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VALA

Venues for Artists in the Local Area

Connecting artists to artists, artists to the community, and the community to art.



What's New at VALA

Home Ground

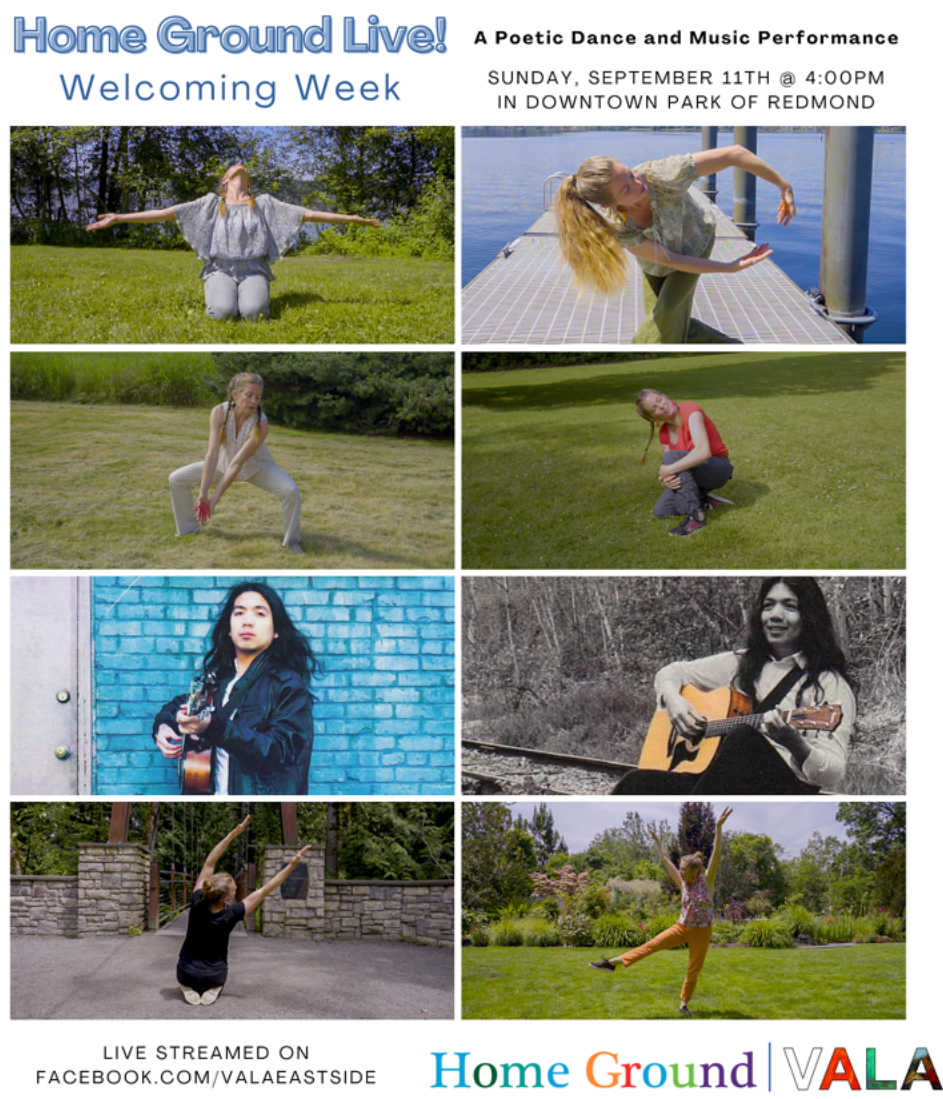


"Home Ground" is a poetry-sourced, interdisciplinary art experience presented at the VALA Art Center. This experience is a cross-pollination of visual art, poems, dance, music, and spoken word that explores qualities found in the natural world and reminds visitors of how their communities are ecosystems that flourish through many perspectives. On Display August 12th - September 25th, 2022 At the VALA Art Center, 8020 161st Ave NE, #104, Redmond, WA 98052.

FEATURED ARTISTS:

- Tanvi Patil
- Septimier Alexander
- Sandra Penney
- Rajani Patil
- Kelley Logan Miller
- Kari Tai
- Ayelet Shalev
- Adriana Morales Marin

Home Ground LIVE!



Film Screening



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Welcoming Week
A Poetic Dance and Music Performance

"Home Ground Live," a Welcoming Week event, is a one-day performance of the "Home Ground" interactive exhibit, which is on display from August 12th through September 25th, 2022 at the VALA Art Center. "Home Ground Live" is a Poetic Dance and Music Performance that takes place in Downtown Park, 16101 NE Redmond Way, in Redmond, WA on Sunday, September 11th at 4:00 pm. The performance will feature seven poetic dances. Six are the poems featured in the VALA installation and the seventh will be an improvisational dance to a poem written in Tagalog, the language of the Philippines, written by September Alexander. September will also play his original music as well as cover songs from the '60s and '70s. The driving idea behind "Home Ground" is to encourage participants to approach their everyday lives with hope, curiosity, and close observation.

FEATURED PERFORMERS:

- Poetic dance performed by Kari Tai
- Music performed by September Alexander

DATE/TIME:

- Sunday, September 11TH, 4PM - 5PM

LOCATION (Hybrid Event):

- Buoyant Stage at Downtown Park, 16101 NE Redmond Way, Redmond, WA 98052
- Live streamed on [facebook.com/VALAEastside](https://www.facebook.com/VALAEastside)

ADMISSION:

FREE and open to the public to attend in person or online

Home Ground Film Screening

VALA is presenting a special screening of the six poetic dance and music performance videos from the "Home Ground" interactive exhibit (which is on display from August 12th through September 25th, 2022, at the VALA Art Center). The visual artists will be present to discuss their work and how it provides new visions inspired by the poems. Popcorn and soda will be available at the event.

FEATURED PERFORMERS:

- Poetic dance performed by Kari Tai
- Music performed by September Alexander

DATE/TIME:

- Friday, September 23RD, 6:30PM

LOCATION (Hybrid Event):

- VALA Art Center, 8020 161st Ave NE, #104, Redmond, WA 98052
- Live streamed on [facebook.com/VALAEastside](https://www.facebook.com/VALAEastside)

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PARTNERS:



VALA Is Growing!

Meet New Board Member, Sweetie Saradha



Agent for change: Artist and Arts Educator Sweetie Saradha. Photo: Zoya Eshwar

Sweetie Saradha is an avid member of the Greater Seattle area community. She is a business owner, artist, arts educator, and an agent for change. She has an MBA in Finance and worked at MetLife as a Senior Business Manager in India. She completed her certification from Harvard in Higher Education Teaching and is a certified Bob Ross instructor. In 2013, she founded an art school, [Sweetie Saradha Arts](https://www.sweetiesaradha.com), in Redmond, Washington, and [Expressions Arts](https://www.expressionsarts.com)—a non-profit organization. In 2022, Expressions Arts was approved as an official certifying organization for the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Calling All VALAnteers!



Hi VALAnteers! The last few years have been surreal, to say the least. The new VALA Art Center (located near Downtown Park in Redmond) opened in November 2021. Since our opening, we've been actively re-engaging with local artists and with the community. We've hosted several fine exhibitions: "We are Here!", "Art and Memory", "Silver Threads and Golden Needles", "Redmond Arts Festival: Artist Showcases", and now, "Home Ground." We've had artist interviews, artist chats, and panels, and we've hosted a workshop or two. Things are really picking up! Now we would like to re-engage with you, our VALA volunteers—the lifeblood of VALA!

If you're interested in volunteering as a steward at the VALA Art Center, please contact Crystal Edwards, cedwards@valaeastside.org. We're planning exciting things for the future, and we look forward to reconnecting with you.

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