

**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE ARTS  
REGIONAL CENTRE – PUDUCHERRY**

**Dance Festival-Manifest**

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2022

*Concept Note*

Puducherry Regional Centre and AuroApaar, Auroville conducts international festival of Dance- Films and Incubator. The program has been scheduled on 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 in Alliance Francaise-Puducherry and Cinema Paradiso- Auroville. 'Manifest' is the first dance-film festival in India that is onsite. This program is to aimed to harmonize industry, academic and artistic perspectives om India.

At this event there will be screenings of dance-films submitted by artists from more than 20 countries. There will also be discussions and interactions on related topics and an academic seminar. 'Manifest' is the first dance-film festival in India that is onsite. In this Dance- Film Festival, the focus will be on Indian / Asian forms.

The aim of the incubator is to train artists/dancers working with traditional forms to choreograph for the camera and facilitate the production of dance-film shorts of international production standards.

The incubator will be mentored by award-winning professionals in their respective fields including Sankeet Natak Akademi Award winner and PadmaShri Shashadhar Acharya, Choreographer and Contemporary Indian Dancer Anita Ratnam, Cinematographer Shri R.Narayan Kumar and film maker shri Arjun Gourusaria . The incubator will benefit students and early-career professionals who are interested in cross-media collaboration.

Puducherry Regional Centre believes that Indian heritage forms need focused attention to assist the transition to digital media. We are convinced of the potential of Indian forms and have reserved a special section in the film festival for Indian/Asian forms. The focus of the incubator, similarly is on Indian movement forms- inclusive of folk, classical and martial arts.

The aim is to develop the local art communities and, in the future, to be able to include participation from across South and South-East Asia- countries with which India shares a visible cultural heritage. We believe it is important for the future of Indian arts to nurture these networks unmediated by European channels. AuroApaar will coordinate the international festival of dance and incubator and the venue will be in the Alliance Francaise Auditorium and Cinema Paradise-Auroville.