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ABOUT

Artist and filmmaker Hetain Patel offers a preview performance of his latest solo work, *Mathroo Basha* (Mother Tongue), which explores cultural identity. After the loss of several first-generation immigrants in his family, Hetain reflects on the ceremonies, rituals, recipes, and Brit-Gujarati language that connect them.

Responding physically to audio interviews with female family members speaking in Gujarati about inheritance, loss, and the future, Hetain amplifies spoken language through choreographed movement. His body becomes a conduit to share his own inherited stories.

London-based artist Hetain has exhibited films, paintings, sculptures, photographs, and live performances worldwide.

WORK

Mathroo Basha

Following the passing of a number of first-generation immigrants in his family, British born Hetain reflects on what is lost and what is transformed, revisiting rituals rooted in his family's working-class Brit-Gujarati experience.

Responding physically to audio interviews of women from his family speaking in Gujarati about inheritance, loss and the future, *Mathroo Basha* (Mother Tongue in Gujarati) delves into the emotional realities of generational change through personal movement explorations where his body becomes the conduit.

Number of Performers: 1 | **Duration:** 45 minutes | **Audience:** For ages 7 and over