

Ramayana

A Visual Journey

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Vision-Aid & Eastern Rhythms

presents

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is a fascinating dance-drama presentation in the traditional South Indian dance style of Bharatanatyam, bringing to life the timeless Indian Epic, Ramayana, in a way that has never been done before. Through a combination of live music, Jathis (pure dance movements), Swarams (musical notes) and engaging English narration, the dance production takes the audience on a journey back in time, over 5000 years ago when sage Valmiki is said to have first composed this epic, whose story has inspired many and has been retold in several different languages, in different geographical regions and at different historical periods.

This production is a synthesis of these different versions. The songs in this production have been selected from many different Indian languages including Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Hindi and Gujarati. Compositions of several poets including Valmiki, Kamban, Tulsidas, Thyagaraja, Arunachala Kavirayar, Swati Thirunal and Narsing Mehta are brought together in this unique production.

Choreography and Narration: Ranjani Saigal

Dancer: Amudha Pazhanisamy

Vocal: Geeta Murali

Mridangam: A.R. Balaskandan

Violin: Surya Sundararajan

Veena: Revathi Ramaswamy

About Vision-Aid

Vision-Aid is a non-profit organization that serves the visually disadvantaged in underserved areas providing vision enhancement, rehabilitation, training in computers, job skills and mobility along with early intervention programs for children.



For tickets and more information go to www.visionaid.org/ramayana