

# CHOREOGRAPHY AND PERFORMANCE

Mea Culpa (redux) Contemporary Solo

Oct 27, 2018

Reimagining Indian Dance: Moving Forward Asia Society, Lila Acheson Wallace Auditorium

New York City, USA

Holy Cow(s)! (redux) Contemporary Quartet

Oct 27, 2018

Symposium-Reimagining Indian Dance: Moving Forward

Asia Society, Lila Acheson Wallace Auditorium

New York City, USA

Black Box 3 Contemporary Bharatanatyam Solo

June 22, 2018

Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival Inside/Out series

Becket, Massachusetts, USA

16 Shades of Red

(Chapter 2)

Full-length Bharatanatyam duet

May 13, 2018

Vanderhoef Studio Theatre, Mondavi Center

University of California, Davis, USA

16 Shades of Red

(Chapter 1)

Full-length Bharatanatyam duet

May 12, 2018

Vanderhoef Studio Theatre, Mondavi Center

University of California, Davis, USA

Instant Dance Collaborative co-choreography for Wesleyan faculty

member Susan Lourie's retirement celebrations

April 7, 2018

CFA Theater, Wesleyan University, USA

Awakenings: Chitra Commissioned choreography for theater

April 5-8, 2018 Eastern Theater

University of Eastern Connecticut, USA

Ahalya/Stone Commissioned Experimental Solo

Arangham Dance Theatre

Dec 28, 2017, Krishna Gana Sabha, Chennai, India Dec 30, 2017, Gratitude Heritage, Pondicherry, India

Jan 2, 2018, Spaces, Chennai, India



The Frog Princess Redux Solo created for Patricia Beaman's book launch

Oct 28, 2017

Tisch School for the Arts, NYU

New York City, USA

Solo 2 Full Length Solo Bharatanatyam

Oct 27, 2017

University of Wisconsin

Madison, USA

Solo 1 Full Length Solo Bharatanatyam

Oct 11-12, 2017

University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, USA

Holy Cow(s)! Contemporary Ensemble

DanceWorks Mainstage Season

March 23-25, 2017

Harbourfront Centre Theatre, Toronto, Canada

The Man who Commissioned choreography for opera

Married Himself Toronto Masque Theatre

March 10-11, 2017

Crow's Nest Theatre, Toronto, Canada

Prism Commissioned Experimental Solo

Arangham Dance Theatre (India)

November 11, 2016, Birla Sabhagar Auditorium

Kolkata, India

Tiger by the Tail Solo Contemporary

Dances for One July 16, 2016

Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival Inside/Out series

Becket, Massachusetts, USA

Maay Boli Bharatanatyam Ensemble (research and developmental

phase)

May 24-29, 2016

Commissioned by Swati Raut Dance Company

Manchester, UK

The Man Who Married Himself (version 1)

Married Commissioned by Toronto Masque Theatre as a work in

progress, Choreography for vocalists/actors

April 7-9, 2016, Dancemakers Studio

Toronto, Canada



Purnima/Full Moon (duet version)

Devadasi/Courtesan dance duet

Jan 2-3, 2016

Natya Saptaparani, Hyderabad, India

K Contemporary solo

Sept 28, 2015

Toronto Dance Showcase Harbourfront Centre Theatre

Toronto, Canada

2 by 2 Contemporary Duet

Aug 29-30, 2015

Commissioned by the Edinburgh Mela as part of the

Edinburgh Fringe Festival

Edinburgh, UK

Choreomundus Contemporary Ensemble

July 20, 2015

Created as part Choreomundus-Scholar-in-Residency

University of Roehampton

London, UK

Vanchaspati Varnam Solo Courtesan Varnam

Original choreography: M. Gopalakrishnan Pillai

June 9, 2015

Maison des Cultures du Monde

Paris, France

The Book of Sandalwood Commissioned Bharatanatyam full-length work

Festival of South Asian Literature and the Arts

May 16, 2015, Al Green Theatre

Toronto, Canada

Nothin Gonna Stumble

My Feet

Commissioned contemporary choreography for choral

musicians

Co-created with Edgar Zendejas

March 11, 2015, Jean McNulty Music Hall, Lakehead

University,

Thunder Bay, Canada

Parrot's Song Commissioned Bharatanatyam Solo

Bharathanajali Dance Company (Singapore) August 31, 2014, Alliance Françiase Theatre,

Singapore

Skin Contemporary Quintet

May 21-24, 2014, Buddies in Bad Times Theatre

Toronto, Canada



Quicksand Contemporary Ensemble

May 21-24, 2014, Buddies in Bad Times Theatre

Toronto, Canada

Neelam Remix Commissioned full-length neo-classical solo

Arangham Dance Theatre (India)

December 28, 2013, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Theatre

Chennai, India

Uma (version 2) Solo female impersonation Bharatanatyam

Purush Global Dancing Male International Festival December 22, 2013, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Theatre

Chennai, India

The King's Salon (solo) Solo 19<sup>th</sup> century colonial South Indian repertoire

October 26, 2013, Claire Trevor School for the Arts

University of California, Irvine, USA

Nine (version 3) Commissioned site-specific trio

University of Toronto's Festival of Science (Canada) September 28, 2013, MacLeod Auditorium (University of

Toronto)

Toronto, Canada

Purnima/Full Moon

(redux)

Commissioned *Devadasi* Dance Ensemble

Bhaskar's Arts Academy (Singapore)

July 28, 2013, NAFA Lee Foundation Theatre

Singapore

I, Cyclops (jp edit) Contemporary Trio

Bessie Schoenberg choreographic residency

The Yard (Martha's Vineyard)

June 14-15, 2013- The Yard Martha's Vineyard, USA

June 21, 2013, Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Inside/Out

Series

Berkshires, MA, USA

June 22-23, 2013, La Ma Ma's The Club Theatre

New York City, USA

The Frog Princess (redux) Post-modern Bharatanatyam Solo

June 21, 2013, Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, Inside/Out

Berkshires, MA, USA

June 22-23, 2013, La Ma Ma's The Club Theatre

New York City, USA



I, Cyclops Commissioned Contemporary Ensemble

Can Asian International Dance Festival and Bhaskar's Arts Academy (Canada/Singapore international collaboration)

May 1-2, 2013, Fleck Dance Theatre

Toronto, Canada

Ma-Hyphenate Commissioned Solo

Arangham Dance Theatre (India)

April 12, 2013, Alchemy Festival, Purcell Room, South

Bank Centre London, UK

No Frills Rama Post Modern Bharatanatyam Duet

Kalanidhi International Dance Festival, March 14, 2013, Fleck Dance Theatre

Toronto, Canada

Swarna Kannan Commissioned Bharatanatyam Duet

Arangham Dance Theatre (India)

Commercially released on DVD, Swati Software Solutions

December 2012, The Music Academy

Chennai, India

Goddess Commissioned Contemporary Solo

Dance Advance-The Pew Center for Arts and Heritage

(Philadelphia)

October 19, 2012, Painted Bride Theater

Philadelphia, USA

Aadum Vel Commissioned Bharatanatyam Solo

Bharathanjali Dance Company (Singapore)

July 30, 2012, Khoo Auditorium

Singapore

Pissing off the Neighbors 2 Contemporary Solo

Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival

(as part of From The Horse's Mouth's' The Men Dancers-

Tribute to Ted Shawn)

July 11-15, 2012, Ruth St' Denis Theater

Berkshires, MA, USA

Pissing off the Neighbors Contemporary Solo

Canada Dance Festival

June 11, 2012, National Arts Center

Ottawa, Canada



Gestural Transmissions Commissioned Electronic Sound and Movement

collaboration with Debashis Sinha

Festival of Ideas and Creations- CanadianStage (Canada)

May 11, 2012, Berkeley Theatre

Toronto, Canada

Nine (version 2) Neo-Classical Ensemble

April 12-14, 2012, Fleck Dance Theatre

Toronto, Canada

Nine (version 1) Neo-Classical Ensemble

created on students from Wesleyan University Dance Department's repertory and performance course

March 2-3, 2012, CFA Theater

Middletown, CT, USA

Gold Full length Bharatanatyam Duet

January 4, 2012, The Music Academy

Chennai, India

Andal Andal Commissioned Full length Bharatanatyam Duet

Arangham Dance Theatre (India)

December 24, 2011, Krishna Gana Sabha

Chennai, India

Fallen Rain (version 2) Full length Bharatanatyam Ensemble

Festival of South Asian Arts and Literature October 1-2, 2011, Robert Gill Theatre

Toronto, Canada

Purnima/Full Moon

(version 2)

Commissioned full length devadasi dance Ensemble

Bhaskar's Arts Academy (Singapore)

July 30, 2011, NAFA Lee Foundation Theatre

Singapore

The Post Office Commissioned Choreography for a Full Length Theatrical

Play

Pleiades Theatre (Canada)

May 7-June 4, 2011, Berkeley Street Theatre

Toronto, Canada

Quicksand Contemporary Ensemble

March 16, 2011, Fleck Dance Theatre

Toronto, Canada

A Million Sitas Commissioned Full length Contemporary Solo

Arangham Dance Theatre (India)

December 25, 2010, Krishna Gana Sabha

Chennai, India



Fallen Rain Commissioned Full length Bharatanatyam Duet

King Babaji Saheb, Senior Prince of Tanjore

January 4, 2011, Sangeetha Mahal Palace

Tanjore, India

December 21, 2010, SPACES-Chandra Mandapa

Chennai, India

2 by 4 Contemporary Duet

created in collaboration with Vipul Bhatti (UK) April 9, 2010, CFA Theater, Wesleyan University

Middletown, CT, USA

MA3KA Commissioned Full length Contemporary Solo

Arangham Dance Theatre (India)

December 30, 2009, Krishna Gana Sabha

Chennai, India

The King's Salon Full length Bharatanatyam Ensemble

Aug 30, 2009, Kailash Mittal Theatre, Carlton University

Ottawa Canada

Sat, Sept 26, 2009, Robert Gill Theatre, University of

Toronto,

Toronto, Canada

Nov 8, 2009, Fairmont Queen Elizabeth's Duluth Room McGill University and American Academy of Religion

Montreal, Canada

Sat, Nov 26, 2009, Governor Simcoe School Theatre,

St. Catharines, Canada

Liquid Shakti Commissioned Contemporary Solos

Feet to the Fire, Wesleyan University (Connecticut)

Spring Faculty Dance Concert April 17-18, 2009, CFA Theatre

Middletown, CT, USA

BOX Contemporary Bharatanatyam Duet

April 3-5, 2009, Joyce SoHo

New York City, USA

Star Dust to Life Commissioned Contemporary Ensemble

Chitraleka Bolar Dance Company (UK) March 12, 2009, The Drum Theatre

Birmingham, UK



Shakuntala Commissioned Choreography for Full Length Theatrical

Play

Pleiades Theatre (Canada)

February 5-15, 2009, Fleck Dance Theatre

Toronto, Canada

Bollywood Hopscotch Contemporary Ensemble

(new multi-media version) Kalanidhi Fine Arts of Canada Contemporary Indian Dance

Festival

January 31, 2009, Fleck Dance Theatre

Toronto, Canada

Firecracker Contemporary Ensemble

Dance Ontario's Dance Weekend January 25, 2009, Fleck Dance Theatre

Toronto, Canada

# SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND LECTURE DEMONSTRATIONS

# 2018

# **Invited Speaker**

Flowers of the Kurinchi- Interrelating Dance

and Poetry

In conversation with dance exponent

Alarmel Valli

Natya Darshan Conference 2018

Kingsley Manor, Kanakavalli

Chennai, India

#### **Invited Speaker**

Movement and Metaphor in South Indian

Court Dance

Seattle Art Museum

Seattle, USA

## **Scholar in Residence**

Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival

#### 2017

## **Invited Speaker**

Courtesan Dance and South India Gender and Sexuality in Hinduism Department of South Asia Studies University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, USA

## **Invited Speaker**

Movement and Metaphor in South Indian

Court Dance

University of Washington

Seattle, USA

# **Invited Speaker**

Symposium-Reimagining Indian Dance:

Moving Forward

Asia Society, Lila Acheson Wallace

Auditorium

New York City, USA

### **Discussant and Invited Speaker**

Politics of Contemporary Indian dance

Chennai, India



## 2016

### **Invited Speaker**

Significance of South Asian dance voice in academia

Navadisha International Dance Conference MAC, Cannon Hill Park Birmingham, UK

## 2015

#### **Speaker**

Dance Repertoire from Ramanathapuram Zamindari in the Late Nineteenth Century
Crafting Dance Repertoire in South India Maison des Cultures du Monde

# 2014

Paris, France

# Panelist

Celluloid Classicism: Intertwined Histories of South Indian Cinema and Bharatanatyam and its aesthetic representations International Bharatanatyam conference National University of Singapore, Singapore

#### **Panelist**

Exploring LGBT 'Myths & Mythology' though South Asian Dance, Wise Thoughts/Gaywise Gay Festival 2014, London, UK

#### **Plenary Speaker**

Ruptured Dances- Gender, Identity and Sexuality within my Choreographic Trajectory, Graduate Studies Colloquium on Gender and Sexuality, Department of Dance, York University, Toronto, Canada

## **Invited Speaker**

New Narratives/New Audiences Navadisha International Dance Conference MAC, Cannon Hill Park Birmingham, UK

#### **Panelist**

India as a construct and how this influences my creative process Salon Style presentation, Toronto Masque Theatre Toronto, Canada

#### Speaker

Tradition and Innovation within my choreographic trajectory,
Research and Innovation conference,
Lakehead University,
Thunder Bay, Canada

#### **Panelist**

Issues of Tradition and Modernity in Indian Dance Today, Utsav Festival Washington DC, USA

#### Moderator

What is South Asian Contemporary Dance Theater, based on the premiere of Moksha Katha?, Esplanade Theatre, Singapore

#### **Panelist**

The Socio-Political Impact of Dance and Choreography, Moving Dialogues Series, Dance Architects, Chicago, USA



#### **Moderator and Facilitator**

Creative Process in Contemporary and Indian Dance,
Painted Bride Art Center, Sruti Music and Dance Society,
Philadelphia, USA

# 2013

# **Post Performance Speaker**

Making The Frog Princess, Congress of Research in Dance and Society of History of Scholars' Annual Conference, University of California, Riverside, USA

# **Invited speaker**

Exploring Themes of Queer Identity, Gender and Sexuality in my Choreographic Work, Rocking The Boat: Celebrating Queer Content in Canadian Concert Dance, Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives, Toronto, Canada

## 2011

## **Invited Speaker**

South Indian Court Dance, Jackman Hall, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, Canada

## 2010

## **Invited Speaker**

Old Dances New Possibilities: Nineteenth-Century Court Dance Repertoire for the Twenty-First Century, Kalakshetra Foundation, Chennai, India

#### **Panelist**

From Gynemimesis to Hyper-Masculinity: The Shifting Orientations of Male Performers of South Indian Court Dance.

#### **Primary Speaker**

The Unseen Sequence, Dance on Camera Festival, Lincoln Centre, New York City, USA

## **Invited Speaker**

Splintering Multiplicity: My Personal Choreographic Trajectory, Dance Conversations, Dance and Theater Departments, University of California, Irvine, USA

#### **Invited Speaker**

Celluloid Classicism: Intertwined Histories of the South Indian 'Dance Revival' and Early Tamil Cinema, Dance, Music, Politics and Gender in South Indian Cinema Conference, Musée du Quai Branly, Paris, France

Annual Conference of the Society for Ethnomusicology, Los Angeles, USA

# **Invited Speaker**

From Gynemimesis to Hyper-Masculinity: The Shifting Orientations of Male Performers of South Indian Court Dance, Selma Odom Lecture Series, Department of Dance, York University, Toronto, Canada



# 2009

# **Plenary Speaker**

Interrogating Bharatanatyam: Personal Praxis and Contemporary Representations of Dance History,
Tamil Studies Conference,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada

## **Invited Speaker**

In the Name of an Absent Patron-King: Textual and Choreographic Analysis of the Svarajati 'Eto Paramukamakuray', 5th Annual Berkeley Tamil Studies Conference, University of California-Berkeley, Berkeley, USA

#### **Panelist**

Contemporary Artists Working With(in)
Traditional Cultures,
The Programming Committee of the
Employment and Educational Equity Task
Force at OCAD (Ontario College of Art and
Design),
OCAD Auditorium,
Toronto, Canada