

Subathra Subramaniam

South East Dance Associate Artist



Subathra is an independent choreographer, dancer and educator.

She was the co-founder and artistic director of Angika for 11 years. Until its closure in 2009, Angika was a leading British dance company, touring nationally and internationally to critical acclaim. It was known for its collaborations with a wide range of artists and designers including commissioning some of the most exciting international composers and musicians to create original soundtracks specifically for the choreography.

Subathra's choreography aims to bring an innovative, contemporary approach to the rich vocabulary of Bharata Natyam, a South Indian classical dance form. She has choreographed numerous original pieces of dance for youth and school groups and was recently artistic director of "Returning to Dance Nepal", a cultural exchange project between the Gurkha community of the Blandford Army Camp and the local community. As part of the project, she choreographed a dance work for 13 Gurkha soldiers.

Subathra is a trained science teacher and has a Masters Degree in Education. She taught Science in a large secondary school for 5 years. One of her passions is creating and choreographing exciting projects that bring together the arts and science. Subathra is regularly commissioned to deliver arts science projects for organisations such as the Royal Geographical Society and The Natural History Museum and has delivered presentations in this area for the British Council in Cuba, Thailand, Egypt, Canada and in the UK.

Subathra is co-director of Cape Farewell Education, a climate change project that brings together young people, artists, scientists, educators and journalists to raise awareness about climate change. In September 2007 Cape Farewell Education took 12 young people from the UK, Canada and Germany to the Norwegian Arctic on a sail boat. In September 2008, in conjunction with British Council Canada, 28 young people from the UK, Canada, Germany, Mexico, India, Brazil and Ireland went on a voyage to Greenland and the Canadian Arctic. The aim of these voyages is to inspire young people to become climate change ambassadors in their communities.

Subathra is the artist in residence at The Environment Institute at University College London and Associate Artist at South East Dance. She is on the board of Dance UK and The Woking Dance Festival.