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**Schedule**

**1996 Program**

**Tuesday June 4**

**7 - 10 p.m. VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT**
Launch of naya samachar/new stories with works by Alia Ghani Toor, Karma Clarke-Davis, Jaishri Abichandani, Anoka Faruqee, Rachel Kaipana James and Neena Arora, Plus a Desh Salon of artists at the Area Space. Location: Gallery 401, 401 Richmond St. W.

**Wednesday June 5**

**7 - 10 p.m. Opening Night Passages**
Our opening night program featuring authors Richton Mistry, Agha Shahid Ali (U.S.) and Mirani Banerjee. Films: Anton & Minta (Ahnor Drewshi, U.K.), I Live in Belhrampada (Madhushree Dutta, India) and Lost and Found (Kazad Gustad, India). Location: YMCA.

**10 - 1 a.m. OPENING NIGHT RECEPTION AT TALLULAH'S CABARET**
(12 Alexander St.) Free food and cash bar.

**Thursday June 6**

**2 - 4 p.m. LIE BACK AND SMILE.** A safer sex workshop for lesbians. Location: ACT Bldg., 399 Church St.

**3 - 6 p.m. DARJEELING TEA:** A playshop in sensuality for brown men. Pre-register by calling Desh. Location: 519 Community Centre.

**4 - 6 p.m. ADVANCE POETRY WORKSHOP** with U.S. poet Agha Shahid Ali, author of seven books. Bring some of your writing. Location: ACT Bldg., 399 Church St.

**HYPHEN-ASIANS:** A panel on the history of Asians in the Americas with U.S. writer Kar Dhillon, Richard Fung's new video Dirty Laundry and Guinese author Marina Budhos. Location: 519 Community Centre.

**7 - 10 p.m. Lost and Found**
An evening program featuring works about "finding self" although not always the selves we imagined or were told to believe. Humorous and creative shorts by South Asian youth (Shift TV, U.K.), dance piece Indigo by Paridh Dasl (U.S.), feature film West is West (David Rathod, U.S.), short video Junky Punky Girls (Neesha Ganatra) and a performance piece by Boston feminist collective South Asian Women In Action. Location: 519 Community Centre.

**Friday June 7**

**11 a.m. - 1 p.m. ACTIVISM BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY,** Co-organized with New York activist group SAMAR. Panelists from across North America using creative approaches to fight for justice. Location: YMCA.

**2 - 4 p.m. TALKING HEADS AND TELLING TALES,** Workshop on re/claiming South Asian lesbian and gay mythology. Location: 519 Community Centre.

**3 - 6 p.m. JAZZ FUSIONS,** A workshop on South Asian influences in jazz by Vijay Iyer and Rudy Mahanthappa. Location: 519 Community Centre.

**3 - p.m. BREATHING SPACE:** A workshop on young South Asian women and sexuality. Location: 519 Community Centre.

**4 - 6 p.m. HIV/AIDS PANEL**
Community Panel with people living with HIV/AIDS and representatives from AIDS/HIV service organizations from a variety of communities. Co-organized with the Alliance for South Asian AIDS Prevention. Location: ACT Bldg, 399 Church St.

**7 - 9:30 p.m. Fearless Stories**
Uncovers and unearth the histories and struggles often left untold in the conventional South Asian context. Presentation by writer Kar Dhillon (California), one of the earliest South Asian immigrants to the U.S.; feature documentary Fearless: The Hunterwalli Story (Riyad Wadia) about fearless Nadia, India cinema's legendary stunt actress; Bene Israel (Karen Nathanson & Jean-Francois Fernandez) about India's Jewish community and Stretchmarks (Veena Cabreros-Sud, U.S.), a short film about single motherhood. Location: YMCA.

**10 p.m. UNTIL YOU DROP**
Our fabulous Boys' Night Out and Women's Night Out are back. Check program book for location details.

**Saturday June 8**

**10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. ACTIVISM BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY,** Co-organized with New York activist group SAMAR. Panelists from across North America using creative approaches to fight for justice. Location: YMCA.

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**Sunday June 9**

**11 a.m. - 1 p.m. FEMINISTS FIGHTING BACK,** Panelist will talk about various strategies against cutbacks and globalization. Feminist theatre by Saheli. Location: YMCA Auditorium.

**1 - 4 p.m. YOUTH POETRY WORKSHOP** by poets Raj Pannu (Vancouver) and Rajinderpal S. Pal (Calgary). Location: 519 Community Centre.

**7 - 10 p.m. The Last Word**
Our closing night program featuring our emerging writers in Writer's Cabaret; poets Raj Pannu (Vancouver), Rajinderpal S. Pal (Calgary), and Krisantha Sri Bhagiyadatta (Toronto); poetry by Anurima Banerjee (Montreal) and Dance by Sudarshan Durayappah and dancers and music by Punjabi by Nature's Shameema Somi and Chilean composer Alejandra Nunez. Location: YMCA.

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