

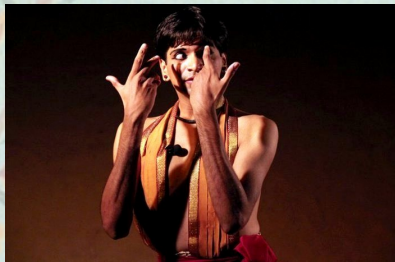
INSTRUCTIONAL WORKSHOP ON FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS OF QUANTUM INFORMATION THEORY

presents

An Evening of Theater and Dance

by

Aniruddhan Vasudevan



Aniruddhan Vasudevan is a performer, activist and writer based in Chennai. At present he is a disciple of Guru Chitra Visweswaran, one of the more important names in today's world of Bharata Natyam. His dance and dance-related engagements include performance and choreography of solo, duet and ensemble works. Aniruddhan has been involved in bilingual (Tamil and English) theatre in recent years. Along with performing all over the world, he has worked as a guest choreographer and teacher for institutes abroad. He likes to write and speak on various issues he feels passionately about. Both as individual activist and as member of The Shakti Resource Center Collective, Aniruddhan works with issues related to gender, sexuality, politics and rights, particularly those concerning LGBT persons in the southern region. Details about his work can be found at <http://www.aniruddhan.net>.

Brihannala is a solo theater work on gender, performance, drag and sexuality, developed by the artist himself. The play unfolds as a drag performer's monologue about his work, where the actor talks about taking up, among other female roles, the character of Brihannala, and his experience of performing it several times. The character becomes a reference point for his own performance of gender, his desires and the questions that arise therein. Brihannala, an androgynous character from the epic Mahabharatha, was a disguise taken by the mythological hero Arjuna, during the last year of his exile along with his brothers (Pandavas) and their wife, each disguised as a different character in the court of the king Virat. Entwined with this performance rises the complexity of love as Brihannala, with a body and mind of her own, gets attracted to Arjuna, her counter-self. The work is a mixture of story telling, spoken word, dance and music. 'Brihannala' will be followed by a short break and a classical Bharata Natyam recital performed by Aniruddhan.

Date : 5th January (Thursday)

Time : 6:00 pm

Venue : Ramanujan Auditorium, IMSc