

Success stories told at library

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Choreographer, dancer and artistic director Lata Pada will be the first speaker in a new Mississauga Library System series highlighting the stories of immigrants who have come to Canada and thrived.

The Canadian Success Stories Speaker Series debuts April 22 in the Central Library's Noel Ryan Auditorium. The series will share the hardships and celebrate the successes of Canadian immigrants to inspire and encourage others, especially newcomers.

Pada is the artistic director of Mississauga-based Sampradaya Dance Creations and has worked hard over the years to share bharatanatyam, a classical Indian dance form, with Canadian audiences.

In 2008, she received the Order of Canada. In 2011, India conferred on her the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman, that coun-

try's highest civilian honour for its non-resident nationals.

Pada is originally from Bangalore, but moved to Canada in 1964. After her career as a solo performer, Pada founded her dance school in 1980 in Sudbury, moving it a decade later to Mississauga, where she has lived and worked ever since.

Earlier this year, Pada was one of the inaugural inductees into Mississauga's Legends Row.

In 2001, Pada premiered *Revealed By The Fire*. The autobiographical dance piece is about the Air India flight 182 bombing in 1985 and the effect it had on her life. Pada's husband and her teenaged daughters were on board the plane.

The free event runs from 6-8 p.m. To reserve a spot, call 905-615-3500, ext. 3589.