



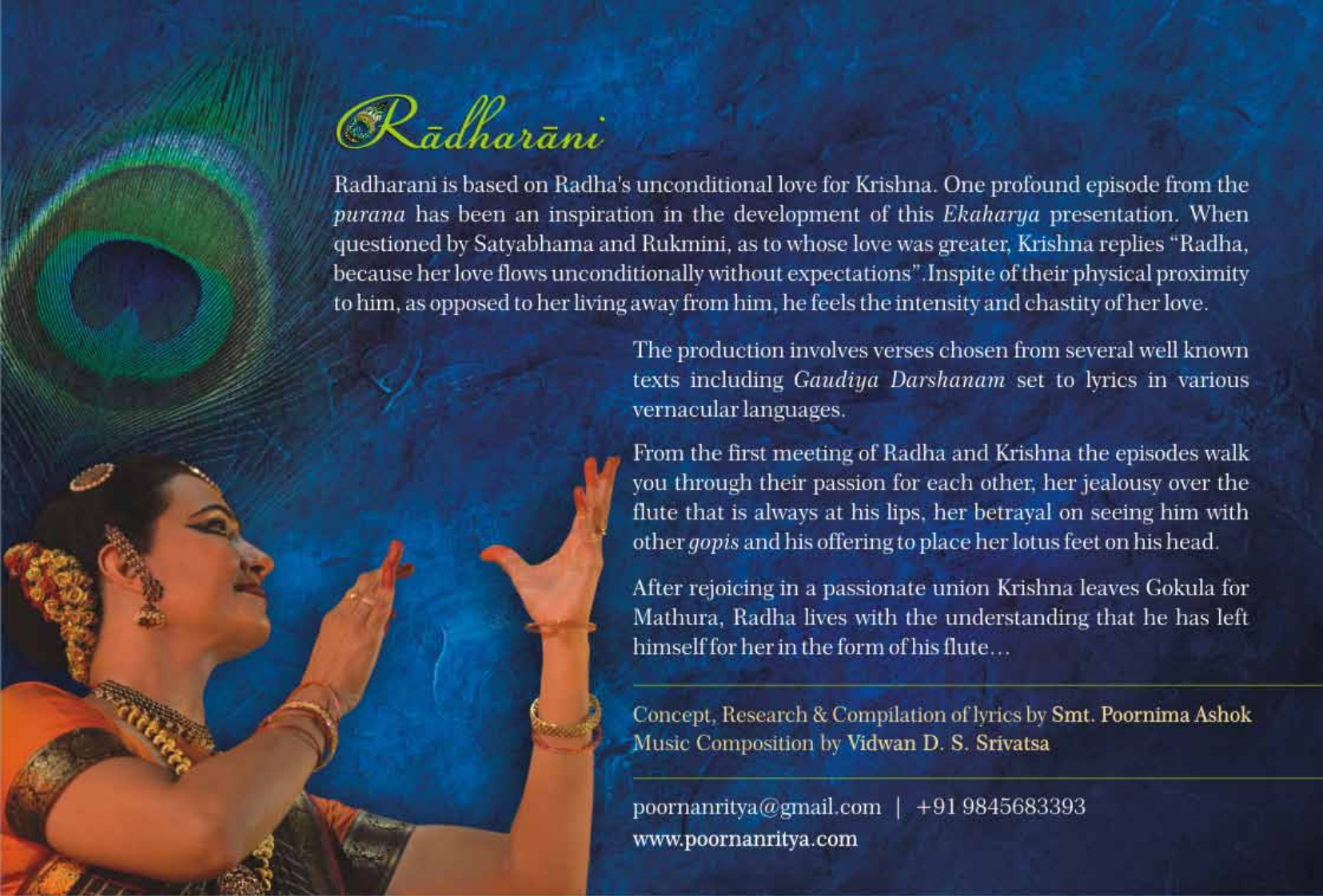
Rādhārāni

The pinnacle of unconditional love

A BHARATA NATYAM PRESENTATION

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Radharani is based on Radha's unconditional love for Krishna. One profound episode from the *purana* has been an inspiration in the development of this *Ekaharya* presentation. When questioned by Satyabhama and Rukmini, as to whose love was greater, Krishna replies "Radha, because her love flows unconditionally without expectations". In spite of their physical proximity to him, as opposed to her living away from him, he feels the intensity and chastity of her love.

The production involves verses chosen from several well known texts including *Gaudiya Darshanam* set to lyrics in various vernacular languages.

From the first meeting of Radha and Krishna the episodes walk you through their passion for each other, her jealousy over the flute that is always at his lips, her betrayal on seeing him with other *gopis* and his offering to place her lotus feet on his head.

After rejoicing in a passionate union Krishna leaves Gokula for Mathura, Radha lives with the understanding that he has left himself for her in the form of his flute...

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