

**Conference of the Birds**  
**Created by ANIKAYA Dance Theater**  
**Commissioned by Boston Center for the Arts**

Through the contemporary elements of video projection, original sound score, and an ensemble of dancers from across the globe, ANIKAYA Dance Theater invites you to experience an ancient tale about the soul's search for meaning. Inspired by the Persian literary masterpiece *The Conference of the Birds*

, this world premiere shares stories of modern epic journeys collected from members of local Muslim, immigrant, refugee and dance communities in a magnificent allegory about the human spirit and the quest for the divine. A global work incubated and developed in Boston

, *Conference of the Birds*

is a major original movement theater piece commissioned by Boston Center for the Arts.

Thursday, April 5 | 7:30 pm

Friday, April 6 | 8 pm

Saturday, April 7 | 4 pm & 8 pm

Sunday, April 8 | 4 pm

Roberts Studio Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion at the BCA

Tickets \$35 | Student/Senior \$25

**buy tickets**

**Story Gathering and Movement Workshop**  
**with ANIKAYA Dance Theater**

Boston Center for the Arts has commissioned ANIKAYA Dance Theater to create a major original movement theater piece, *Conference of the Birds*. An integral aspect of the content of creation of this piece are public story gathering and movement workshops with a focus on

connecting the Muslim, immigrant, refugee, and dance communities, amongst others. ANIKAYA Dance Theater invites you to contribute to the creative process of this new work based on the ancient Sufi poem, *The Conference of the Birds*, a magnificent tale about the human spirit and the quest for the divine.

Workshop participants are invited to move with an ensemble of dancers from across the globe and share stories of their journey, fears and hopes through verbal, written or movement communication. Elements of stories shared may be woven into the premiere performance in April.

All abilities are welcome.

Free Public Program

March 13 | 6:00–8:00 pm | Martin Hall | Calderwood Pavilion at the BCA

**Please note this event has been rescheduled from March 7 due to weather.**

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