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Dr. Les Joynes receives Fulbright-Nehru Academic & Professional Excellence Award for his research on transcultural collaboration and performance in India



The U.S. Department of State and the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board are pleased to announce that contemporary artist **Dr. Les Joynes**, has received the Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Award to India. Dr. Joynes is a Visiting Research Scholar in the Department of International and Transcultural Education (TC) at Columbia University in New York. “Honored by this recognition, I am grateful to the Fulbright Program, the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and Columbia for their support of my research and work” said Joynes. “This project will be fundamental in our understanding about intercultural collaboration in the 21st century, especially as we redefine how we work.”

In 2022 Dr. Joynes is hosted as a Fulbright Nehru Senior Scholar at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi where he leads novel research on transcultural collaboration in arts and performance. A professor of art history and new media, Dr. Joynes possesses experience across 35 countries and has led Fulbright-Hays US Public Diplomacy projects in Asia. Dr. He possesses advanced degrees from Boston University, Vrije-Universiteit Brussels, Goldsmiths, London, and Musashino Art University, Tokyo. He received his PhD from the Faculty of Art, Environment and Technology, Leeds Metropolitan University and Post-Doctorate from University of São Paulo, Brazil. See www.joynes.studio (Image Joynes in performance in Jaipur 2022)



As a Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Joynes will share knowledge and foster meaningful connections across communities in the United States and India. Fulbrighters engage in cutting-edge research and expand their professional networks, often continuing research collaborations started abroad and laying the groundwork for forging future partnerships between institutions. Upon returning to their institutions, labs, and classrooms, in the United States, they share their stories and often become active supporters of international exchange, inviting foreign scholars to campus and encouraging colleagues and students to go abroad. As Fulbright Scholar alumni, their careers are enriched by joining a network of thousands of esteemed scholars, many of whom are leaders in their fields. Fulbright alumni include 60 Nobel Prize laureates, 88 Pulitzer Prize recipients, and 39 who have served as a head of state or government.

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