Ramlila is ritual theater, the dramatic enactment of the earthly life of the Hindu god Ram in an annual fall festival celebrated throughout much of North India and the Indian diaspora. Ramlila recounts Lord Ram’s travels on earth, from his birth, marriage, and exile, to his war with the demon-king Ravan and triumphant return to Ayodhya.

The literary basis for Ramlila is the *Ramayana*, one of two major Hindu epics that date to India’s classical period. Additionally, the poet-saint Tulsidas’s sixteenth-century version of the *Ramayana*, the *Ramcharitmanas*, and other recent retellings of the *Ramayana* serve as inspiration for Ramlila.

This exhibition will introduce the University community to Ramlila through photographs, videos, and material items, including costumes, makeup, backdrops, and props.

**OPENING RECEPTION**
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 5:00 TO 7:30 P.M.**
*Official programming to begin at 5:30 P.M.*
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