

SAMARPANA, the Asian festival of classical dance, closes with a superb collaborative piece of dance and literature. Acclaimed kuchipudi dancer Amrita Lahiri performs Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore's Chitrangada on Sept 29 at 8pm at the Drama Centre.

Amrita will perform a kuchipudi repertoire based on the works of Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore. Tagore was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1913 "because of his profoundly sensitive, fresh and beautiful verse...". Chitrangada is a story that illustrates the incredible vision of Rabindranath Tagore – his words resound with meaning and relevance even today.

Chitrangada, a warrior-princess, stumbles upon Arjun, the famous hero of the Mahabharata. She offers herself to him, and is rejected. Realising that he is turned off by her manly ways, she prays to be

transformed into a beautiful woman and their romance blossoms. However when the villagers need her as the saviour of the village, what will she do?

Amrita Lahiri is one of the foremost kuchipudi performers of the younger generation today. She combines the grace and light-footedness of kuchipudi with a depth of emotion and

Superb blend of dance and literature in finale

attention to the aesthetics of movement and music.

Her gurus include Anuradha Nehru, Swapna Sundari, Kishore Mosalikanti and Leela Samson (bharatanatyam). The perfection of her art reflects the influences of all these outstanding gurus.

Samarpana will be held from Sept 27 to 29 at the Drama Centre of the National Library Building. Tickets range from \$20 to \$70 and can be bought from SISTIC.

Win tickets

You stand to win a pair of category A tickets to Chitra – A Kuchipudi Expression Of Tagore by answering the question below.

E-mail your answer to info@samarpanafestival.net with the subject: Samarpana Week 5

Include your name, IC number and contact number.

Closing date: Sept 22, 6pm

Poet Rabindranath Tagore's compositions are the national anthem of Bangladesh and which other country?

a) Sri Lanka b) United Kingdom c) India

Winners will be chosen by lucky draw from the correct answers. Only the winning entry will be informed. Winners can pick up their tickets on the performance day at the venue, bringing a copy of their e-mail confirmation.

The winner of last week's contest is Lal Naseem Akbar.

Graceful...
kuchipudi dancer
Amrita Lahiri.

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