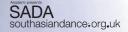




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Negotiating Valayam Join us for an occasion that promises to inform, surprise and delight.

A one day symposium embracing and exploring Bharata Natyam – practice, performance, perception. The event will contextualize, debate and celebrate this most popular of South Asian dance forms, that has captured the imagination of artists from Alattur to Alaska.

Negotiating Natyam brings together performance, film, presentation and discussion in a multi-media journey taking us from Bharata Natyam's multifarious origins to its contemporary manifestations. Aimed at new adventurers to the form and seasoned travellers alike, the day will see the history, politics, aesthetics and technique underlying this complex performance art genre danced, talked, challenged and championed.

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Tickets: £40 (Organisations) £30 (Individuals) £20 (Concessions)

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to London. Leela will be performing in
SAMORAH at Sadlers Wells on the 9th
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ticket offer to symposium participants.
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