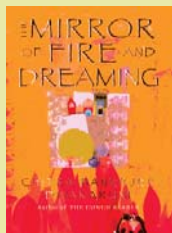


Join us for tall tales, word play, and dance with author Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni and dancer Rathna Kumar. Divakaruni will read from her new book for young readers, *The Mirror of Fire and Dreaming*. Like its predecessor, *The Conch Bearer*, the book is set in India and follows the adventures of 12-year-old Anand and the mysterious Abhaydatta. Divakaruni will also read several poems accompanied by Indian classical dancer Rathna Kumar.



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Divakaruni teaches at the UH Creative Writing Program. She is the author of three novels including *The Mistress of Spices* (a film adaptation is in the making) and *Sister of my Heart*, two story collections, and four volumes of poetry. Kumar, an internationally renowned dancer and teacher, is founder/director of the Anjali Center for Performing Arts, Texas's first Indian dance school.



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