



GEMARTS

Creating and Profiling Diverse Arts

Autumn / Winter 2015

Welcome to GemArts' Autumn Winter 15 Season

GemArts has been busy putting together another jam packed season of wonderful South Asian arts, and high quality projects for you to enjoy.

The Autumn Winter season begins with two of India's finest Khyal performers Rajan and Sajan Misra, and ends with the outstanding talent of Simon Thacker's Svava-Kanti. If you're visiting Portugal before October make sure you catch our co-commissioned work Double Dutch: a game, by north east based artist Isabel Lima, on display as part of a group exhibition across Lagos city. This season we welcome a host of world class musicians to the North East, for what will be truly magnificent evenings of music and performance. Both long-time fans and those new to Indian classical music will enjoy the programme, as we continue to offer informative pre-concert talks and in conversations through GemArts' Riverside Ragas series. Don't miss your chance to learn from experts working in a range of genres and backgrounds, and watch out for announcements in our newsletter and online.

This season GemArts also continue to work with participants across visual arts, dance, drama and music. We're very excited to launch an anti-hate crime poster and animation resource, created by pupils at Joseph Swan Academy and Heworth Grange Comprehensive School, as part of our work with The Gateshead Housing Company and Gateshead Council's Safer Communities Team. More information on GemArts projects can be found online, you can follow our work on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

After more than 15 years working to increase equality of opportunity for everyone to engage with diverse arts, GemArts is now offering new ways to support our charitable work, including a new Corporate Members Club. This exclusive Club will allow GemArts to work closely with businesses who value the positive impact of our work and the experiences we offer more than 93,000 people each year. With a host of benefits on offer, joining GemArts' Corporate Members Club will open up new opportunities for business, staff and clients.

At GemArts we want everyone to experience the arts, with special offers for group bookings, student discount and pre-concert talks and demonstrations, we are working hard to introduce diverse arts to as many people as possible. Regular audiences can also make use of special multi buy options. More information in the brochure, and as always keep checking www.gemarts.org for updates.

This is just a snapshot of what's to come, read on for the full programme. On behalf of everyone at GemArts, thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to welcoming you to this fantastic season of events.

Vikas Kumar
Director

GemArts is a dynamic arts development organisation based in the North East of England. We produce and programme new and exciting culturally diverse arts, by creating and developing 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 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 producers, participants and audience.

Double Dutch: a game

**Saturday 15th August –
Thursday 15th October 2015**

Venue: Lagos, Portugal

Info: www.gemarts.org



Double Dutch: a game is a two-channel video installation, which documents a

Riverside Ragas: Rajan and Sajan Misra

Sunday 13th September 2015

Time: 7:45pm

Venue: NRF Hall, Sage Gateshead

Tickets*: £12/£30 Family ticket

Other concessions available

Box Office: 0191 443 4661

www.sagegateshead.com

Rajan and Sajan Misra are two of India's finest singers of the North Indian style of Khyal, from the esteemed lineage of the Benares Gharana. They studied under their father, Pt Hanuman Prasad Misra and uncle Pt. Gopal Misra.

Translated as 'imagination', khyal is an elaborate and virtuoso style, demanding improvisational flexibility as well as careful attention to notation, phrasing and rhythm. The hallmark of the Misra brothers' style is their superb intonation, beautiful imagination and yet traditional approach to the music. Their concerts include old compositions alongside their own, showcasing their amazing vocal range and technique.

participatory performance in two parts, each representing a different view of the process of seeking asylum in the UK. It is a project from Newcastle based Portuguese artist Isabel Lima, a book and exhibition accompanied the Newcastle launch in 2014.

The work goes on display in Portugal from 15 August as part of the biannual MALA (Mostra de Artistas Lacobrigences) show exhibiting the work of artists born or resident in Lagos city, organised by Lagos City Council. For more information on Double Dutch: a game at MALA and venue details see www.gemarts.org.

Double Dutch: a game is co-commissioned by GemArts and supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England.

Accompanying on tabla is Sanju Sahai, one of the finest and most sought after Tabla players of his generation.

Rajan and Sajan will also deliver a masterclass for advanced students to accompany this concert, for more information contact info@gemarts.org

Buy tickets for 2 Riverside Ragas concerts (Rajan & Sajan Misra and Ronu Majumdar) and receive £2 off each ticket (not applicable to Family Tickets).

Presented with Sage Gateshead



Riverside Ragas: Ronu Majumdar (bansuri, flute) and Gurdain Rayatt (tabla)

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Venue: Sage Two, Sage Gateshead

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Ronu is a force to reckon with in the realm of Indian classical music and a phenomenal live performer. For this concert he is accompanied by one of the UK's most vibrant and fast emerging tabla maestros, Gurdain Rayatt.

Concert includes a special In Conversation with Ronu Majumdar. Free to ticket holders.

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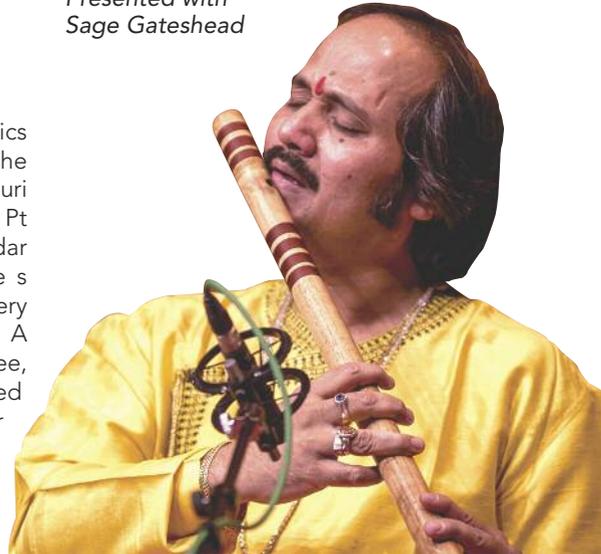


Image: Peter Atkinson

Acclaimed by critics and audiences the world over, bansuri flute maestro Pt Ronu Majumdar combines technical mastery with creativity. A Grammy Nominee, Ronu has performed and composed for Hollywood movies and collaborated with top artists including George Harrison, Ry Cooder, Larry Coryell, Pt. Ravi Shankar, and Pt. Jasraj.

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Festival of Thrift

Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th
September 2015

Time: 10am – 5pm

Venue: Lingfield Point,
Darlington, DL1 1RW

Tickets: Free

Info: www.festivalofthrift.co.uk

The Festival of Thrift is the UK's national celebration of sustainable living, and aims to show how reusing, recycling and upcycling can be fun, help save money and benefit the environment at the same time. This award-winning family festival features artists

from across the globe, demonstrations, stalls, workshops and much more.

GemArts is delighted to be working with Home Live Art and the festival to programme live Dhol drum players and a Henna Artist for visitor's enjoyment over the weekend.



Image: Dr Vijay Rajput

Regular group workshops

Workshops are open to everyone, no prior experience necessary.

Indian Vocal workshops with Dr Vijay Rajput

Running from Wednesday
7th October for 6 weeks

Venue: The Beacon, Westgate Road,
Newcastle, NE4 9PQ

Time: 6-7pm

Cost: 6 week sessions £42

(Payable to GemArts before first class)

GemArts is delighted to offer this rare opportunity to learn Indian Vocals from one of the north easts' exceptional talents. Dr Vijay Rajput is one of Britain's most talented Indian classical singers, a maestro of the 'khyal' style from the north Indian tradition and an artist of international repute, his performances have mesmerised audiences in India and abroad.

Kuchipudi Dance workshops with Payal Ramchandani

Running from Thursday 8th
October for 6 weeks

Venue: Oxford Centre, West Farm Ave,
Longbenton, NE12 8LT

Time: 6-7pm

Cost: 6 week sessions £42

(Payable to GemArts before first class)

Ahead of her performance in November, GemArts offer this introductory series of Kuchipudi Dance workshops with experienced dancer Payal Ramchandani in Newcastle. With a long list of international performances and awards under her belt, and having founded MRiJA to further promote Kuchipudi, Payal is the perfect teacher to introduce you to the richness of this South Indian dance form.

Students of Kuchipudi Dance workshops receive a 2 for 1 discount when booking tickets for Payal's performance at Caedmon Hall on 20th November.

Spaces are limited, to book your place and arrange payment contact GemArts on 0191 440 4124 or info@gemarts.org

Sufiana with Imran Khan (ghazal) Nizami & Niazi Brothers (qawali)

Saturday 17th October 2015

Time: 7pm

Venue: Caedmon Hall,
Gateshead Central Library,
Prince Consort Rd, NE8 4LN

Tickets*: £10 Adult / £5 Child

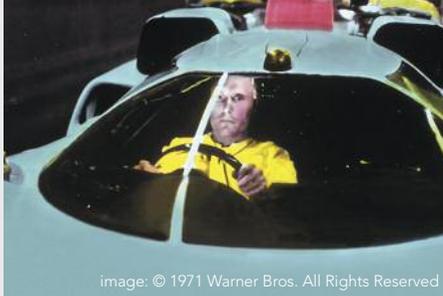
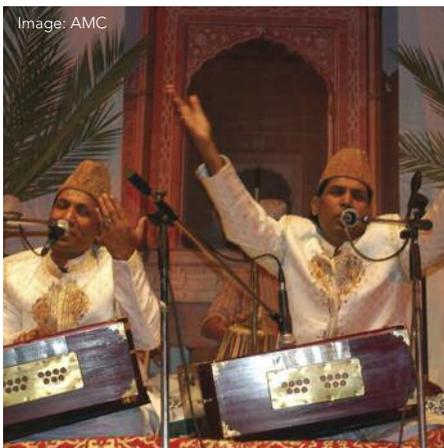
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This double bill concert features performances by the great qawali singers Nizami and Niazi Brothers from Delhi and Karachi, and the outstanding singer of Sufi poetry in the ghazal style Imran Khan, Delhi gharana.

Both styles of singing have their origins in the music of the khankas and dargas (shrines) of Sufi saints – always expressing their longing for God. This concert will offer a beautiful, soul stirring evening of uplifting music, bringing exceptional musicians from India and Pakistan to Gateshead.

Delicious Indian food will be available to buy during the interval (approx. time 8:15pm).

*Presented with Gateshead Council
Culture Team*



Asian Dub Foundation: Live score of George Lucas' THX 1138

Sunday 18th October 2015

Time: 8pm

Venue: Sage One, Sage Gateshead,
St Mary's Sq, Gateshead Quays,
NE8 2JR

Tickets*: £19.50

Box Office: 0191 443 4661
www.sagegateshead.com

Before Star Wars, George Lucas' feature length debut was a stylistic Sci-Fi movie starring Robert Duvall and Donald Pleasence. Since its release, THX 1138 has achieved cult status and samples from the dialogue and soundtrack have been used by a host of influential artists including, Nine Inch Nails, The Shamen, Meat Beat Manifesto, UNKLE, Orbital, and Front 242. The film's sound design was made by triple Oscar winner Walter Murch who also designed the soundtrack to 'Apocalypse Now'. The film's themes around surveillance and technology's part in society, make THX 1138 just as relevant today as it was over forty years ago.

Asian Dub Foundation (ADF) are celebrated for their brilliant live shows which mix rapcore, dub, dancehall and raga sounds, and for performing live soundtracks to iconic films. At this event ADF will perform their exhilarating and fast moving score to this amazing film, live at Sage Gateshead.

Presented with Sage Gateshead

Världens Band Workshops and Concert

Sunday 18th October 2015

Concert

Time: 8pm

Venue: Gateshead Old Townhall,
West St, Gateshead NE8 1HE

Concert Ticket*: £10 /£8

Combined concert and workshops ticket*:
£25 / £21 concession

Box Office: 0191 443 4661
www.sagegateshead.com

Fifteen musicians, seven countries, three continents, one band.

Swedish polskas meet Scottish reels, English folk guitar accompanies Indian classical song, Galician pipes play Balkan melodies and the Zimbabwean mbira blends with Colombian rhythms. The result is a unique and exciting blend of culture, personality and musical style.

Featuring winners of BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award, Last Orders, BBC Radio 2 Horizon Award nominees Rura and Swedish Folk Award winners Kolonien, alongside winner of the All India Radio Competition

Carnatic Devotional singer Charu Hariharan, rising star of the Senegalese Griot tradition Abdou Cissokho and Mediterranean singer Navah Elbaz, Världens Band showcases music from around the world, at its very best.

Workshops

Time: 2:30pm – 5:30pm

Venue: Gateshead Old Townhall,
West St, Gateshead NE8 1HE

Workshop Ticket*: £18 /£16

Combined concert and workshops ticket*:
£25 / £21 concessio

Box Office: 0191 443 4661
www.sagegateshead.com

Take part in a very special afternoon of workshops with the energetic and multi-talented, Världens Band. Choose from workshops in Indian Singing, French Dance Tunes, Scandinavian and Balkan Tunes, Senegalese Singing and Rhythm and Accompaniment. There will also be a playing session in Gateshead Old Town Hall's cafe between the workshops and concert. See www.sagegateshead.com for full details.

Open to everyone aged 14 and above.

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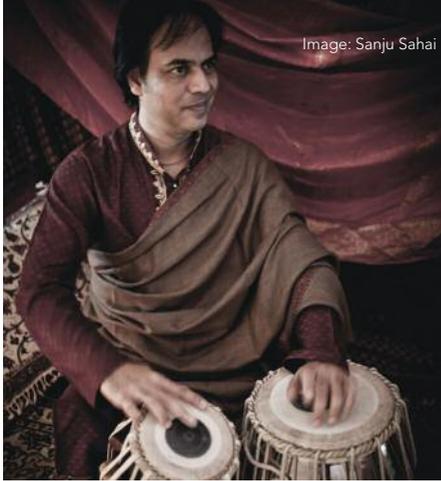


Image: Sanju Sahai

Riverside Ragas: Arnab Chakrabarty, Vinayak Chittar and Sanju Sahai Friday 30th October 2015

Time: 7pm Talk / 7:45pm Performance
Venue: Gateshead Old Townhall,
West St, Gateshead NE8 1HE
Tickets: £12/£30
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A very special Double Bill Concert, featuring Arnab Chakrabarty on sarod and Vinayak Chittar on sitar. Both musicians are deeply influenced by the khayal style of vocal music, following in the footsteps of legends Ali Akbar Khan and Ravi Shankar, and their performances are stamped with the indelible imprint of each other's' stylistic heritage and creativity.

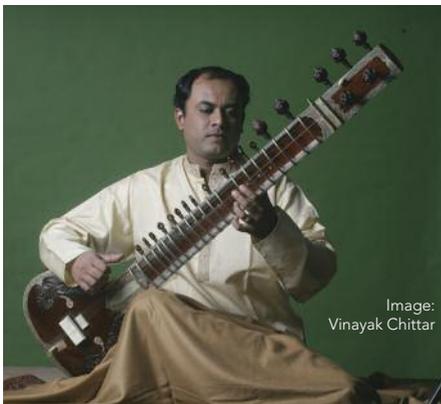


Image: Vinayak Chittar

The duo will play separate solo sets accompanied by the great tabla virtuoso, Sanju Sahai, before coming together for a finale. The evening promises to be a truly moving experience with the opportunity for deep, involved listening as we present these world class musicians.



Image: Arnab Chakrabarty

Concert includes an In Conversation with Dr Laura Leante from Durham University, sharing insight into the genre, the artists and academic research. Free to ticket holders.

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Diwali Celebrations Saturday 21st November

Time: 7pm
Venue: Gateshead Civic Centre,
Regent Street, NE8 1HH
Tickets: £3/£10 Family Ticket
(group of up to 5 people)
Box Office: 0191 440 4124
info@gemarts.org
Info: www.gemarts.org

Gateshead Visible Ethnic Minority Support Group (GVEMSG) and GemArts will be laying on another fantastic evening of music, food and fun at our annual Diwali Celebrations. Popularly known as the "festival of lights", Diwali is an important time in Hinduism, Sikhism and Jainism, and is celebrated in countries worldwide. Traditional Diwali celebrations involve the lighting of small clay lamps filled with oil to signify the triumph of good over evil. Join in the festivities with friends and family, and enjoy entertainment from regional musicians, performers and DJ's spinning the very best Bhangra and Bollywood tunes. An event for young and old alike.



Image: Payal Ramchandani

Anu-bhaava – experiencing emotions through dance Friday 20th November 2015

Time: 7:30pm
Venue: Caedmon Hall,
Gateshead Central Library,
Prince Consort Rd, NE8 4LN
Tickets*: £5 (2for1 discount for pupils of
Kuchipudi Dance workshops)
Box Office: GemArts 0191 440 4124
or info@gemarts.org

GemArts presents Anu-bhaava, a breathtaking Kuchipudi performance. This Classical Indian dance originating from Andhra Pradesh, is now popular all over South India, and has developed from a purely male dance form to one performed with exquisite style by both male and female dancers.

Payal began her award winning journey as a Kuchipudi dancer when she was four years old, and since then has continued striving towards perfection and excellence with dedication, and unstinted support and guidance from her renowned Padmashri (teachers) Guru Jayarama Rao and Vanashree Rao. A true proponent of this beautiful dance form, Payal has performed in festivals both in India and abroad, and also teaches younger generations through workshops and demonstrations.

Presented with Gateshead Council Culture Team

GemArts and Payal will deliver Kuchipudi classes in Newcastle from October. For more information contact GemArts info@gemarts.org

Riverside Ragas: Simon Thacker's Svava-Kanti Thursday 3rd December 2015

Time: 7:30pm Talk / 8:15pm Performance
Venue: NRF Hall, Sage Gateshead,
St Mary's Sq, Gateshead Quays,
NE8 2JR
Tickets: £12 concessions available
Box Office: 0191 440 4124
info@gemarts.org

GemArts is delighted to welcome back visionary guitarist/composer Simon Thacker's Svava-Kanti, creating unique "soundworlds" that seamlessly meld culture and tradition with innovation and imagination.

The group's latest work, Trikala, a Sanskrit word representing the three states of time: past, present and future, features music composed and arranged by Simon, with stunning raga based instrumentals and concepts from Indian classical music, Punjabi traditions reimagined and the spirit of the subcontinent's many mystical traditions.

Svava-Kanti also features the beautiful voice of Japjit Kaur, violinist and Britten Sinfonia leader Jacqueline Shave and renowned tabla master Sarvar Sabri. A new album will be recorded in late 2015, co-commissioned by GemArts and Creative Scotland.

Concert includes an artist talk with Simon Thacker, sharing insight into the genre, his career and the artists involved in this project. Free to ticket holders.

Presented with Sage Gateshead



Image: Simon Thacker's Svava-Kanti

GET CREATIVE BE INSPIRED ENJOY EXPERIENCE LEARN PARTICIPATE!



Each year GemArts delivers high quality arts projects for more than 8,000 people of all ages and backgrounds, offering experience of World Music, Dance, Drama and Visual Arts from around the world. Our workshops enable participants to develop new skills and interests whilst working alongside professional artists.

Schools and Community Groups

GemArts offer a range of workshops, including Bollywood and Street Dance, African Drumming, Chinese and Indian Arts, DJ and Lyric Writing, Textiles, Graffiti Art, Photography and much more. Workshops last from 1 hour tasters to longer term projects.

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 different cultures.

Workshop costs depend on activity chosen and materials required for the art form.

To book a GemArts workshop, or discuss a project please contact Alexandra Marsden on 0191 440 4125 or alexandra@gemarts.org

GemArts is committed to offering opportunity for everyone to engage with culturally diverse arts. If you would like to support our work please consider making a donation. You can find out more on the Support Us page at www.gemarts.org.

Visit www.gemarts.org for further information or contact GemArts on 0191 440 4124 or email info@gemarts.org

GemArts delivers national accredited Arts Award with young people, developing their arts and leadership skills, and also helps schools achieve and maintain Arts Mark, demonstrating excellence in arts and cultural provision.

Artists

GemArts is keen to hear from artists of all disciplines. To be added to GemArts freelance artist database, please send your CV, covering letter and examples of your work to info@gemarts.org

We also share information and opportunities for Artists through our website, Facebook and Twitter.

Regular Workshops

GemArts runs regular workshops in Indian Vocal and Kuchipudi Dance at two venues in Newcastle. See brochure listings and www.gemarts.org for details.

Support Us

GemArts' mission is to increase equality of opportunity for everyone to engage with culturally diverse arts. Each year we achieve this by:

- Programming over 35 high profile events and exhibitions
- Attracting over 85,000 audience members
- Working with 330 artists across art forms
- Engaging more than 8,000 participants
- Reaching a further 4,000 people online each month

As a charity GemArts is reliant on raising funds from a range of sources. As a leading arts organisation we have worked in partnership with a number of businesses, brands and organisations, using our expertise to deliver engaging community projects, present exceptional high profile events and offer valuable diversity training and team building opportunities. We have a loyal audience, but also work tirelessly to introduce our work to new audiences. GemArts wants to offer more businesses across the UK the opportunity help us to achieve our mission while promoting shared priorities.



Corporate Members Club

This season GemArts launch the Corporate Members Club. Membership is tiered meaning businesses of all sizes can support GemArts and benefit from working alongside a leading diversity arts organisation.

Each membership is bespoke but benefits can include*:

- Entertainment opportunities
- Profile/Recognition raising features
- Exclusive collaborations

Membership starts at £150 per year, for businesses with 25 employees or less. To discuss GemArts Corporate Members Club contact Sinead Burke on 0191 440 4125 or sinead@gemarts.org

Sponsorship

We have exciting plans for the next 3 years and beyond, many of which offer sponsorship opportunities around our performance and participatory programmes, and GemArts Festival. If you would like to find out more about sponsorship opportunities please contact Sinead Burke or Vikas Kumar on 0191 440 4124.

*additional costs apply for some benefits

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* booking fee may apply – see website for details

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