MY NAME IS THILEEPAN Press Release

MY NAME IS THILEEPAN: "On this day, I am going to bring somebody back to life." Thiyagi Thileepan, a.k.a. Rasaiah Parthipan was a Tamil Tiger revolutionary and hero in 1980s Sri Lanka. Ahash Francis is a young actor based in California. Using his personal experience as the son of Sri Lankan refugees with a foothold in the West and roots tracing back to the "Pearl of the Indian Ocean", Ahash weaves together a story using his and Thileepan’s shared experience. By invoking Thileepan's name and sharing his story, Ahash hopes to find meaning in the long, violent history of the Sri Lankan Civil War. The legacy of the Eelam Tamil independence struggle lives on in him and in other Tamils in the diaspora around the world today. Witness him bring Thileepan's story to life in this one-man performance of sacrifice, the differences between the east and the west, and an exploration of our cultures intertwined!

WHERE: The Actors Company, 916 N Formosa Ave 90064, Los Angeles, CA (Let Live Theatre)

WHEN: (Preview) June 5, 2022 @ 7 PM; (Opening) June 10, 2022 @ 7 pm; June 12, 2022 @ 1:00 pm; June 16, 2022 @ 7:30 pm; June 17, 2022 @ 7 pm; June 18, 2022 @ 7 PM (Runtime: 45-50 minutes)

TICKETS:

Price: PWYC, All donations go to Pearl Action in Sri Lanka

Ticket link: https://www.hollywoodfringe.org/projects/7541?tab=tickets

Admission age: 13+; Mentions of violence

PRODUCTION TEAM:

Ahash Francis ( Performer and Writer): Ahash (he/him/his) is a first generation Sri-Lankan Canadian actor and writer. He is the son of Tamil refugees who immigrated to He graduated from UC Davis in 2018 and is currently attending the Stella Adler Art of Acting Studio in Los Angeles. He hopes to use theatre and storytelling to confront issues affecting underrepresented and marginalized communities and cultures.

THE MISSION:

Originally devised and performed at the Art of Acting Studio in Hollywood in March 2022, My Name is Thileepan aims to explore the heritage of the Eelam Tamil diaspora. Sri Lanka is our home, but our heritage is violent and grief-ridden. How does the Tamil independence movement live on today in all of us? And how do we carry on the stories of those we've lost, those who have died so that we can live?

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NOTE TO EDITORS/CONTACT: News media representatives planning to cover this event may request tickets for this event by contacting Ahash Francis at 4087670330, or via email francisahash1@gmail.com. Tickets will be required to attend this event.

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