex Homlin  
Area 45 Director Oladele Onayemi  
Area 46 Director – Sherman Bamford

## **Additional District Officers**

Administration Manager-Ina B. Mitchell  
Finance Manager-LaTanya Hicks  
Public Relations Manager-Paula Freeman  
Logistics Manager- Jessica Cotman  
Parliamentarian- Rhiannon Liker  
District Leadership Chair – Linda Kennedy, DTM  
Immediate Past District Director



# Welcome from the Planning Committee

Welcome District 66 and guests to our Centennial Celebration and Annual Fall Awards Gala.

We hope you will enjoy all the activities we have planned for you.

A “**special**” thank you to the 2024

District 66 Centennial and Fall Awards Planning Committee Members:

Chasity Bailey, Dominion Energy

Vanessa Clack, Virginia Beach Club

Angela Pope Dickerson, NRV Lunch Bunch

Michael Cannon, Virginia Beach Club

Tishaun Harris-Ugworji, Immediate Past District Director

## **Support Staff**

Jim Kenndy, District Director,

Cassandra Sabo, Webmaster and team

Kristine Vey, Public Relations Manager

Joyce Laswell, Finance Manager

Ina Brown Mitchell, Administrative Manager

LaTanya Hicks, Past District Finance Manager

Paula Freeman, Past District PRM Manager

We would like to thank all the **District 66 Toastmasters** who volunteered their time and support this weekend. You are truly our greatest asset, and we could not accomplish what we do without your support!

*Voices of Change*

*Voices of Williamsburg*



District 66

*Welcomes*

*New Chartered Toastmasters Clubs*

*City of Suffolk Virginia Toastmasters*

*Clarkston Toastmasters*

*Walker Business Leaders Toastmasters*

# Welcome Keynote Speaker Radhi Spears

## Toastmasters International President



Radhi Spear is a mother, wife, and engineer. She is the 2024-2025 Toastmasters International President. Radhi has been a Toastmaster for more than two decades. She is a charter member of AT&T Middletown Toastmasters and has served in many district leadership positions. As Lieutenant Governor of Marketing, she helped charter 27 clubs and was awarded the "Excellence in Marketing" award. She is a Distinguished Past District Governor of District 46, which included metropolitan New York and New Jersey. It was one of the largest districts in the world, with over 250 clubs and over 4,500 members. Toastmasters International President Jana Barnhill awarded her a Presidential Citation in August of 2009. She was honored to serve on the very first International Leadership Committee.

Additionally, she spoke on a Leadership Panel titled "Achieving Success in the Distinguished District" during the 2009 Toastmasters International Convention. She was appointed as Region 9 Advisor in 2015 -2016 and served as an International Director from 2017 to 2019.

Outside of Toastmasters, Radhi has worked in the telecommunications industry for over 30 years. She is an electrical engineer working for AT&T in Middletown, NJ. She has expertise in software development, systems administration, and acceptance testing. She troubleshoots problems and develops software for projects that impact millions of people.

She has two daughters and lives with her husband in Piscataway, NJ.

# Awards Agenda

Saturday, October 26, 2024

Registration and Networking  
Introduction of the TOD/Welcome  
Purpose of the Occasion  
Toastmasters History  
Keynote Speech  
Lunch  
Dance Presentation—Kathak  
Toastimonials



## **Intermission**

Corporate/Sponsor recognition

Awards Recognition Part 1  
Toastmaster International Awards  
Program Quality Director Awards  
Club Growth Director Awards



## **Intermission (raffle)**

Awards Recognition Part 2  
DTM Walk of Fame  
Division Director of the Year  
Area Director of the Year  
Toastmaster of the Year

Adjournment

# District 66 Program Quality Awards

## **Excellence in Education**

Recognizes clubs where 50% or more of their members submit to education awards.

Berkley's Confident Communicators  
Chubb Masters Club  
Franklin County Toastmasters Club  
Harrisonburg Toastmasters Club  
Innsbrook Toastmasters  
Northern Neck Toastmasters  
Peninsula Powerhouse Speakers  
Piney Mountain Club  
Very Articulate Master Communicators  
Voices of Change  
West End Toastmasters Club

## **Perfect 10 Award**

Recognizes clubs that earn all 10 DCP Goals

Blue Ridge Club  
Dominion Energy Toastmasters  
Harrisonburg Toastmasters Club  
Speak Easy Club  
St. Michael Toastmasters  
VCU Toastmasters

# District 66 Program Quality Awards

## Excellence in Leadership

Recognizes clubs that have achieved Distinguished status for 3 or more consecutive years.

10x Speakers Club

Blue Ridge Club

Innsbrook

Richmond FedMasters

SPBC Toastmasters

Speak Easy

St. Michaels

VCU Toastmasters

Vinegar Hill

Virginia Beach Club

# District 66 Program Quality Awards

## **Phoenix Award**

Recognizes clubs that achieved Distinguished status that haven't been Distinguished for the past 3 consecutive years.

Advanced Leadership Club  
Dominion Energy Toastmasters  
Launch Toastmasters  
Northern Neck Toastmasters  
Piney Mountain Club  
Pleasant Grove Articulators Club  
Power Talkers Toastmasters  
Roanoke Talk of the Town Club  
Very Articulate Master Communicators

## **Rising Star Award**

Recognizes clubs that achieve Distinguished club status their first full year following their charter date.

Toast and Jam  
Hoos Speaking  
HCA Captivating Capital Communicators

# District 66 Club Growth Awards

## Director's Cup

Recognizes top Division, and top three areas, in percentage of clubs at, or above, charter strength.

Division A	Kristine Vey
Area 24	Dinesh Pai
Area 27	Lamees Abourahma
Area 42	Michelle Willke

## Superior Membership Growth

Recognizes clubs that have ended the year at, or above, charter strength for 3 or more consecutive years.

10x Speakers Club  
Blue Ridge Club  
Innsbrook Toastmasters  
Richmond FedMasters Club  
SPBC Toastmasters  
Speak Easy Club  
St. Michael Toastmasters  
Tunnel Talkers, An Altria Group Inc. Club  
VCU Toastmasters  
Vinegar Hill Toastmasters Club  
Virginia Beach Club



# District 66 Awards

## International Speech Contest Winners

*Glenn Hadley, 1st Place*



*Brenda Bailey, 2nd Place*



*Joan Bowling, 3rd Place*



# District 66 Awards

## Table Topics Contest Winners

*Sabrina Leahy, 1st Place*



*Glenn Hadley, 2nd Place*



*Sharon Bare, 3rd Place*



# District 66 Awards

## Distinguished Toastmasters

**Caressa Cooper**  
Berkley's Confident Communicators



**Robert Riggs**  
New Beginnings Toastmasters Club



**Kristine Vey, DTM**  
Blue Ridge Toastmasters, Hoos Speaking



**Jacqueline Harrison**  
Speak Easy



# District 66 Awards

## Distinguished Areas

Areas that met their goals based upon Paid clubs and Distinguished Clubs

Distinguished Area 11 Division A

Venus Wilmer

Distinguished Area 21 Division B

Jeya Chelliah

Distinguished Area 23 Division B

Robin Jenkins

Select Distinguished Area 25 Division B

Druscilla Pair

Select Distinguished Area 26 Division B

Frederica Ricks

Select Distinguished Area 27 Division B

Lamees Abourahma

Select Distinguished Area 46 Division D

Sherman Bamford

# District 66 Awards

## SUPER SEVEN —2023-2024

### DIVISION A

City of Lynchburg S/W pins  
Lynchburg Toastmasters S/W pins  
Expressions W only ribbon  
Danville S/W pins  
Assured Communicators S/W pins  
NRV Lunch Bunch S/W pins  
Piney Mountain Club S/W pins  
Hoos Speaking S/W pins  
Blue Ridge S only ribbon

### DIVISION B

First Choice W only ribbon  
Adv. Leadership S/W pins  
Power Talkers S/W pins  
West Creek S/W pins  
Midtown S/W pins  
SPBC S/W pins  
Innsbrook S/W pins  
**Step to Success S/W pins**  
St. Michaels S/W pins  
Richmond Fedmaster S/W pins  
SPEAK DOT S/W pins  
**Dominion W only ribbon**  
Toast and Jam S only ribbon  
James River S/W pins

### Division D

Berkley's Confident Communicators S/W pins  
**City of Virginia Beach S/W pins**  
Virginia Beach Club S/W pins  
  
**Western Branch S/W pins**  
Voices of Change S/W pins  
**Visionaries Toastmasters club S/W pins**  
Power of One speaker W only Ribbon

# District 66 Awards

## Half By Half

Achieve any five (5) DCP goals by December 31, 2023

HALF BY HALF —2023-2024

Lynchburg Toastmasters #562

### Expressions

Danville Club

City of Lynchburg

Harrisonburg Toastmasters \*8

### Franklin County TM

Blue Ridge \*8

Advanced Leadership

Innsbrook TM

St. Michael \*7

### Tunnel Talkers

VCU Toastmasters\*7

### Western Branch

Berkley's Confident Communicators\*7

### Speak Easy Club

## Early Achievers

Achieve Distinguished status by March 1, 2024

EARLY ACHIEVERS —2023-2024

Expressions

Harrisonburg TM

Blue Ridge TM

Hoos Speaking

### Generally Speaking

Innsbrook TM

St. Michael TM

### Tunnel Talkers

SpeakDot TM

### Dominion Energy

VCU TM

Virginia Beach Club

### Western Branch

### Speak Easy Club

Oyster Point TM

### NRV Lunch Bunch

# District 66 Awards

## Triple Crown Recipients

<u>Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Award</u>
Gregory McCaulley, DTM	Western Branch Toastmasters Club	3	PWMENTORPGM, VC4, VC5
Richard Kaerwer, PI4	Innsbrook Toastmasters	4	PI1, PI2, PI3, PI4
Ahmad Mudassir Rasuli, LD4	V.O.I.C.E.S. of Williamsburg Club	4	LD1, LD2, LD3, LD4
Myles Quachyeargin, PM3	Dominion Energy Toastmasters	5	DL1, DL2, PM1, PM2, PM3
<b>A. A. Tuten, DTM</b>	Harrisonburg Toastmasters Club	3	DL3, VC3, VC4
Aaron M. Stubbs, PM3	Franklin County Toastmasters Club	3	PM1, PM2, PM3
Amanda Albright, MS1	Speak Easy Club	3	MS1, PM4, PM5
Andrew Barksdale, LD4	Western Branch Toastmasters Club	6	LD4, PM1, PM2, PM3, PM4, PWMENTORPGM
Bonnie Hockins, PM3	Hoos Speaking	3	PM1, PM2, PM3
Brenda Bailey, VC1	James River Toastmasters	3	EH4, EH5, VC1
Brian R. Lomax, DTM	Com-Unity Speakers Toastmasters Club	4	MS5, PI2, PI3, PI4
Cassandra Greene, IP3	Chubb Masters Club	3	IP1, IP2, IP3
<b>Chaitali Roy, EH3</b>	Innsbrook Toastmasters	3	EH1, EH2, EH3
Chasity L. Bailey, LD5	Dominion Energy Toastmasters	6	LD1, LD2, LD3, LD4, LD5, PWMENTORPGM
Cornell Cary, PM5	Berkley's Confident Communicators	5	PM1, PM2, PM3, PM4, PM5
Danyelle Stutz, SR3	HCA Captivating Capital Communicators	3	SR1, SR2, SR3
<b>Doretha Pair, EC3</b>	SpeakDOT Toastmasters Club	3	EC1, EC2, EC3
<b>Drusilla O. Pair, PM4</b>	SpeakDOT Toastmasters Club, V.O.I.C.E.S. of Williamsburg Club	6	IP1, IP2, IP3, LD4, LD5, PM4
Harry Harman, DTM	Virginia Beach Club	3	EC2, EC3, PI4
Howard N. Toft, PM3	Advanced Leadership Club and Innsbrook	3	DL4, DL5, PM3

# District 66 Awards

Member	Club	Count	Award
Ina Brown, MS3	Step to Success, Richmond FedMasters Club,	5	MS1, MS2, MS3, EH3, EH4
Jana C. Liebermann, SR4	Danville Club	3	MS5, SR4, MS4
Joshua P. Wilkes, DL2	Western Branch Toastmasters Club	3	DL1, DL2, PWMENTORPGM
<b>Joyce Laswell, VC3</b>	Virginia Beach Human Services Toastmasters Club	3	MS2, PM2, VC3
KELLY A. GEROW, EH4	James River Toastmasters	3	EH2, EH3, EH4
Kim Fielder, IP5	Speak Easy Club	5	IP1, IP2, IP3, IP4, IP5
<b>Lawrence D. Nichols, DL5</b>	Oyster Point Speakers Toastmasters Club	3	DL3, DL4, DL5
Lucia M. Gregorakis, TC5	Voices of Change	3	PWMENTORPGM, TC4, TC5
Martin J. Bussert, DTM	Voices of Change	4	EH1, EH2, VC4, VC5
Maurie Sutton, IP5	Valley Easy Speakers	6	IP1, IP2, IP3, IP4, IP5, VC5
Michelle Willke, VC3	Speak Easy Club	4	PWMENTORPGM, VC1, VC2, VC3
<b>Mike Etchemendy, DTM</b>	Blue Ridge Club, Hoos Speaking	3	PM1, PM2, PM3
<b>Nick Mastrovito, MS4</b>	NRV Lunch Bunch	3	MS2, MS3, MS4
Pallab Chatterjee, MS3	West End Toastmasters Club	4	MS1, MS2, MS3, PM5
Patricia Lee, EH3	Uptown Voices	3	EH1, EH2, EH3
<b>Priscilla Clayborne, DL3</b>	VCU Toastmasters	3	DL1, DL2, DL3
Robert Rice, EH1	Western Branch Toastmasters Club	4	EH1, MS3, MS4, MS5
Robin C. Jenkins, DTM	Advanced Leadership Club, Midtown Toastmasters Club,	6	SR3, EH2, EH3, EH4
Sean Dyer, PM2	Virginia Beach Human Services Toastmasters Club	3	PM1, PM2, VC5
Sheena Norfield, LD4	Expressions	4	LD2, LD3, LD4



# District 66 Awards

Member	Club	Count	Award
Barbara T. Wright, PM1	Uptown Voices	3	IP4, IP5, PM1
Beverly Ross, PI3	Launch Toastmasters, Very Articulate Master Communicators	3	PI1, PI2, P13
Cassandra Sabo, PM3	Blue Ridge Club	3	PM1, PM2, PM3
David Hirschman, DTM	Vinegar Hill Toastmasters	3	PM2, PM3, PM4
Dylan Caverly, SR4	Speak Easy Club	4	SR1, SR2, SR3, SR4
Ethel Perry, SR4	City of Virginia Beach	3	SR2, SR3, SR4
Ibironke O. Lawal, TC4	VCU Toastmasters	4	TC1, TC2, TC3, IP1
Jacqueline Harrison, DTM	Speak Easy Club	3	PM1, PI5, DTM
Kristine Vey, DTM	Blue Ridge Club, Hoos Speaking	3	EC5, SR1, DTM
Lamees Abourahma, VC5	VCU Toastmasters	3	VC3, VC4, VC5,
Linda Davis, PM2	Danville Club, Piney Mountain Club	5	PM1, PM2, IP2, IP3, IP4,
Marilynn B. Vaughan TC3	Step to Success	4	DL5, TC1, TC2, TC3,
Matthew Newquist, VC3	James River Toastmasters	3	VC1, VC2, VC3
Michael Cannon, EH3	Virginia Beach Club	3	EH1, EH2, EH3
Robin J. Honeycutt, PI1	Assured Communicators	3	VC3, VC4, PI1
Sharon K. Bares, DTM	Harrisonburg Toastmasters	3	VC5, MS1, MS2
Skyler Joyner, PM3	Chubb Masters	3	PM1, PM2, PM3
Stephen R. Luke, MS1	Western Branch	4	DL3, DL4, DL5
Steven M. Brown, PM1	Franklin County Toastmasters	4	PI4, P12, PI3, PI4
<b>Susan Mathias, EH3</b>	Harrisonburg Toastmasters	5	EH1, EH2, PM4

# District 66 Awards

Member	Club	Count	Award
<b>Tiffany Tracey, MS5</b>	Northern Neck Toastmasters	4	MS2, MS3, MS4, MS5
Venus Wilmer, DTM	Piney Mountain club, Generally Speaking TM, Innsbrook Toastmasters, City of Lynchburg TM, Danville Club, Expressions, Lynchburg TM Club #562	11	SR2, TC1, SR1, PM1, TC2, TC3, SR4,P15,SR3,SR5,TC4,
<b>Victoria Lyle, EC3</b>	Innsbrook Toastmasters	5	EC1, EC2, EC3, IP4, IP5
Wade Thompson, DTM	Franklin County	5	EH4, IP1, IP2, IP3, IP4
Wes Rogers, DTM	City of Lynchburg	3	EC2, SR3, TC1
Zoe E. Moyer, DL3	Very Articulate Master Communicators	3	DL1, DL2, DL3
Vernelle Curtis, DTM	Pleasant Grove Articulators	3	TC2, TC3, TC4
Madeline Frank, DTM	Visionaries Toastmasters club	4	MS2, MS3, MS4, MS5
Jiapang Luan, DL5	VCU Toastmasters	3	DL4, DL5, PI1
Leanne Constantinidis,	Toast and Jam!	3	TC1, TC2, TC3
<b><i>Names in bold received pin at Spring conference</i></b>			

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# About the Dancers

About the dance teacher: Dr. Bharati Khopkar: received a rigorous training for 12 years from various teachers from Pune, India. Started her training from a tender age of 9 and completed her graduation in Kathak in 1981. On the flip side, awarded a PhD in Applied Chemistry from Japan in 1997.

About Kathak: We all may know that, Kathak has originated from North India. Katha kahe so kathak kehelaye. A story teller interpreted his story with the help of hand gestures and foot sounds. Breath taking speed, flawless spins and complex rigorous footwork are most important elements of this dance form.

Today's performance: My students will be performing classical SARAGAM (vocal notes) and CHATURANG (4 colors of this dance form rhythmic pieces, vocal notes, Tarana the rhythmic patterns, and expressions) as viewed from Kathak lens.



The dancers: Aarna, Nikita, Kshamata, Rupali, Preeti, Varsha, and Sumiran





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