



## Moving On

at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2011

*Scotland's Indian dance company presents new dance and film production*

At this year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Dance Ihayami will unveil its new cross-disciplinary production combining classical Indian dance, music, and film. *Moving On* comments on the strict, traditional Indian structure in the arts in the context of changing norms and values in the new world and the ways Indian art forms develop, transform and flourish. It is a unique opportunity to experience a journey of transformation conveyed by dancers and through their exquisite movements and postures.

As one of the leading South Asian dance companies in the UK, Dance Ihayami offer "a disciplined and elegant alternative to the dominance of Western forms" (Skinny). Dance Ihayami is Scotland's Indian dance company dedicated to the contemporisation of Indian dance. In *Moving On*, the company teams up with BAFTA-nominated film-maker Krish Shrikumar to create an inspiring, thoughtful and enchanting spectacle.

Founded in 2003 by Priya Shrikumar, the company is based in Edinburgh and works throughout Scotland and beyond. The company challenges ideas about Indian classical dance and creates innovative contemporary work, regularly collaborating with different art forms and media. The work is rooted in strong classical Indian technique, with an edgy contemporary style. Dance Ihayami's vision is to enrich the Scottish national repertoire of dance, and engage people of all ages and backgrounds in Indian classical and contemporary dance as audience, artists and participants.

**Zoo Roxy - Venue 115, 2 Roxburgh Place, Edinburgh EH8 9SU**

**18 – 20 August, 23- 27 August 21:45 (55min)**

**Tickets £9.00 (£8.00)**

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### Notes to editors:

#### **Dance Ihayami**

Dance Ihayami demonstrates an unparalleled repertoire of scintillating South Indian classical dance forms with contemporary action and modern approach. Dance Ihayami has a history of developing cross-platform and cross-cultural disciplines, including western classical music (with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra), Maori dancers (with New Zealand's Toro Toro and Mika Haka, a collaboration which included a tour of New Zealand), Russian music (with Koshka Gypsy and Jazz band) and Middle Eastern music (with Paragon Ensemble), Japanese Dojo drummers (with Mugenkyo), and much more. The company has also done many collaborative projects with Dance Base, the National Centre for Dance and recently performed at the Royal Commonwealth Day's Annual Observance at Westminster Abbey, in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen.

#### **Priya Shrikumar**

Born in Kerala, India, Priya is a versatile and award-winning dancer, choreographer, teacher of Indian classical dance and founder of Dance Ihayami. Priya's groundbreaking and uncompromising works have changed the face of Indian dance in Scotland. Priya received the "Women Empowered Award 2009" for outstanding artistic quality and originality of work and for promoting diverse cultural activities in Scottish

society, in the Arts and Culture category from the Nari Kallyan Shangho organisation in acknowledgement of her achievements. Priya is a constant source of power and grace to her dancers, both as a performer and as a teacher. Known for her highly successful collaborative work with Scottish/Celtic music, Priya has developed and delivered her own styles and signature pieces. Priya created the first fusion pieces in Indian dance using Scottish Celtic music and continues to develop uncompromising work which consistently breaks new ground.

### **Krish Shrikumar**

Krish is a 28 year-old director and cinematographer based in Edinburgh. His most recent works have been shown in conjunction with Rushes Soho Shorts and The London Indian Film Festival. It's already earned him several nominations including those for the BAFTA in Scotland New Talent and Satyajit Ray Foundation Short Film awards.

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