

NAYIKA INDIAN DANCE

Presents

THE BLUE LOTUS

Nayika Indian Dance presents a unique cultural experience of traditional music and dance led by Tony Wheeler. The Sizhu and Indian musicians, with Japanese koto artist, Satsuki Odamura, and classical Indian dancer, Vimala Sarma, celebrate Chinese New Year in a concert inspired by the symbolism of the rare blue lotus.

This concert develops the theme of previous concerts inspired by the lotus, a symbol of beauty, perfection and spiritual purity in Buddhist and Hindu traditions, held during Chinese New Year for the Asian arts connoisseur. This year's motif – the Blue Lotus, symbolizes, victory of the spirit over the senses, also invokes innovation in music (the blues), and suggests the life-affirming blue Hindu God, Krishna. The lead artists, Tony Wheeler, Saksuki Odamura, using traditional Asian instruments, and dancer Vimala Sarma, supported by talented Indian musicians, draw upon their respective cultures, to integrate the spiritual with the sensual.

Event Title: The Blue Lotus
Date: Friday 30 January – Saturday 31 January 2009
Time: 7:00pm
Venue: Barnet Long Room, Customs House, Circular Quay
Cost: \$40, \$35 (Advance purchase)
Bookings: 0409 690 220 / 0403 492 054
Info: www.nayika.org

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