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Water Lilies: A Trilogy **A Play Reading by Author Gowri Ramnarayan**

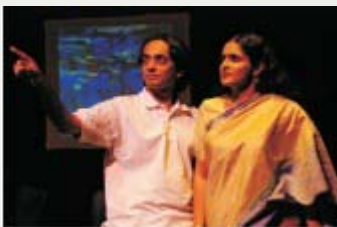
Sunday, September 25, 2011
2:00 p.m.

Brown Auditorium Theater
The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston
1001 Bissonnet

This program is generously cosponsored by
Indian Performing Arts - Samskriti, Houston.

The MFAH hosts the Play Reading of *Water Lilies*, a three-act play written and directed by artist and journalist Dr. Gowri Ramnarayan, co-founder of JustUs Repertory Theatre based in Chennai, India. *Water Lilies* is Dr. Ramnarayan's fourth play, each of which explores themes of war, displacement, love, loneliness, and loss in world rent by racial, religious, economic, and political divides.

Inspired by a visit to the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston where Dr. Ramnarayan saw Claude Monet's *Water Lilies*, each act of *Water Lilies: A Trilogy* takes a witty, perceptive, and empathetic look at brief encounters between two strangers—a man and a woman, from different racial, cultural and linguistic backgrounds—who meet by accident in a public space in the United States. As they share confidences and spill secrets, their chance encounters explore what such meetings mean for the intimate act of creation that is living itself.



The Play Reading will include video clips of the play.
Admission is free and open to the public with general
museum admission.
A reception follows the program.

The play was presented in Chennai India.
Produced by JustUs Repertory

Image (above): Claude Monet, Water Lilies (Nymphéas), 1907, Oil on canvas, The MFAH, Gift of Mrs. Harry C. Hanszen, 68.31