

# Dance festival back in September

SAMARPANA, the Asian festival of classical dance, is back after a successful beginning last year.

This year, the festival will bring together an array of dancers and scholars who will showcase the present and the future of classical dance. Some of the dances to be featured this year are flamenco, kuchipudi, contemporary, ballet and bharatanatyam.

The festival will open with Dhruv Gati, where Dhruvad singers and Padma Shri awardees Gundecha brothers will perform in collaboration with kathak troupe Kadamb, trained by Kumudini Lakhia, a Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan awardee.

Singaporean dancer Som Said, who has made invaluable contributions to Malay dance, will be honoured at the event on Sept 27.

*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 Dhruv Gati by answering the question below. E-mail your answer to [info@samarpanafestival.net](mailto:info@samarpanafestival.net) with the Subject: Samarpana Week 1. Include your name, IC number and contact number. Closing date: Aug 27, 6pm

**Which dance form will be performed during Dhruv Gati on the opening night of Samarpana?**

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



Opening act... the Gundecha brothers will perform in collaboration with the kathak troupe Kadamb.

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