



Tamarind Art Council

New York, New York – The Tamarind Art Council is proud to present a special Bharatanatyam performance by Aishwarya Narayanaswamy. The performance will be on November 12, 2009 from 6:30pm to 8pm. The event is free and open to the public.

To attend RSVP to rsvp@tamarindarts.org or call 212-200-8000 press “0” for the operator.



First originating in Tamil Nadu, Bharatanatyam is a traditional Indian dance-form which focuses on devotion (bhakti) to God and is known for its grace, purity, compassion, and sculpture-like poses. Performed mainly by women, Bharatanatyam combines spiritual symbolism and elements such as *Nritta* (rhythmic, pure dance movements), *Natya* (imitation, or dance with a theatrical aspect) and *Nritya*, a combination of the two. Bharatanatyam is a dance that embodies the movements and elements of fire, and is one

of the five major styles of dance in India. It is a solo dance with two aspects similar to the yin and yang, a feminine side with graceful movements and a side with a violent, masculine nature.

About Aishwarya Narayanaswamy

Aishwarya Narayanaswamy's grace, neat footwork and beauty of expression have captivated audiences since the age of eight. Aishwarya, now 21, is the senior most student of Bharathanjali, studying and preparing in every area of Bharatanatyam including choreography, nattuvangam, music and the theory of dance. Her eloquence and relentless hard work shows in every performance. Aishwarya also performs in celebrated Bharathanjali productions, with roles such as Shiva in "Mahadevam Mahasenam bhaje" and Andal in "Thiruppavai," as well as performing solo pieces. She has received recognition through different awards, scholarships and prizes, including the "Singar Mani" title for her performance in the 47th Kal Ke Kalakar Sangeet Sammelan. Aishwarya's amazing rhythmic command and pleasing stage presence with nimble and sprightly form, makes Bharathanatyam a pleasure to watch.

About Tamarind Art Council

Tamarind Art Council (TAC) is a not-for-profit, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to promoting contemporary art in North America. Our focus is to support all types of artistic expression, including performing and fine arts, by sponsoring art-related activities and cross-cultural events in order to expand awareness for art and culture.

Our mission: Tamarind Art Council exemplifies how life can revolve around the arts. Our mission is to impel the work of contemporary artists and performers and to facilitate public appreciation for these unique cultural art forms. Some of our events include art exhibitions, performing arts, book launches, lectures and other cultural programs. As part of our on-going efforts, we support art museums, cultural communities and not-for-profit organizations around the globe. Tamarind Art has become a nexus for many art organizations and is a foremost resource center for gaining an understanding of all art forms, artists, and other areas of interest to individuals, businesses and art connoisseurs.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank our members for their generosity and support for the Council. This has been a challenging year, to say the least. But it has also been a remarkable productive one-one that would not have been possible without your support, generosity and belief in the Tamarind Art Council and its mission. You can become a member today by making check payable to Tamarind Art Council. Individual and family memberships are available.

For more information about Tamarind Art Council, please visit our website at

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