

Deborah Arunditha Emmanuel

Poet, Singer, Space-Opener, Guide

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PROFILE

Experimental writer and performer whose research is grounded in feminist and political discourse, as well as ancient and esoteric philosophies. Working between poetry, sound, text-based dramatic performances and movement. Working on a new manuscript and co-organising at Opens.

RECENT APPEARANCES AND COMMISSIONS

A MERCURY RETROGRADE GATHERING OF POETS

The Mandala Club // Singapore // 18th April 2024

Alfian Sa'at, Lawrence Ypil, Pooja Nansi, ArunDitha.

'UNBECOMING' BY MANTRAVINE

ForeWord; The Esplanade // Singapore // 31st March 2024

Narrative poetry performance set to music; waterfront stage.

A PUBLIC CONVERSATION:

"THE PEOPLE CULTURES OF A NATIONAL THEATRE"

T:>Works // Singapore // 7th March 2024

Alfian Sa'at, Medli Dorothea Loo, Kavitha Krishnan, Ho Tzu Nyen, Arunditha Emmanuel.

WHO RUN THE WORLD

UltraSuperNew Gallery // Singapore // March 2024

Commission Song for International Women's Day.

'THE OPERATOR' IN THANK YOU FOR HOLDING

Textures; The Arts House // Singapore // 19th & 20th January 2024

Written by Marc Nair, directed by Sudhee Liao.

FESTIVAL GALA: POETS AND BELONGING

Singapore Writers Festival // Singapore // 25th November 2023

Yomi Sode, Lemn Sissay, ArunDitha.

ARUNDITHA X KANSH

Kalaa Utsavam; The Esplanade // Singapore // 20th November 2023

Alfian Sa'at, Lawrence Ypil, Pooja Nansi, ArunDitha.

ECSTATIC INITIATIONS: SOUND THROUGH SHAMANISM

Opens; T:>Works // Singapore // 5th October 2023

Performance lecture featuring a collaboration with Anise.

EUROPEAN TOUR

Mantravine // IT, FR, DE, NL // July-September 2023

Played 24 shows in 4 countries.

RUNNING WITH STRIPPERS

Cake Theatre // Singapore // March 2023

Improvisation with Kiat, Farhan Remy and Willam (PHUNK).

EARLIER ACHIEVEMENTS + HIGHLIGHTS

- **Winner of Dunedin regional poetry slam, New Zealand, 2022.**
- **Host of 'Show Me The City' S1 on CNA, 2019.**
- **Modern Resonance, 2019.** Power To The People commissioned by the Goethe Institut in collaboration with Chong Li-Chuan and Alecia Neo.
- **First Singapore writer to be awarded residency at Literarisches Colloquium Berlin, 2019.**
- **Barcelona International Poetry Festival, 2018.** Commissioned to perform a poetry and bass music show with my collaborator Kiat.
- **Performance art debut 'Hush' in NY at The 24th Annual Watermill Center Summer Benefit, 2017.**

EDUCATION AND TRAINING**KUNDALINI REIKI MASTER**

Living Light Universe // Singapore // 2021

QHHT LEVEL 1

Quantum Healing Hypnosis Technique // Online // 2019

BA CONTEMPORARY AND APPLIED THEATRE

Griffith University // Brisbane, Australia // 2015

DIPLOMA IN APPLIED DRAMA AND PSYCHOLOGY

Singapore Polytechnic // Singapore // 2012

UPCOMING

Mantravine EU and Morocco Tour // Living Ancestor: Kalaa
Utsavam Esplanade Commission //