

PRESS RELEASE

Equator Music and Words presents
ShivaNova and Yasmin Alibhai-Brown

Table Talk: food, memory, creative dialogue and lived histories

Purcell Room, Southbank
Friday 25 March

7.45pm / £14/ £9.50

Ticket Office on 0844 875 0073

Equator Music and Words brings together the acclaimed musicians of **ShivaNova** and the renowned writer and commentator **Yasmin Alibhai-Brown**: two leading forces in the cross-cultural scene.

'Food is like music, which also easily crosses borders, releases people from traditional enclosures, enables them to listen to unexpected sounds and melodies, to love the unknown. When the world feels so divided and full of hate, food and music remind us that all is not lost- human appetites and artistry can still pull us together, give us hope and optimism'. Yasmin Alibhai-Brown

Yasmin Alibhai-Brown is a leading commentator on race, multiculturalism and human rights, writing for the Independent and Guardian and appearing regularly on TV and Radio. She is the author of several books including *No Place Like Home*, *Who Do We Think We Are* *Mixed Feelings* and the IPPR report *True Colours*, on public attitudes to multiculturalism. She has recently performed on autobiographical one-woman show, commissioned and directed by the RSC, which is touring regularly.

ShivaNova was founded by composer Priti Paintal the band is grounded in Indian and European musical styles delivering a spellbinding sound with Tibetan chants, Indian classical and folk and subtle grooves. This evening features music from their acclaimed *Secret Chants* album, plus traditional Indian songs from Manickam Yogeswaran.

ShivaNova

Jean Toussaint – saxophone

Manickam Yogeswaran - vocals

Alex Teymour Housego - flutes

RN Prakash – percussion

Priti Paintal – piano

This is the first of two Southbank evenings of shared experiences, viewed from different artistic perspectives. The second will be held on **21st June** and will feature acclaimed cookery writer **Claudia Roden** and music from **Juan Martin**.

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