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Annapurna Indian Dance to perform at this year's Huddersfield Literature Festival

Halifax-based Annapurna Indian Dance will be performing Indian Tales of Love and Wisdom, a rich cultural evening of Indian dance, music and stories at this year's Huddersfield Literature Festival.

The event, which will be taking place at Huddersfield's Lawrence Batley Theatre on Thursday 31st March 2022, will see storytellers Indrani Datta and Sarvani Yadavalli explore nature, love and universality through the works of Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore and Indian classical mythology.

Based in Halifax, Annapurna Indian Dance was founded by artistic director Shantha Rao based on a vision to connect communities through dance and sharing stories.

The company's main dance form is drawn from an ancient classical style called Bharata Natyam, which is famous for its crisp rhythmic footwork and telling stories using stylised facial expressions and beautifully intricate hand gestures.

Established in 2006, The award-winning [Huddersfield Literature Festival](#) was launched to offer a diverse programme of author talks, workshops, discussion topics, performance poetry, multi-arts performances, wellbeing projects, events for young people and family-friendly events.

Festival Director Michelle Hodgson said: "We are thrilled to have the incredible Annapurna Indian dancers perform at this year's festival - their performances are truly breathtaking and artistic director Shantha Rao has created a performance that perfectly blends literature and music - it really is an event not to be missed."

The event is sponsored by Kirklees Year of Music in 2023, a unique, place-based, transformational cultural change programme that strengthens the music ecology of Kirklees from its roots, including education, health & wellbeing, the night-time economy, music tourism, aspiration & skills, and inclusion, with a view to tackling poverty, reducing inequalities and inequity and developing an inclusive economy.

Book tickets for Indian Tales of Love and Wisdom here:

<https://www.huddlifest.org.uk/event/indian-tales-of-love-and-wisdom/>

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Hi-res mages are available upon request.

Notes to Editors:

About [Huddersfield Literature Festival](#)

Huddersfield Literature Festival (HLF) is an award-winning 10-day Festival held annually in the spring. A blended Festival of 50+ digital, outdoor and venue-based events, HLF champions accessibility, diversity and under-represented groups. Showcasing emerging writers and artists alongside major names, the Festival offers a diverse programme of author talks, workshops, discussion topics, performance poetry, multi-arts performances, wellbeing projects and family-friendly events.

Innovative special projects and commissions, often inspired by local community partnerships, are designed to promote community cohesion, improve wellbeing and proactively engage with under-represented artists, performers and audiences. With many free and low-cost events, including some with live subtitling, and Access Guides to key venues, HLF promotes accessibility with a view to offering more opportunities for a wider range of people to enjoy arts and culture.

Established in 2006, HLF is a major fixture on the town's cultural calendar. The Festival has been selected as a finalist in the prestigious Welcome to Yorkshire White Rose Awards on

three occasions (2016, 2017 & 2020), and in 2017 won the Examiner Community Award for Arts.