

Teamwork and Out of the Blue present

the European premiere of Ishara Theatre's acclaimed

TRANSPOSITION

Zoo Southside (Venue 82)

August 13-18, 22-28

7.30pm (50 mins)

"A visually stunning performance piece under the direction of Dadi D Pudumjee, where the dancers offer inspired performances that range from rousing to the lyrical, showing off their considerable virtuosity."

Irene Backalenick, New York

Transposition is a spectacular feast for the senses! Dance, colour, music, martial arts, poetry and giant puppets transport you to a mythic India populated by exotic deities and star-crossed lovers who lose their heads in more ways than one!

Transposition is physical theatre at its exhilarating best. Brought to Edinburgh by South Asia's leading impresario and Fringe veteran **Sanjoy Roy**, the piece showcases a myriad of dance styles such as **Chau**, a martial arts form rarely seen in the UK, and **Kathak** which is known for its versatility and innovative foot and hand technique. Combine that with groundbreaking puppets, some operated by as many as three people, and state-of-the-art multimedia and you have a truly unique experience. Make it your must see this Fringe.

In this visually stunning interpretation of ancient Indian tale *Vetalpanchvanasati* (Vampire Tales) that was the basis for **Thomas Mann's** classic novella *Transposed Heads*, renowned Indian director **Dadi Pudumjee** meditates on life's biggest questions; the nature of identity, love, loss, illusion and reality itself.

As the male protagonists Nanda and Shridhaman fall under the spell of the beautiful Sita, the differences between the two men are thrown into sharp relief and their friendship is threatened. Then the gods take a hand and strange things begin to happen...

"The bonds of friendship between the two young men Shridhaman and Nanda are thoughtfully upset by the great goddess Kali by introducing Sita. Their rivalry for her affections causes a fit a madness in which they lose their heads. Ultimately however, they come to realise that all life is Maya and illusion simply to be lived through." explains Dadi Pudumjee, founder of Ishara and award-winning director of *Transposition*.

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Notes to editors: *Ishara* is India's leading creative puppet group and was founded in Delhi in 1986 by Dadi Pudumjee. *Ishara* collaborates with traditional and modern puppeteers, dancers and actors, creating a language of performance art. The *Ishara* Puppet Theatre Trust aims to create opportunities for such collaborations; promote upgrading of performance skills; and put puppet groups and puppeteers together. The annual *Ishara* International Puppet Theatre Festival invites puppet companies from across the world to perform in New Delhi, Chennai and Jaipur every January.

Out of the Blue Arts & Education Trust (www.outoftheblue.org.uk) supports and promotes cultural ventures. Based out of Edinburgh's newest and most exciting creative hub The Out of the Blue Drill Hall in Leith, it has an established track record as a catalyst for cutting edge creativity in Edinburgh and beyond including the launch of groundbreaking multi-arts venue The Bongo Club (www.thebongoclub.co.uk).

Teamwork is a highly versatile entertainment company, with roots in the performing arts, social action, and the corporate world. Its expertise lies in the area of entertainment including television, documentary and feature film, event management, social communication, creation and development of contemporary performing and visual arts festivals across the world and in nurturing new talent across all art forms (www.teamworkfilms.com).

Zoo Southside has been taken over by Zoo Venues for 2006, becoming this established Fringe venue management company's flagship theatre. The Main House at Zoo Southside is among the largest performance spaces on the Fringe, and is set to become a specialised Dance and Physical Theatre venue. Attracting shows of the calibre of *Transposition* is a key part of this project. Zoo Venues' full 2006 programme can be found at (www.zoofestival.co.uk).