



GEMARTS

Creating and Profiling Diverse Arts

Spring/Summer 2017

Welcome to GemArts' Spring Summer 2017 Season

GemArts is excited to welcome you to our new Spring Summer season, packed with Indian Classical, Ghazal, Bollywood, Dub, Jazz and Sufi music, family fun days, Odissi spectaculars and new commissions.

This year we also celebrate the 25th anniversary of Gateshead Visible Ethnic Minorities Support Group, our parent charity, a fantastic milestone for the organisation and the communities we serve across the region!

Launching with Bollywood hits in Chalte Chalte, sets a high energy tempo for the new season. Our performance programme continues to offer incredible opportunities to see world class musicians, including the exceptional Rizwan Mazzuam Qawwali, closing with a Riverside Ragas Double Bill of newly commissioned work by fast emerging UK talent.

Half term marks the return of our popular Mini Mela at Caedmon Hall. Children and families will be treated to a day of free arts activities including; origami, Indian rangoli, painting, drumming, dance, plus lots more opportunities to create beautiful work to take home.

This season we're spoiling you with not one, but two outstanding dance productions. Gods and Mortals is a stunning performance featuring some of the UK's top Odissi dancers, which we're taking to Sunderland Stages; and at BALTIC we present the incredible WILD WOOL by Appetite Dance Productions.

We're looking forward to celebrating Vaisakhi at Gateshead Civic Centre. The local community shows great support for this event, and as this year is also Gateshead Visible Ethnic Minorities Support Group's 25th birthday, we're looking to raise valuable funds for our charitable work at this event.

We truly hope you are inspired by our rich cultural offer! As always keep checking www.gemarts.org for updates and please visit our Support Us page if you are in a position to make a gift.

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.

Chalte Chalte – an evening of Bollywood music

Saturday 4th February

Time: 7pm

Venue: SAGE TWO,
Sage Gateshead, NE8 2JR

Tickets*: £13.10 / £34.40 Family Ticket

Box Office: 0191 443 4661
www.sagegateshead.com

Chalte-Chalte explores music in a brand new way, blending Indian Classical with the excitement and energy of Bollywood. This new interpretation allows connoisseurs of classical music to enjoy the art of improvisation, while taking fans of golden oldies and contemporary songs on a seamless journey through great Bollywood masterpieces.



Image: Karan Rana

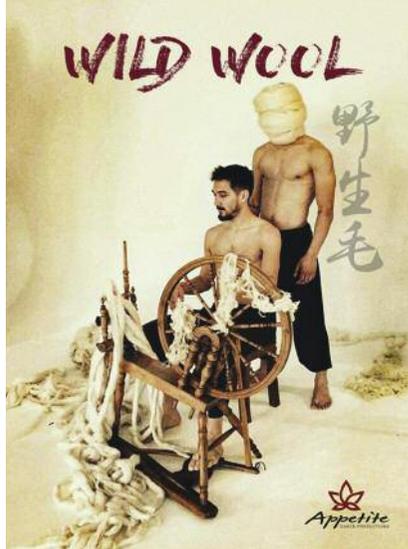
Enjoy India's greatest cinematic hits with the emotive vocals of Pooja Angra and Karan Rana, accompanied by outstanding musicians. Chalte Chalte showcases Bollywood, Sufi and Ghazal genres, through a classical Indian repertoire, infused with captivating compositions and instrumental improvisations.

Part of an Arts Council England funded national tour.

Presented with Sage Gateshead.



Image: Pooja Angra



Apple Yang: WILD WOOL

Thursday 16th February

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead, NE8 3BA

Tickets: £10 / £7

Box Office: www.balticmill.eventbrite.co.uk or in BALTIC Shop

WILD WOOL is a live art performance that merges Chinese dance, martial arts and gesture to conjure intimate, magical landscapes, exploring the complexities of the self through an interweaving of body and raw material.

Join award winning artist and choreographer Apple Yang in a journey inspired by the history of trade, the crossing of cultural boundaries, and the social accommodations of the immigrant experience – the warp and weft of our times – transforming the imaginary space where East meets West.

Produced by Appetite Dance Productions.

Co-commissioned by GemArts.

Presented with BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art.

Supported by Arts Council England, Dance City, Freedom International Now and North Northumberland Spinners.

Mini Mela

Friday 24th February

Time: 11am – 3pm

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

FREE EVENT

Info: www.gemarts.org

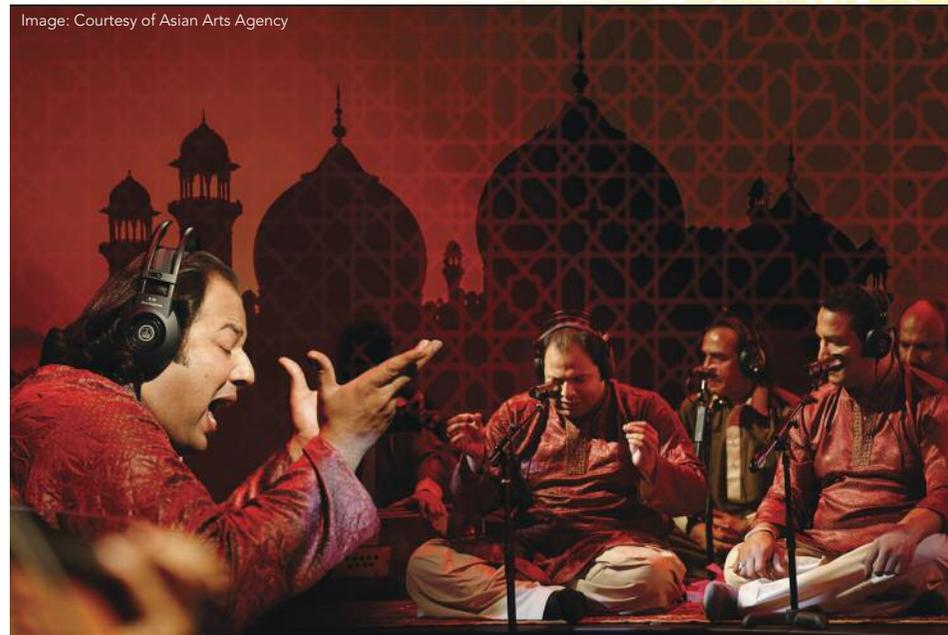
Back for February half term, GemArts Mini Mela is packed full of family fun. Free workshops, performances, henna artists, face painting and lots of exciting arts and crafts, will take you all around the world. Learn something new and take home your very own creations. For full list of workshops visit our website.

All workshops are drop in; drumming and dance may have limited capacity. Please speak to a member of GemArts team on the day to find out more.

Presented with Gateshead Council Culture Team.



Image: Courtesy of Asian Arts Agency



Rizwan Muazzam Qawwali

Sunday 26th March

Time: 8pm

Venue: SAGE TWO, Sage Gateshead, NE8 2JR

Tickets*: £13.10 / £17.40

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www.sagegateshead.com

When legendary maestro Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan (aka "Shahenshah-e-Qawwali") died, his family's musical tradition did not end. The legacy of qawwali, was passed to his nephews, Rizwan and Muazzam, exceptional singers who continue the Sufi tradition of musical devotion and exaltation.

Their incredible shows around the world, have seen them develop a devoted global following. Backed by traditional instruments gharana, harmonium and tabla, the brothers' rich voices soar, pushed onwards by pulsing music and rhythmic handclaps.

Torchbearers of the Qawwali tradition, in the 20th anniversary year of Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan's passing, the brothers' are keeping the legacy alive. This concert, featuring an imaginative reinterpretation of classic Sufi texts, is a rare and transcendent experience, one not to be missed.

"One of the most exhilarating improvised vocal styles on the planet." (The Guardian)

Presented with Sage Gateshead.



Image: Colin Davison

East by North East

Wednesday 12th and
Thursday 13th April

Venue: Sage Gateshead, NE8 2JR

Tickets*: Invite only

Info: See www.gemarts.org for information on our East by North East project

Celebrating the fantastic work of GemArts' East by North East project, we've planned a two day get together and performance for all the amazing young participants, music leaders, and partners who have made this a leading project, with over 130 young people making music weekly for the last 4 years.

East by North East is supported by Youth Music. Partners include CHAT Trust, North Benwell Youth Project, Success4All, Excelsior Academy, Linhope PRU and Sage Gateshead.



Image: V Kumar

Vaisakhi Celebrations

Saturday 22nd April

Time: 7pm until late

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

Tickets: Pay in advance £3/£10 Group Ticket (up to 5 people)
Pay on the door £5/£15

Box Office: Buy online at www.gemarts.org or call 0191 440 4124 to arrange payment



Gateshead Visible Ethnic Minorities Support Group (GVEMSG) and GemArts have organised another fantastic party to mark Vaisakhi. Expect music, delicious food and fun for all ages, including local performers and DJ's spinning the very best Bhangra and Bollywood tunes. Celebrate with friends and family, and definitely don't forget your dancing shoes!

Look out for raffle prizes, henna artists and other opportunities to have fun while raising money for our valuable work with communities. For each £1 we raise at Vaisakhi GemArts will receive a further £1 from Arts Council England, helping us double your generous gifts.

Gods and Mortals

Friday 12th May

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Sunderland Minster High St W, Sunderland SR1 3ET

Tickets: £12/£10

Box Office: 0191 561 3456
www.sunderlandstages.co.uk

GemArts, in association with Sunderland Stages, presents Kadam Pulse's Gods and Mortals, performed by the exceptional Odissi Ensemble, a quartet of dancers from very different backgrounds, brought together by their love of odissi.

Odissi is inspired by imagery from temple sculptures, and stories of Gods and mortals. In this exciting project four passionate, committed and highly-trained odissi dancers, accompanied by live music, present a richly-textured evening of solo and group choreographies.

Dancers: Elena Catalano, Katie Ryan, Maryam Shakiba and Kali Chandrasegaram.

Accompanying musicians: Ranjana Ghatak (vocals), Parvati Rajamani (spoken rhythms), Gurdain Rayatt (percussion) and May Robertson (violin).

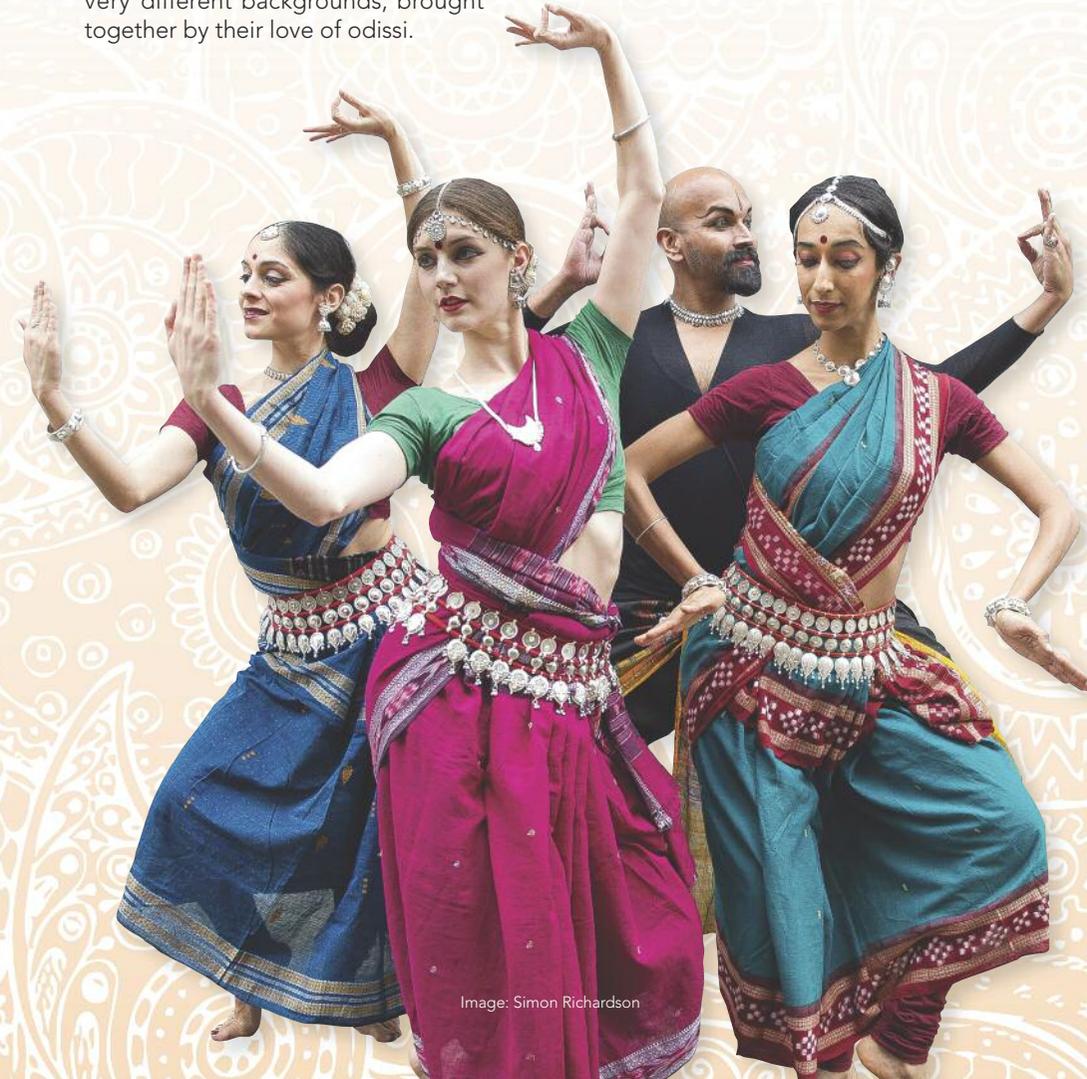


Image: Simon Richardson

Riverside Ragas

(Double Bill) ROUTES
and AN INNER VOICE

Friday 19th May

Time: Talk 7pm Performance 7:45pm

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

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ROUTES

by Giuliano Modarelli

The versatile guitarist, Giuliano Modarelli uses the notion of the drone to incorporate sounds of dub and spiritual jazz to Indian Classical music, creating a new timbre to the music. Playing classical music on a non-traditional instrument has shaped his ideas on the sounds that can influence a style of music. Keeping the melodic material intact, Giuliano focuses on sounds, production and grooves to give new life to his music.

Commissioned by zerOclassikal, in association with GemArts.



Image: Ayesha Begum



Image: Rachel Bell

AN INNER VOICE

by Kobini Ananth and
Yarlinie Thanabalasingham

Two young, talented and upcoming artists come together to create an innovative piece experimenting with a notion rarely used within Carnatic music – turning their attention to composition, An Inner Voice presents the various characteristics of harmonies and how they can be adapted to fit within the Raga structure. This new and innovative piece is unique and radical in its approach.

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*booking fee may apply for concert tickets-see website for details



COMING SOON

GemArts Masala Festival returns from the 17th to 23rd July 2017. This weeklong mix and blend of the finest South Asian arts and culture, brings the north east alive, with all the sights, sounds, tastes and excitement we can pack into 7 days. Information on the full programme, sponsorship and engagement opportunities coming soon.

Keep checking www.gemarts.org for details.



Images: Anna Miller

GET CREATIVE
BE INSPIRED
ENJOY
EXPERIENCE
LEARN
PARTICIPATE!



GemArts delivers high quality arts sessions for 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.

For Schools and Community Groups

Participants can take part in workshops from 1 hour tasters to longer term projects. We offer a wide range of activity including; Bollywood and Street Dance, African Drumming, Chinese and Indian Visual Arts, DJ and Lyric Writing, Textiles, Aerosol Art, Photography and much more. GemArts is also experienced in creating bespoke projects to raise awareness, celebrate diverse cultures within Britain, and/or 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 different cultures. Workshop costs depend on activity, group size and materials required for the art form chosen.

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

GemArts helps young people achieve Arts Award, a nationally recognised qualification, and can assist your school with arts delivery to enable you to gain and maintain Arts Mark.

For Artists

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

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



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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. Visit our Support Us page at www.gemarts.org to find out more.

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

Support Us

GemArts aims to increase equality of opportunity for everyone to engage with culturally diverse arts, and each year we reach more than 81,000 people from different backgrounds. As a leading arts organisation and charity, supporting BME, Asylum and Refugee communities for over 25 years, our expertise ensures donations support life enhancing projects, exceptional events and valuable support and opportunities offered for disadvantaged communities in the region.

You can help make a difference by supporting GemArts Participatory Programme, which creates engaging opportunities that benefit individuals and local communities. Thanks to Arts Council England, we can currently double all donations.

Individual Giving

Generous donations allow GemArts to offer equal access to the arts; whether attending one of our events, taking part in a workshop, or helping shape a longer project to benefit the wider community. Donations of all sizes help, for example;

- £5 buys art materials enabling a young person to learn a new creative skill and share this with friends and family.
- £20 helps subsidise meals at our annual Diwali event, keeping these events accessible for all, enabling communities to come together, share and celebrate.
- £50 provides workshop materials so a women's mental health 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 brings music making opportunities to disadvantaged young people, building their confidence, helping them achieve new skills, leading to a better future.



The more money we raise the more opportunities we can offer, and the more lives we can improve. Donate online at www.gemarts.org/support-us.

Corporate Members Club & Sponsorship

GemArts work with businesses of all sizes. Joining our Corporate Members Club supports GemArts' charitable work, and offers access to benefits which come from working alongside a leading diversity arts organisation.

We offer exciting, high profile sponsorship opportunities around both our performance and participatory programmes, including GemArts Masala Festival. Through sponsored activity GemArts helps local businesses bring customers engaging activities, showcase spaces and venues, tackle local issues, deliver training, offer staff, client and stakeholder hospitality opportunities and much more.

To discuss GemArts Corporate Members Club or Sponsorship of our programmes contact Sinead Burke on **0191 440 4125** or sinead@gemarts.org.



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



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