



**GEMARTS**

Autumn / Winter 2019

## Welcome to GemArts' Autumn Winter 2019 Season!

GemArts is thrilled to announce a new partnership with Middlesbrough Town Hall as we bring the very best Indian classical, folk and contemporary music to this magnificent venue. Launching the partnership in September, we have the brilliant Anupama Bhagwat on sitar, accompanied by tabla virtuoso Shahbaz Hussain; and in October we welcome Sudeep Banerjee for an evening of wonderful ghazals.

Our Riverside Ragas concerts series with Sage Gateshead presents a stellar line up of Hindustani classical music, beginning with santoor maestro Rahul Sharma; and in November, Music from the courts of Kings and Saints, marks the 550th anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev's birth. We are delighted to bring back internationally renowned Carnatic vocalist Sanjay Subrahmanyam. As always, GemArts' special Family ticket is available for these concerts, encouraging and inspiring a love of music for all ages and backgrounds.

If you're looking for something to do with the little ones, then don't miss Indigo Moon Theatre's wonderful shadow puppet theatre show Aladdin. Our ever popular Diwali celebrations return in November, and do visit the Chai & Chat exhibition at Gateshead Central Library, beautiful textile artwork inspired by traditional chai recipes.

The season ends with a Bollywood spectacular as we team up the Bridging Stroke across Newcastle & Gateshead charity to raise valuable funds for this excellent cause – we look forward to your support!

Keep checking [www.gemarts.org](http://www.gemarts.org) for more exciting events and workshops across the North East, and please visit our Support Us page if you are in a position to make a gift. On behalf of everyone at GemArts we look forward to seeing you soon.

Vikas Kumar, MBE  
Director

**GemArts** is an award winning arts organisation based in the North East of England. A nationally recognised leader in the South Asian and diversity arts sector, GemArts creates and programmes high quality concerts, events, festivals, workshops and commissions with regional, national and international artists across all art forms.

**Our Vision:** We believe that the arts enrich the lives of individuals and communities through celebrating our shared cultural diversity – raising aspirations, building stronger communities and breaking down barriers.

**Our Mission:** To increase equality of opportunity for everyone to engage with culturally diverse arts – as artists, producers, participants and audiences.

## Chai & Chat

Weds 17th July – Sat 26 Oct

*Time: During Library opening hours*

*Venue: Gateshead Central Library  
(upstairs Gallery), NE8 4LN*

*Tickets: FREE – Just drop in!*

Making and drinking tea is still at the heart of many family gatherings across the world.

GemArts have worked with GVEMSG Women's Feel Good Group and artist Michelle Wood on a visual arts project, exploring family histories and the tradition of making 'Chai' Indian tea, often from recipes handed down through generations. Each recipe is individual, involving a unique combination of spices like fennel, cinnamon, ginger, cardamom, cloves amongst others.

This exhibition presents textile artwork inspired by each family's unique chai recipe. Each piece includes a collection of handmade elements where stitching, crochet and fabric staining sits alongside family photographs, handwritten recipes and fragments of maps of South East Asia.

Central to the creation of this artwork are the conversations, the sharing of ideas, recipes and memories.

Presented by GemArts and Gateshead Council Culture Team



Anupama Bhagwat (sitar)  
and Shahbaz Hussain (tabla)

Saturday 14th September

*Time: 7.30pm*

*Venue: Middlesbrough Town Hall,  
Albert Rd, TS1 2QJ*

*Tickets: Free, but pre-booking essential  
Box Office: [www.middlesbroughtownhall.co.uk](http://www.middlesbroughtownhall.co.uk)*

Anupama Bhagwat, an outstanding sitar player, has carved a niche in Indian Classical Music with her versatile & eclectic style. Acclaimed world-wide with a repertoire of global performances since 1995, her sensitivity and erudition has taken her to the highest echelons of the modern genre. She has imbibed the vigor that is a hallmark of her Gharana: scintillating fast taans, mastery of the meditative alaap and brilliant fluency of melody (raag bhava), all the while maintaining her technical virtuosity.

Anupama is accompanied by the dynamic Shahbaz Hussain, one of UK's finest tabla maestros.

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Riverside Ragas:  
**Sanjay Subrahmanyam**  
Saturday 21st September

Time: 7.45pm

Venue: Sage Gateshead,  
Northern Rock Foundation Hall,  
NE8 2JR

Tickets\*: £13.10 / Family ticket available

Box Office: 0191 443 4661

[www.sagegateshead.com](http://www.sagegateshead.com)



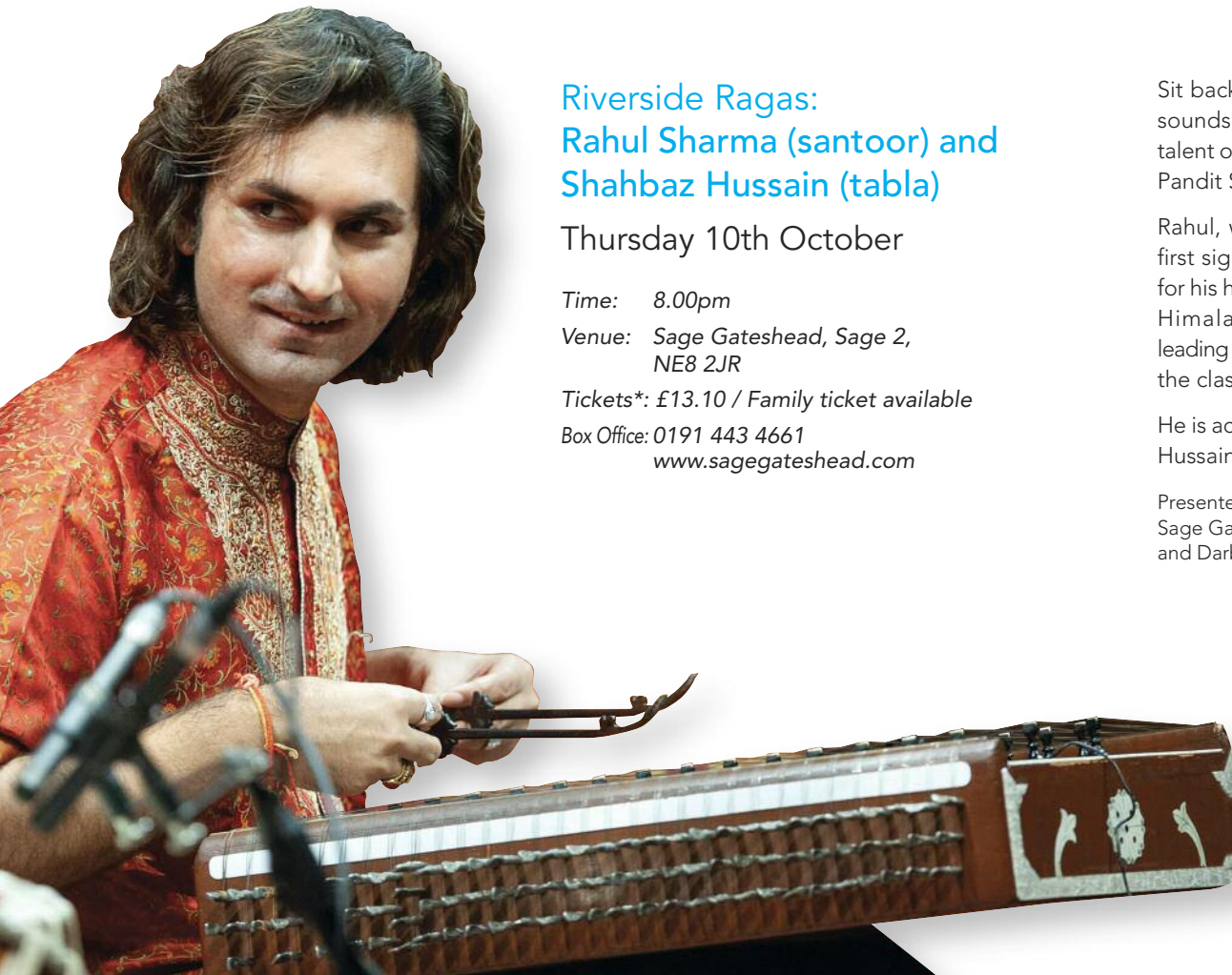
GemArts Riverside Ragas series returns with internationally renowned Indian Carnatic vocalist Sanjay Subrahmanyam.

Sanjay has spent many years refining his vocal talent. His music mixes the high authority and purity of tradition, with the creativity of an exceptionally gifted artist, and Sanjay's concerts delight audiences with the unpredictability and newness of each performance.

Sanjay's intensive and exhaustive elaboration of unconventional ragas, is a unique feature of his performances. Sanjay Subrahmanyam manages to harmonise the wisdom and stabilizing influences of Carnatic music's past with his own artistic and intellectual creativity, presenting music that is charged with passion and emotion.

Accompanying musicians, S. Varadarajan on Violin and Neyveli Venkatesh on Mridangam.

Presented by GemArts and Sage Gateshead



Riverside Ragas:  
**Rahul Sharma (santoor) and  
Shahbaz Hussain (tabla)**

Thursday 10th October

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Sage Gateshead, Sage 2,  
NE8 2JR

Tickets\*: £13.10 / Family ticket available

Box Office: 0191 443 4661

[www.sagegateshead.com](http://www.sagegateshead.com)

Sit back and enjoy the sublime, meditative sounds of santoor played by the virtuoso talent of Rahul Sharma, son of the legendary Pandit Shivkumar Sharma.

Rahul, who has performed worldwide was first signed on by Peter Gabriel in England for his hugely successful album 'Music of the Himalayas'. He continues to appear at leading festivals including Womad, celebrating the classical and folk music of India.

He is accompanied by the dynamic Shahbaz Hussain, one of UK's finest tabla maestros.

Presented by GemArts,  
Sage Gateshead  
and Darbar





## ALADDIN by Indigo Moon Theatre

Thursday 24th October

**Time:** 11:30am and 2:00pm

**Venue:** Caedmon Hall,  
Gateshead Central Library,  
NE8 4LN

**Tickets\*:** £6 adult / £4 children

**Box Office:** 0191 440 4124  
[www.gemarts.org](http://www.gemarts.org)

This colourful tale from the Arabian Nights is set in the Middle East: a place of mystery, enchantment and strange, mythical creatures. Large scale contemporary Shadow Puppet theatre tells of a poor street boy who falls hopelessly in love with a Royal Princess. What magic would he need just to see her again?

Follow his wild and dangerous adventures as he gets caught up in excitement way beyond his control.

Find out more about this inspirational and accessible art form after the show.

Shadow Theatre for families / ages 4+

Duration 55 minutes

Presented by GemArts and  
Gateshead Council Culture Team

## An Evening of Ghazals with Sudeep Banerjee

Saturday 26th October

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Middlesbrough Town Hall,  
Albert Rd, TS1 2QJ

**Tickets:** Free, but pre-booking essential

**Box Office:** [www.middlesbroughtownhall.co.uk](http://www.middlesbroughtownhall.co.uk)



Sudeep Banerjee has a worldwide reputation as one of the leading ghazal singers from India. He brings to the stage a thorough understanding of Urdu and its literary idioms, specializing in traditional style of singing along with modern elements.

Sudeep is one of the few vocalists who has performed with legends like Mehdi Hassan, Jagjit Singh, Pankaj Udhas, Anup Jalota and Rekha Bhardwaj.

This very special concert will take audiences on a journey through classical and contemporary Urdu poetry as Sudeep presents well-known and well-loved ghazals and of course, some requests on the night too!

Accompanying Sudeep is a stellar line up of musicians: Siddharth Singh on guitar, Sunil Jadhav on keyboard and Hanif Khan on tabla.

Presented by GemArts and Middlesbrough Town Hall

## Diwali Celebrations Saturday 2nd November

**Time:** 7pm until 11pm

**Venue:** Bewicks, Gateshead Civic Centre,  
NE8 1HH  
(entrance from car park side of building)

**Tickets\*:** £5 pp / £15 Group  
(up to 4 people)

**Box Office:** 0191 440 4124  
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Gateshead Visible Ethnic Minorities Support Group and GemArts bring you another fantastic evening of family fun at the annual Diwali Celebrations. Popularly known as the "festival of lights", Diwali is celebrated

worldwide and marks the start of new beginnings, the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. Join us at this year's festivities and enjoy delicious Indian food, entertainment from regional performers, DJ's spinning the very best Bhangra and Bollywood tunes and space to show off your best moves on the dance floor.





## Riverside Ragas: Music from courts of Kings and Saints

Friday 8th November

Time: 7.45pm

Venue: Sage Gateshead,  
Northern Rock Foundation Hall,  
NE8 2JR

Tickets\*: £13.10 / Family ticket available

Box Office: 0191 443 4661

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We invite you to step back in time and experience 15th century sounds from Afghanistan and Punjab - the land of five Rivers - in this special double bill.

In the first half immerse yourself in the ancient melodies, moods and rhythms of the Rabab, a 2500-year-old instrument from Afghanistan, by award-winning musician and composer Qais Essar. Joining Qais on stage to explore these sounds will be Sunny Channa, a rising star on tabla and pakawaj.

Completing the line-up in the second half will be eminent musician Sri Kirpal Singh on the Tar shehnai, who will join forces with Qais and Sunny to present series of Shabads (Sacred Songs from Sikh Scriptures) synonymous with the great court of Guru Nanak Dev and his minstrels.

The 550th anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev's birth will be celebrated across the world in November 2019 (according to the Nanak Shahi calendar), through Kirtan Darbar's filled with sacred music.

Presented by GemArts and Sage Gateshead



## Sarathy Korwar

Tuesday 19th November

Time: 8pm

Venue: Sage Gateshead,  
Sage 2, NE8 2JR

Tickets\*: £11.45 / £9.30

Box Office: 0191 443 4661

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US-born, Indian-raised, London-based drummer, percussionist, composer and bandleader, Sarathy Korwar has established himself as one of the most original and compelling voices in the UK jazz scene.

Korwar's daring debut album, Day To Day, combined East African, Sufi and Indian influences with contemporary jazz and electronics.

With this latest release, More Arriving, Korwar blasts out his own vibrant, pluralistic narrative for the world to hear. This is not necessarily a record of unity; it's an honest reflection of Korwar's experience of being an Indian in Britain.

Presented by GemArts and Sage Gateshead

## Bollywood Dhamaka!

Sunday 1st December

Time: 4.30pm

Venue: Sage Gateshead,  
Sage 2, NE8 2JR

Tickets\*: £20

Box Office: 0191 443 4661

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A fun and vibrant evening of Bollywood music, dance and culture in aid of the Bridging Stroke across Newcastle & Gateshead charitable fund, supporting local people affected by Stroke.

This thrilling fundraiser will include performances by professional musicians as well as local dancers and community groups showcasing their amazing talents.

We look forward to you joining us for what will be a spectacular evening for an excellent cause.

In association with GemArts

\*booking fee may apply for concert tickets  
– see website more details



# GET CREATIVE BE INSPIRED ENJOY EXPERIENCE LEARN **PARTICIPATE!**

GemArts delivers high quality arts sessions and projects for people of all ages and backgrounds, offering experience of Music, Dance, Drama and Visual Arts from around the world, enabling participants to develop new skills and interests whilst working alongside professional artists.

## For Schools and Community Groups

Workshops from 1 hour tasters to longer term projects, offering a range of arts activity, including Bollywood Dance, African Drumming, Chinese and Indian Visual Arts, Lyric Writing, Textiles, Aerosol Art, Photography and much more. GemArts also deliver projects to raise awareness, celebrate British values, and tackle important issues.

Projects are tailored to a group's interests, needs, timescale and budget, providing educational, creative and enjoyable learning experiences whilst promoting a greater understanding of world arts and cultures.

Costs depend on activity, group size and materials required.

To book a GemArts artist, or discuss a project please contact Alexandra Marsden Gordon on 0191 440 4125 or [alexandra@gemarts.org](mailto:alexandra@gemarts.org)

GemArts helps young people achieve Arts Award, a nationally recognised qualification, and also assist schools to achieve and maintain Arts Mark.



## For Artists

To be added to GemArts freelance artist database, please send your up to date CV, covering letter and examples of your work to [info@gemarts.org](mailto:info@gemarts.org).

GemArts also share information and opportunities online through the website, Facebook and Twitter.



Visit [www.gemarts.org](http://www.gemarts.org) or contact GemArts on 0191 440 4124 or email [info@gemarts.org](mailto:info@gemarts.org) for information.

# SUPPORT US

GemArts believe the arts enrich the lives of individuals and communities through celebrating our shared cultural diversity – Raising aspirations, building stronger communities and breaking down barriers. Our work aims to increase equality of opportunity for everyone to engage with culturally diverse arts - as artists, producers, participants and audiences. As a charity we

rely on raising funds from donations and sponsorship, so thousands more people from all backgrounds can take part every year.

Help us make a difference and support our work creating life enhancing projects, presenting exceptional events and bringing valuable support and opportunities to disadvantaged communities.



## Individual Giving

Donations of all sizes make a difference;

- £5 buys art materials enabling a young person to learn new creative skills and share this with friends and family.
- £20 helps subsidise our annual Diwali event, making it accessible, enabling communities to come together, share and celebrate.
- £50 provides space so a community group can get creative, build friendships and strengthen support networks.
- £80 pays for dance classes, getting older people active, helping tackle isolation, and improving health and wellbeing.
- £250 enables young people living in challenging circumstances to take part in a music project that builds their confidence, helping them achieve new skills, leading to a better future.

Donate online at [www.gemarts.org/support-us](http://www.gemarts.org/support-us)

## Business Giving

GemArts work with businesses of all sizes, offering exciting sponsorship opportunities around our performance and participatory programmes. We can help local businesses bring customers fun holiday activities, showcase spaces and venues, raise awareness of local issues, offer staff, client and stakeholder hospitality opportunities and much more.

To discuss how you or your business can support our charitable work contact Vikas Kumar on 0191 440 4125 or [vikas@gemarts.org](mailto:vikas@gemarts.org).



GemArts is part of Gateshead Visible Ethnic Minorities Support Group (GVEMSG) registered charity no. 1008100 supporting BME, asylum seeker and refugee communities.



# GEMARTS AT A GLANCE

**Wednesday 17th July  
– Saturday 26 October**

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AND  
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Free, but pre-booking essential  
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SUBRAHMANYAN**  
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Free, but pre-booking essential  
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**DIWALI CELEBRATIONS**  
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8pm  
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Sage Gateshead, Sage 2, NE8 2JR  
£11.45 / £9.30\*  
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**Sunday 1st December**

4.30pm  
**BOLLYWOOD DHAMAKA!**  
Sage Gateshead, Sage 2, NE8 2JR  
£20\*  
0191 443 4661  
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