

March 24 – 28, 1993

Euclid Theatre, 394 Euclid Ave., Toronto

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Image from Siliadi Mootoo's *Wild Women in the Woods*

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Dusk Paradises

Third Intra-national Conference & Festival
Exploring the Politics of South Asian Cultures in the West

Featuring New and Recent

Film, Video, Poetry, Fiction, Critical Writing,
Theatre & Performance Art Speakers,
Workshops & Panel Discussions
by South Asian Women, Lesbians, Gay Men,
Working People and Independent Artists
Living in England, the United States & Canada

Special Guests:

Urvashi Vaid, Former Executive Director
National Lesbian & Gay Task Force (US)
Sanne, Gay Bhangra Rapper/Singer & Performance Artist (US)
Left Popular Theatre with Montreal Serai
Feminist Classical Dance Interpretations with Ratna Roy (US)
English Bhangra DJ Ritu in a Return Engagement

Programme Preview

Wednesday March 24 Thursday March 25 Friday March 26

Saturday March 27

Sunday March 28

10am-3pm Workshops

Four simultaneous workshops. Deepen and share your artistic skills: Acting Up - Community Theatre Off the Record - DJ Workshop Frame by Frame - Film & Video Makers Meet Pickle Jam - Live Music Session
Location: Art Metropole

10am - Noon

➤ **Caucus for HIV + South Asians**
Location: TBA

Noon - 2pm

➤ **Lesbian Caucus/Gay Men's Caucus**
Location: Art Metropole

2:15 - 4:15

➤ **Women's Caucus**
Location: Art Metropole

Noon - 1:45pm

PANEL
Living in Exile:
Double the Trouble, Half the Sun

2 - 3:45pm

PANEL
Running from the Family

4 - 5:45pm

PANEL
Fundamentalism & Communalism

11am - 1pm Workshop

Sharing Strategies to Fight AIDS in South Asian Communities
Location: Art Metropole

11am - 1pm

➤ **Labour Caucus**
Location: TBA

1:30pm

PANEL
Brick by Brick - Building Coalitions

3:30pm Are We Family?

Desh Pardesh Conference Plenary
Participants discuss the future of Desh
Partnership Asia permanent organization.

7:30pm Enter Stage Left

Desh Pardesh Opening Night.
Featuring award winning Canadian/Sri Lankan author Michael Ondaatje, Toronto poet Ian Rashid, poetry/dance/performance by Indo-Caribbean writer Ramabai Espinet, dancer Sudarshan and others.

7pm A Class Act - Zindabadi

Bringing working class images, issues and strategies to the fore. Theatre, writing, video and politics by South Asian labour activists and artists. Featuring CLC executive member Hassan Yusuf, writer Sadhu Binning, "Taxi/vaala Auto/biography" a film-in-progress by New Yorker Vivik Bald and more...

5:30pm Re:Viewing Desh

Toronto video-makers Mark Haslam and Gita Saxena re-locate their identities and relationships to history and "Home".

7:30pm The Bangle Rebellion

Exploring expressions by and about South Asian women. Featuring N.Y. writer Meena Alexander, U.S. feminist classical dancer Ratna Roy and the Canadian premiere of *Voices of the Mourning* with L.A. filmmaker Meena Nanji in attendance.

7:00pm Tracing the Race

Works exploring the impact of racism, communalism, and fundamentalism on South Asians living in the West. Featuring popular theatre by Montréal Serial, readings by Indo-Caribbean writers Sam Selvon, Cyril Dabereen, plus...

7:30pm Exit Page Left

Desh Pardesh wraps up with a lively closing program featuring established and emerging writers in cabaret on the theme - *The South Asian Family* in *Exile/Exit in the South Asian Family*. Live music and theatre with Sheila James, Sonia Dhillon, and many more...

10pm South Asian Women In-Sight

Desh Pardesh opening night reception and launch of the first Canadian South Asian women's visual arts exhibit.

Location: Art Metropole,
788 King St. West, 2nd floor

9pm Beyond Bollywood

Something Like a War by Indian independent, feminist, film-activist Deepa Dhanraj. A startling portrayal of India's population control program and its impact on women's bodies.
- Toronto Premiere

9:30pm Nach Music

Location: TBA
Desh Pardesh Dance! Dance! Dance! with bhangra music featuring CKLN Masala Mix DJ's Amita & Vinita, special guest DJ Ritn from London, England, Sanxe - live from San Francisco and more...
Admission: \$10 sliding scale. Festival Pass not applicable.

9:00pm This Pink Triangle has a Brown Lining

A unique program featuring South Asian Lesbian and Gay artists, activists and performers with US activist Urvashi Vaid. Vancouver video-maker Shani Mootoo with a world premiere of *Wild Women in the Woods*. San Francisco performer Sanxe, etc...



Third Conference/Festival of South Asian Culture in the West.

* NOTE: all events take place at the Euclid Theatre, 394 Euclid Avenue, unless otherwise indicated.

Festival Pass \$40. Single evening event admission \$6 (sliding scale). Double evening program \$9. Panel Admission \$2.

Advance Passes available at Desh Pardesh Office

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