



May 26, 2009, New York – Tamarind Art Council proudly presents performance by ritual **Odissi** dancer, **Jyoti Shrivastava** on **June 4th**, 2009, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. 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.

Odissi is an ancient traditional dance originating in the first century BC in Eastern India. It is primarily religious in nature and has lately undergone a revival. It differs from other classical Indian dance forms through importance placed on the tribhangi, the independent movement of head, chest, and pelvis, and on the basic square stance known as chauka. Jyoti Shrivastava will be performing a “*Abhinaya : An art of Expression*” demonstration and presentation. *Abhinaya* is part of the traditional Odissi repertoire and it involves a story conveyed to the audience through hand gestures, body movement, and facial expressions.



Jyoti Shrivastava

Jyoti Shrivastava has had a life-long devotion to dance since her first performance at the age of four. She has studied under some of the most revered gurus including Valmiki Banerjee, Durga Charan Ranbir, and Srinath Raut. In addition to Odissi, Jyoti has studied Mohini Attam, Manipuri and various folk dance forms. She also earned a Masters of Philosophy in classical music, which gave her an in-depth understanding of dance.

Jyoti has performed extensively in India, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Canada, and the United States as well as received numerous scholarships, fellowships, and awards for her expertise in the field of dance. As a joint director of the Nehru Institute of Odissi Research and Training in Delhi, she has done in-depth research and training on the style and compositions of Guru Deb Prasad Das. She has also organized international seminars and training programmes for aspiring young dancers.

Jyoti believes strongly in the training of young dancers to keep the testimony of dance alive over the years. She has dedicated her dance skills to passing on this art to young dancers so that it lives eternally. Her aspiration is to continue dancing irrespective of time or age.

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 the audience for art and culture.

Our mission: Tamarind Art Council exemplifies how life can revolve around the arts. Our mission is to inspire 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 resource center for gaining an understanding of all forms of art, artists, and other areas of interest to individuals, businesses and art investors.

Tamarind Art Council is proud to announce our sponsorship of The *Museum of Modern Art*'s (MoMA) film screening "INDIA NOW," a bi-annual program launched in 2007 that will be presented at the museum again in June 2009.

Other sponsorships have included Festival of India with WMI featuring Shivkumar Sharma and Zakir Husain, Masters of Indian Music – Rahul Sharma & Zakir Husain with WMI in November 2007, Prema Murthy's Fuzzy Logic Exhibition at P.S. 1 MoMA from June – September 2007, and the Contemporary Photography and Video Art exhibition "India Public Places/Private Spaces" held at the Newark Museum of Art from September 2007 – January 2008.

Our most successful and well-received exhibition, entitled "Gandhi: The Legacy," was held in 2008 in collaboration with Phillip Glass Opera and Satya Graha Forum. The photography exhibition captured a nostalgic view of Gandhi's true legacy. It was displayed from April 10th – May 3rd.

For more information about Tamarind Art Council, please visit our website at www.tamarindarts.org.

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