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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 Faruque, Rachel Kalpana James and Neena Arora. Plus a Desh Salon of artists at the Area Space. Location: Gallery 401, 401 Richmond St. West.

Wednesday June 5

7 - 10 p.m.

Opening Night Passages

Our opening night program featuring authors Rohinton Mistry, Agha Shahid Ali (U.S.) and Himani Bannerji. Films Anton & Minty (Alnoor Dewshi, U.K.), I Live in Behrampada (Madhusree Dutta, India) and Lost and Found (Kaizad 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 Guyanese author Marina Budhos. Location: 519 Community Centre.

7 - 10 p.m.

Lost & 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 Parijat Desai (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: YMCA.

10 p.m.

Spellbound and Sacrosanct

A night of Indo-American jazz by pianist Vijay Iyer and saxophonist Rudy Mahanthappa from the U.S. Location: Cameron House, 408 Queen St. W.

Friday June 7

12 - 3 p.m.

FATHER, SON AND HOLY WAR:

Anand Patwardhan's documentary on communalism and patriarchy followed by a discussion with Dr. Jasodhara Bagchi, director of Women's Studies at Calcutta's Jadavpur University. Location: YMCA.

1 - 3 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 unearths 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 Hunterwali 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 Cabrerros-Sud, U.S.), a short film about single motherhood. Location: YMCA.

9:30 - 11:30 p.m.

Brown Girls' Burden

In our woman's program, feminist artists tackle the complex issues that make up our lives. Performer Bina Shariff (U.S.) brings us experimental theatre; New York's Guyanese-American writer Marina Budhos and a new film, Rishite, by Indian feminist Manjira Dutta documenting the toll sex-selection takes on women's lives. Also Ramabai Espinet reads from recent verse. 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.

2 - 4 p.m.

TALKING HEADS AND TELLING TALES,

Workshop on re/claiming South Asian lesbian and gay mythology. Location: 519 Community Centre.

Sisters 'n Brothers

Our youth program with a play produced by young Tamil women; short films The Drive (Paul Sukhija, U.K.) and Sisters 'n Brothers (Veena Cabrerros-Sud, U.S.); socially conscious role-plays by York University's South Asian group SAID; and anti-cuts activist Shiraz Riwayat, one of the Queen's Park Four. Location: YMCA.

3 - 5 p.m.

FIGHTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. VOICES HEARD, SISTERS UNSEEN

(Gracepoore, U.S.), A video depicting battered women's experiences through interviews, poetry and performance followed by a discussion facilitated by Gracepoore and Lezlie Lee Kam. Location: 519 Community Centre.

4 - 6 p.m.

SOUTH ASIAN ARTISTS IN THE DIASPORA

will feature Pratibha Parmar's film The Colour of Britain followed by a discussion with U.S. film professor Poonam Arora and other artists examining their art and its relationship to Western societies. Location: YMCA.

'BOMB'- RAPPING AND BUM RAPS,

A panel on environmental justice in the Diaspora with activists Andil Gosine, Dr. Shree Mulay (Montreal), Dr. Rupert Roopnarine (Guyana) and Sarita Srivastava talking about overpopulation propoganda, green imperialism and resistance strategies. Location: OISE Auditorium, 252 Bloor St. W

7 - 10 p.m.

Dyke dreams and fairy tales

Our Queer Program features: performance piece by Atif Siddiqui (Montreal) dealing with gender, culture and memory; Body of Poet, Sonali Fernando's (U.K.) film tribute to Audre Lorde; U.S. writer V.K. Aruna (aka Gracepoore); storytelling by Sharon Lewis, star of Clement Virgo's Rude. Film and video: Lick (Hima B. and Eliza O. Barrios, U.S.), Growing to Darkness (Kevin d'souza), Paradigms Lost (Shaheen Merali, U.K.), Two (Michelle Mohabeer) and Hindustan and a Letter from Home (David Kalal and Gita Reddy, U.S.). Location: YMCA.

10 p.m. until late

Fresh 'n Funky

The Desh fest dance. DJ Rekha Malhotra (New York) and Amita of CKLN'S Masala Mixx. Location: YMCA.

Sunday June 9

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

FEMINISTS FIGHTING BACK,

Panelist will talk about various strategies against cutbacks and globalizaton. Feminist theatre by Saheli. Location: YMCA Auditorium.

YOUTH POETRY WORKSHOP

by poets Raj Pannu (Vancouver) and Rajinderpal S. Pal (Calgary). Location: 519 Community Centre.

1 - 4 p.m.

DESH PARDESH AGM.

Participate in radical democracy at work, run for the board of directors and help shape the future of Desh Pardesh. Location: YMCA.

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 Bhaggiyadatta (Toronto); poetry by Anurima Bannerji (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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