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APRADHINI

WOMEN WITHOUT MEN

Apradhini is a collection of the stories of five women whom the author encounters when she visits a women's prison for a cultural event. Guilty of offences including armed robbery, dacoity and murder, the women have been incarcerated for life. Beaten, abused and exploited by society, it is when the women finally decide to free themselves that they are punished. What astonishes the author are the stories of each woman that led to their actions.

Were their crimes heartless violations of justice or responses to untenable circumstances? Should their lives before the crimes have played no role in the judgement they received?

Designed and Directed by - V Balakrishnan

Performed by - Taruna Nalini and Roshini Sridhar

Production team - Aparna Kumar and Meera Sitaraman

'Loved hearing stories from women of different cultures to me and the reasons why they were in jail.'

'Moving, lovely singing, and very evocative.'

'The stories of how these women were treated resonates whatever your nationality – here in the UK, in Ukraine; how much men have still to learn.'

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Taruna Nalini has worked with Theatre Nisha since 2004; acting in, producing and lighting both amateur and professional plays in India. Her first performance in the UK was a solo show, 'Singarevva and the Palace' at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2014. She is now a South-West England based actor.

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