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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**Wednesday June 11**

**Opening Note**

Bharat Natyam with Attitude in a Desh Premiere of India's Malikah Sarabhad Dance Troupe in 'Y is For...'

Essayist Samir Gandhesha 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.
- Shaheen Tukdar's, 'My Life As A Poster'.

Parmelatta Attarwalla virtuoso violinist and Ravi Naimpally on tabla.

**Thursday June 12**

**Women's Program**


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

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

Local Toronto writers Harjeet Badwali and Neendra Rodrigo.

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

Short films, 'Shaahah' (Desire) by Lily K. Gupta (UK), and Him A B. (U.S.) looks at payback and revenge in 'Violent'.

**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 Susnathy 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 Note**

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 Shinhart with three performances blending spoken-word, song and metal-rock guitar.

New dance works by Susham Reddy 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 Geesta 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.

**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 Funkadeal in a night of Indian, Latin and Caribbean musical 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 Nina Singh at Another Story bookstore.
- Islam and Feminism panel and Hejaab: a play in progress by Soraya Peerbey.
- Poetry and translation panel.
- Film and Video: Pratibha Parmar's, Jodie; Miltha Yachani's, When Mother Comes Home for Christmas; Yudi Sewraj's, A Box of His Own.
- Artist/Activist Talks with Urvashi Vaid, Amitava Kumar, Malikah Sarabhad and others.

Workshops on music, dance and writing.


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

... and much more...

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