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Roger Sinha wins the 2016 Cultural Diversity Prize in Dance

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The **Cultural Diversity Prize in Dance**, presented by the **Conseil des arts de Montréal** and the **PRIX DE LA DANSE DE MONTREAL 2016** was awarded to Roger Sinha. The \$10,000 Prize is given every year to a culturally diverse individual or organization with the aim to recognize either their significant contribution to the dance milieu, or a remarkable production presented in the previous season (2015 winner Nyata Nyata Compagnie de Danse, Zab Maboungou).

The CAM jury celebrated 25 years of creation from Roger Sinha, whose works often reflect issues of diversity, and recognized his exceptional contribution to the development of the discipline, the originality of his approach, and his steadfast commitment to fellow artists and citizens. This prize pays tribute to his lifetime achievements; demonstrated through multi-faceted talents including choreographer, dancer, teacher, mediator and video artist. Roger's distinct choreographic language is based upon an intermingling of his Indian background and Canadian culture. His creations unite Bharata Natyam, a dance originating in Southern India, martial arts, and contemporary dance. More recently he has also integrated interactive media and technology. The prize was presented to Roger Sinha by Nathalie Maillé, Executive Director of the Conseil des arts de Montréal.

Created in 2011 by choreographer Marie Chouinard, the PRIX DE LA DANSE DE MONTRÉAL recognizes the excellence of individuals, companies and institutions within the dance domain. The prizes serve to reaffirm Montreal's role as a vibrant dance capital and to raise its international profile.

Roger Sinha and Sinha Danse wish to congratulate the other talented winners of the 2016 PRIX DE LA DANSE DE MONTREAL: Édouard Lock, Montreal Dance 2016 Grand Prize ; Sophie Corriveau, Dancer Prize ; Daina Ashbee, Discovery Prize and Best Choreographic Work ; Gilles Savary, Cultural Manager Prize.

About Sinha Danse

A vibrant company celebrating 25 years of existence, Sinha Danse was founded in 1991 in Montréal by Roger Sinha. Acclaimed by thousands of spectators across Canada and three continents, Sinha Danse demonstrates its profound attachment to the art of dance through its audacious, diverse and energetic creations.

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