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Personal details

Nationality: Sri Lankan

Language

English
Sinhala

Interests

Dance for social justice

Mixed-abled dance

Traditional Kandy dance

Embodied healing

Drumming

Dancer * Choreographer * Dance School Director

Occupation & Projects (selection)

2023-present Visiting Lecturer
Department of Fine Arts
University of Kelaniya (Sri Lanka)

2009-present CEO and Managing Director
Meranga Fine Arts Ensemble (Sri Lanka)

2022-2023 Trainer, choreographer & workshop facilitator
Performing/Informing Rights (Funder: AHRC)
University of Essex (UK)

2019 Choreographer & workshop facilitator
Performing Inclusion (Funder: British Council)
VisAbility e.V. (Germany/ Sri Lanka)

2016-2017 Trainer, choreographer & workshop facilitator
Performing Empowerment (Funder: AHRC)
University of Essex (UK)

Dance Education

2022-2023 Dance Nucleus (Singapur)
Critical Practice in Contemporary Choreography and
Performance Making

2012-2016 DINA 13 Dance Company (Germany)
Mixed-Abled Dance & Contemporary Choreography

1996-2008 Chithrasena School of Dance (Sri Lanka)
Traditional Kandyan, Low Country Dance & Drumming

Additional Training

2022 Luleå University of Technology (Sweden)
Project Management

2003 Abacus Computer Institute (Sri Lanka)
Diploma in Graphic Design

Awards

2018 Sanguine Citizen Award for Social Work
Village Citizen Association (Sri Lanka)

2017 Bunka (Cultural) Award in Dance
Japan-Sri Lanka Friendship Cultural Fund
Embassy of Japan (Sri Lanka)

2013 Best Choreographer for drama 'Julius Cesar'
National Drama Festival (Sri Lanka)

2009 National Award for Best Lighting Design
National Ballet Festival (Sri Lanka)