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Teesri Duniya Theatre Presents Navarasa Dance Theater's *Encounter*, a contemporary dance-theater by Aparna Sindhoor and Anil Natyaveda:

Teesri Duniya Theater is pleased to announce the presentation of Navarasa Dance Theater's *Encounter* at le Salle de diffusion Paul Buissonneau at le Centre Culturel Calixa-Lavallée, 3819, rue Calixa-Lavallée, Montreal , QC, from May 11 – 15, 2011. *Encounter*, is a powerful contemporary dance-theater work by Aparna Sindhoor and Anil Natyaveda which the Boston Globe has called “**A magical mix of tradition and styles**“. India Abroad newspaper calls *Encounter* a “**Powerful piece ... gorgeously staged ... makes one think for a long time**”.

Encounter is inspired by renowned Bengali writer Mahasweta Devi's piece 'Draupadi', the short story of a tribal woman battling against injustice with resourcefulness, strength and astonishing courage. Directed and choreographed by Aparna Sindhoor and Anil Natyaveda with text developed by S.M Raju, Aparna Sindhoor and Teesri Duniya's own Artistic Director Rahul Varma with dramaturgical support by Associate Artistic Director Edward Little, *Encounter* is performed by a cast of artists coming from India, Boston, Singapore and Montreal including Aparna Sindhoor, Anil Natyaveda, Rajesh Raveendran, Raghu Narayanan, and Smitha Radhakrishnan. Original music is created by Isaac Thomas Kottukapalli.

Encounter, marks the second presentation between Teesri Duniya Theatre and Navarasa Dance Theater. In 2007, Sindhoor directed and choreographed Teesri Duniya's presentation of *A Leaf in the Whirlwind* which The Montreal Gazette, called "**A dynamic response to a broken world**" and the Montreal Mirror wrote, "**The duets between Sindhoor and Anil Natyaveda are riveting. (...) Sindhoor is truly a wonder**".

Navarasa Dance Theater (NDT) is a contemporary dance theater company founded by renowned dancer and choreographer, Aparna Sindhoor in 1991 in Mysore, India. NDT has a wide repertoire of solo and group works in classical and contemporary dance and theater. NDT is known for its shows with themes that deal with human issues in a meaningful way that makes audiences enjoy and be touched at the same time. Presented with wonderful comic timing, innovative and stylistic choreography, NDT draws audiences from different backgrounds connect to the work both at an individual and collective level.

Celebrating its 30th year in 2011, **Teesri Duniya Theatre** is dedicated to producing socially and politically relevant theatre that supports a multi-ethnic vision of society, promoting interculturalism through works of theatre, and creating theatrical styles based on the experiences of ethno-cultural communities living in Canada. The company believes that culturally diverse theatre and artists are an integral part of the theatre landscape of the country. The company is committed to multiethnic casting and stories.

Teesri applauds the valuable work of Montreal's **South Asian Women's Community Centre** by contributing \$2.00 of each ticket sold for *Encounter* to SAWCC in honour of 30 years of offering services and support to promote the civic engagement of South Asian women and families in Montreal.

DATE: Opening on **May 11 and runs until May 15, 2011. Evening shows at 8pm; Saturday and Sunday 2pm matinees. Running time is 75 minutes.**

PLACE: le **Centre Culturel Calixa-Lavallée**, 3819, rue Calixa-Lavallée, Montreal (Qc)
Access by: rue Rachel; métro: Sherbrooke; bus: 24 East; parking is free of charge.

PRICE: \$22 = Adult, \$20 = Senior / Adult pre-sale (before April 25th), \$10 = Student, \$12 = Adult Group (6 ppl), \$8 = Student Group (6ppl)

MORE: Panel discussions will follow the Saturday and Sunday matinee performances.

Encounter is presented in partnership with the South Asian Women's Community Centre and Navarasa Dance Theater with support from le Centre Culturel Kabir, Circle des Femmes and Aangan and the Conseil des arts de Montréal . For ticket information, please call (514) 848-0238 or visit www.teesriduniya.com