



Asia House and Akademi present Dance Dialogue

Classical Indian Dance and its Relevance in a Global Contemporary Context

Today's talk partners Bharatanatyam artist and actor Rukmini Vijayakumar with Vena Ramphal a media celebrity, scholar and Bharatanatyam dancer. A sumptuous pairing of two eminent women which will be a warm and uplifting insight into a modern cultural India.

Rukmini and Vena's conversation will frame classical Indian dance and its relevance in a global contemporary context. Rukmini will share her experience in creating and touring work that adheres to traditional vocabulary while experimenting with context and presentation.

Credits

Rukmini Vijayakumar



A Bharatanatyam artist and actor, Rukmini is also the Director of the dance company Raadha Kalpa and the art space LshVa, in Bangalore, India.

Having trained in Bharatanatyam, under the tutelage of renowned practitioners, Rukmini later graduated from the Boston Conservatory with a BFA in Modern dance and Ballet and studied Human Anatomy and Physiology at the Boston University.

Vena Ramphal



Vena is a Dance and Wellbeing specialist. Trained in classical Indian dance Vena has performed for royalty, prime ministers and celebrities around the world. Her performances have featured on the BBC

and Channel 4. In 2019 she launched 'The Shape of Stillness: Dance and Wellbeing' events to bring unforgettable experiences of wellbeing to public, private and corporate settings. Her next performance is on 24 July at the October Gallery.

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Akademi is the UK's leading South Asian Dance organisation. Our mission is to develop artists, inspire audiences and change lives by creating, commissioning and nurturing classical, contemporary, popular and participatory South Asian dance in the UK.

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