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OCT 11, 2009 (3-10 PM)
www.shantimela.org

Workshop: Kuchipudi Dance



About the Workshop:

The Kuchipudi workshop will begin with basic steps, mudras & a simple invocation incorporating some of the steps & the hand gestures

Profile: Neena Gulati & Triveni

Neena Gulati was born in New Delhi, India, and began dancing when she was only four years old. She performed her Arangetram at the Fine Arts Theater in New Delhi in 1961.

Critics applauded her debut with comments such as the following from Youth of India: "Neena has an inimitable style. The flawless sense of rhythm and deep devotion with which she dances with abandon places her as one of the leading young Bharata Natyam dancers in the Capital. She is intensity and enchantment." "...there is not one in Delhi's crop of young performers to match Kumari Neena's accurate style and her creativeness."

A master of the Panthanallur style of Bharat Natyam, Neena Gulati has received high critical acclaim for her professional performances throughout India and the United States. In 1964, Neena was invited to perform at the United Nations General Assembly. Since moving to the U.S. in 1967, she has performed at countless functions and universities across the continent and in England.

Neena has taught at Brown University, and has been guest artist in several Universities and schools in New England. She gives lecture- demonstrations, explaining and demonstrating her art form to varied audiences. Neena has collaborated with many artists of different disciplines, including actors, musicians, dancers and poets. She has been involved in numerous benefit performances and has choreographed dance dramas. An energetic and loving teacher, Neena is an excellent example of the guru-shishya tradition of teaching that has preserved the purity of Indian classical dance since the time of the vedas.

In 1993, the Boston Globe described her as "a pioneer in bringing classical Indian dance in all its nuance to New England."

More information: <http://www.trivenidance.org>



4:00—4:40pm

Other Programs in the Festival:

Music workshops, dance workshops, peace workshops, art contest, photo exhibits, delicious food, indoor games, kids activities, peace mural painting, performances, community dance (garba-dandiya) and much more..

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