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Title Interview with Rachna Agrawal

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Primary Maker Rachna Ramya Agrawal

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Description Audio file of interview with Rachna Agrawal. She was interviewed by Satwik Padhi on October 22, 2025 in Weatogue, Connecticut. Rachna Agrawal was interviewed as part of the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History's Community History Project discussing moments of change in her life. Rachna Agrawal practices an Indian classical dance form called Kathak and is also a writer. Recounting significant moments of change in her life, Rachna discusses her experiences as an immigrant. She moved many places within India, such as Rajasthan, Bihar, and New Delhi. After getting married in 1989, she moved to the United States. These transitions shaped her identity and sense of belonging. When she first arrived in the USA, she observed the total contrast between vibrant Delhi and quiet Simsbury, CT. Rachna has taught Kathak dance for 35 years now, to anyone who wants to learn. She has found support from the Indian community in Connecticut and travels back to India annually to continue her dance studies. Rachna shares that moving to the U.S. felt like a blank canvas, which allowed her to create and practice without distractions. Rachna's passion for Kathak dance has allowed her to collaborate with the Connecticut Office of the Arts, Trinity College, and other organizations. She discusses how important it is for students learning Kathak to travel to India at least once to understand

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the culture and see the dance form firsthand. She believes it is important for

people to practice some sort of art, as it has many benefits. Rachna performs

Kathak dance and enjoys supporting others in learning and exhibiting it, as well.

Dimensions Duration: 47 Minutes, 59 Seconds