



Festival/Conference

June 11-15, 1997

8 YEARS OF VISIONARY SOUTH ASIAN CULTURE-JAMMING

Festival Mainspace:
Factory Theatre
125 Bathurst St. (@ Adelaide)

Five Days of...
Multi-disciplinary evening programs,
activist panels & workshops,
music and dance nights,
film screenings,
artist talks,
visual arts exhibits
and more...

Festival Passes: \$50 (all events)
Tickets: \$10

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Schedule

Desh Pardesh '97 Festival/Conference Highlights

EVENING PROGRAMS AT THE FACTORY THEATRE (WED. - SAT.)

WEDNESDAY JUNE 11

OPENING NITE

Bharat Natyam with Attitude in a Desh Premiere of India's Mallika Sarabhai Dance Troupe in 'V is For...'

Essayist Samir Gandesha on food and self-representation.

Novelist Rabindranath Maharaj reads short fiction.

And 3 quirky shorts:

... Meena Nanji's, 'It is a Crime'.

... Zarqa Nawaz, 'BBQ MUSLIMS'.

... Shashwati Talukdar's, 'My Life As A Poster'.

Parmela Attariwalla virtuoso violinist and Ravi Nairmpaly on tabla

THURSDAY JUNE 12

WOMEN'S PROGRAM

New writing by Chitra Divakurani U.S. author of 'Arranged Marriage', winner of the 1996 American Book Award.

Author Anita Rau Badami reads from her acclaimed first novel 'Tamarind Mem'.

Feminist second generation Bharat Natyam dancer Sonali Vepa (California).

Local Toronto writers Harjeet Badwall and Needra Rodrigo.

Feminist playwright Nila Gupta's 'Trunk,Valise and Doghouse'.

Short films... 'Chaahath' (Desire) by Lily K. Gupta (UK) and Himra B. (U.S.) looks at payback and revenge in 'Vicious'.

FRIDAY JUNE 13

INDEPENDENCE AND NATIONALISMS

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT THE BATTLE WAS OVER.

Toronto's Himani Bannerji, Florida's Amitava Kumar and Washington's Sumathy Sivamohan explore past & present paths to freedom through spoken-word and performance.

Ananya Dance Troupe (U.S) and Bageshree Vaz celebrate the resilience of South Asian women through Odissi and Bharat Natyam.

Canadian premiere of Michelle Mohabeer's film 'Child-Play', a fantasy tale about the colonial rape of the Caribbean, and the documentary 'Division of Hearts' exposes the human costs of the India-Pakistan partition.

SATURDAY JUNE 14

QUEER NITE

Outspoken veteran lesbian activist Urvashi Vaid speaks: author of 'Virtual Equality' and named one of Time magazine's *Fifty for the Future*.

Montreal's Himmat Shinhat with three performances blending spoken-word, song and metal-rock guitar.

New dance works by Sudharshan Durayappah and dancers on themes of meeting, loving and parting.

U.K. dance duo Bina Patel and Nilesh Mistry bring us folk and Odissi dance.

'How I Grew Into Skin', writing by Geeta Patel (U.S.).

Mark Haslam reads 'Shanti'; and Shani Mootoo reads from her new novel 'Cereus Blooms at Night'.

'Bomgay', short film by India's Riyad Wadia based on the poetry of Raj Rao.

DON'T MISS THE CLOSING NIGHT MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA, AT THE COLOURED STONE, 205 RICHMOND ST. WEST.

SUNDAY JUNE 15

Conscious lyrics and a drop-dead beat by local hip-hoppers The Dope Poet Society.

Premiering Chicago's number one dance band Funkadesi in a night of Indian, Latin and Caribbean music styles and cultural worlds!

... and surprise special guests!

... AND DURING THE DAY

Schedule and Locations to be Announced

- Labour programming with Montreal's Peerless Workers, a panel on organizing against APEC, film 'When Women Unite', on the anti-araak struggle in India; and a play about Tamil restaurant workers in Toronto.
- 'Sri Lankan Women and the Civil War', a slide show of drawings by Sri Lankan women, storytelling and a play in progress, 'Old Wife's Tales'.
- Storytelling for children with Rina Singh at Another Story bookstore.
- Islam and Feminism panel; and 'Hejaab', a play in progress by Soraya Peerbaye.
- Poetry and translation panel.
- Film and Video
 - ... Pratibha Parmar's, 'Jodie'
 - ... Nilita Vachani's, 'When Mother Comes Home for Christmas'
 - ... Yudi Sevraj's, 'A Box of His Own'
- Artist/Activist Talks with Urvashi Vaid, Amitava Kumar, Mallika Sarabhai and others.

Workshops on music, dance and writing.

Visual Art Exhibits organized in conjunction with ZEN-MIX 2000.

Dance parties, caucus picnics, debates, romance, art, politics, activism...

... and much more ...

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