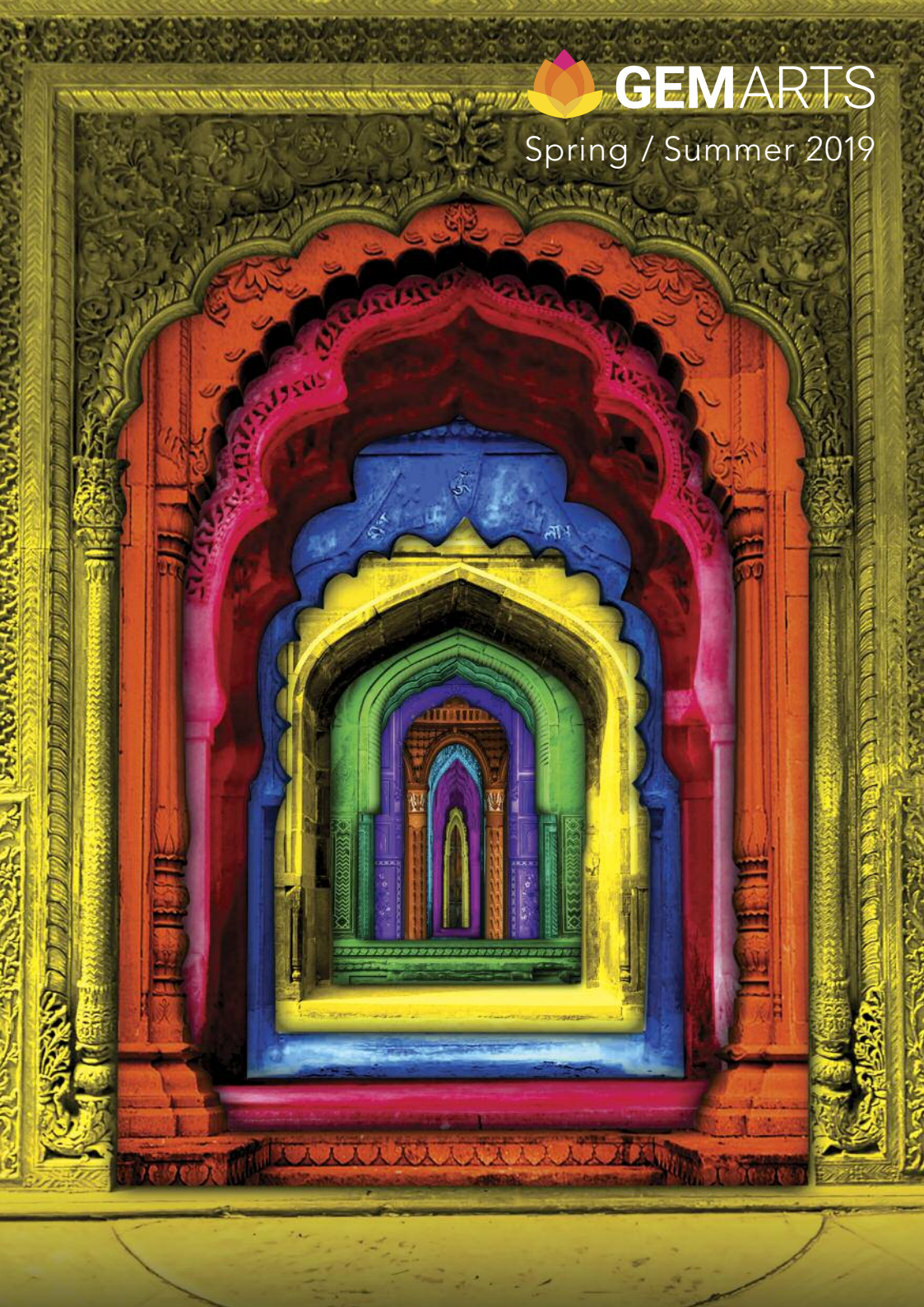




GEMARTS

Spring / Summer 2019



Welcome to GemArts' Spring Summer 2019 Season!

Over the next six months we are thrilled to bring you an exceptional programme of artists and art forms from the U.K., South Asia and beyond.

We have an exciting concert series, which features emerging musicians to artists whose family musical history spans five centuries, with everything from Santoor, Sitar and Sufi devotional music to a re-imagined String Quartet.

February welcomes the return of our popular half term Mini Mela event in Gateshead, with FREE family arts workshops. In April, GemArts' East by North East youth music project brings together 180 young people from across Newcastle and Gateshead, who have taken part in our weekly music sessions, for a celebratory performance at Sage Gateshead.

This season we have a special focus on dance, showcasing incredible commissions and performances that tell those untold stories. Crackle.Dust. by Company of Others, is an unveiling of women's resilience, inspired by women of the North. Jaivant Patel's YAATRA shares a fresh perspective on South Asian LGBTQ + narratives, faith and spirituality; and a Thousand Faces blends Kathak dance with physical theatre and mime, subverting the imagery of Bollywood beauty and Hollywood glamour to explore the objectification of women.

GemArts is committed to creativity and diversity, and ensuring that our rich cultural offer is accessible to as many people as possible, 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 or donate.

On behalf of everyone at GemArts, thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming performances and events.

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.



GemArts Mini Mela

Thursday 21st February

Time: 11:30am – 3:30pm
(Relaxed* session 10am–11am)

Venue: Caedmon Hall
Gateshead Central Library
NE8 4LN

Tickets: FREE Event, Just drop in!
Info: www.gemarts.org

Packed full of family fun, GemArts Mini Mela returns this February half term with arts, music and dance workshops from around the world. Try out the Steel Pans, Bollywood dancing, henna artists, Chinese visual arts, Arabic Calligraphy and much much more... and it's all FREE, just drop in!

*A relaxed session will run between 10-11am for visitors who may benefit from a quieter, relaxed environment. Booking required for relaxed session only, email info@gemarts.org or call 0191 440 4124.

Presented by GemArts
and Gateshead Culture Team



Shakir Khan Serenaded by Sitar

Friday 8th March

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Newcastle University

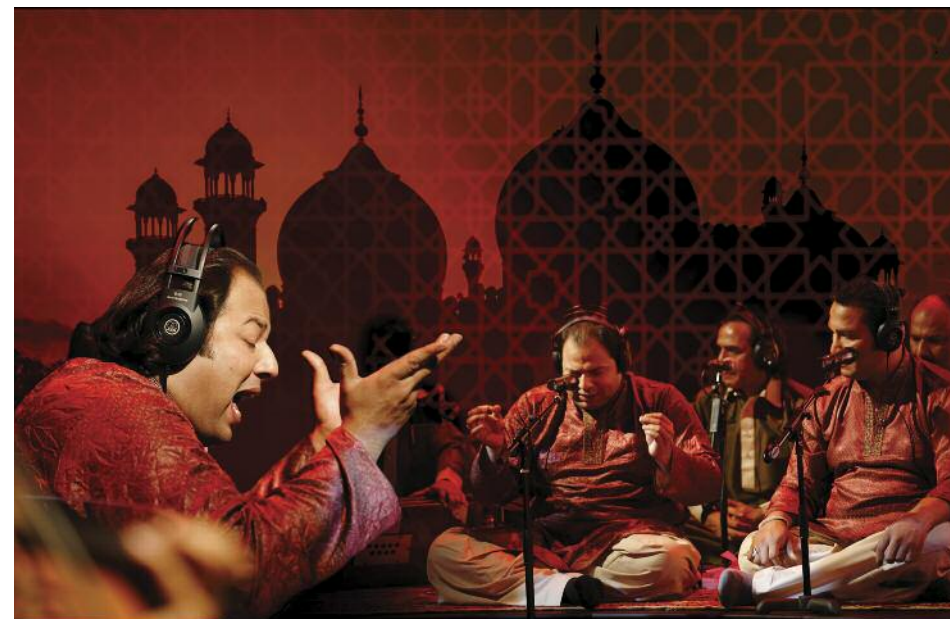
Tickets: £10 full / £5 concession

Box Office: www.gemarts.org
or call 0191 440 4124

In this grand evening of playing, Shakir Khan showcases the art of the Sitar with expert tabla accompaniment by Bhupinder Singh Chaggar.

Son of sitar maestro Ustad Shahid Parvez Khan, and representing the eighth generational link in an unbroken chain of musical tradition, Shakir Khan stands out for his exquisite sense of sur (melody) and laya (rhythm) and is a shining star of his generation.

Presented by GemArts, Newcastle University and Sitar Music Society as part of International Sitar Festival 2019.



Rizwan Muazzam Qawwali

Tuesday 19th March

Time: 8:00pm

Venue: Sage Gateshead
Sage 2, NE8 2JR

Tickets: £18.50 / £14.20

Box Office: www.sagegateshead.com
or call 0191 443 4661

Following an acclaimed show at Sage Gateshead in 2017, the internationally renowned Rizwan-Muazzam Qawwals return for an evening of majestic and entrancing Sufi music.

Continuing the legacy of their legendary Uncle, Qawwali maestro Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, Rizwan-Muazzam are the contemporary torchbearers of this rich musical tradition. Performing together since the late 1990s, the brothers' have developed a devoted worldwide following with their exceptional live shows and acclaimed albums.

"Intoxicating and entrancing, Rizwan and Muazzam's voices climb and swoop as if riding air currents". BBC

Presented by GemArts, Sage Gateshead and Asian Artist Agency

East by North East

Tuesday 16th April &
Wednesday 17th April

Venue: Sage Gateshead
NE8 2JR

Tickets*: Invite only

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

GemArts' East by North East youth music project has a lot to celebrate, as we bring together young people from our diverse communities in Newcastle and Gateshead to showcase their musical skills and talent across a wide range of genres.

It's also a great opportunity to thank all the incredible young people, music leaders, youth and support workers, teachers, volunteers and partners who have contributed to the success of the project!

East by North East is supported by Youth Music; and GemArts partners are Sage Gateshead, CHAT Trust, North Benwell Youth Project, Excelsior Academy, Life Transformation Church, Benfield School and Gateshead Council.



Vaisakhi Celebrations

Saturday 27st April

Time: 7:00pm until late

Venue: Gateshead Civic Centre
NE8 1HH

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

Box Office: www.gemarts.org
or call 0191 440 4124

Gateshead Visible Ethnic Minorities Support Group and GemArts present our annual Vaisakhi Celebration. A fantastic evening of entertainment including local performers, delicious Indian food, and our DJ spinning the best Bhangra and Bollywood tunes – don't forget your dancing shoes!

Join in the festivities with friends and family and help raise valuable funds for our charitable work with communities across Gateshead and the North East.



Jaivant Patel Dance YAATRA

Thursday 2nd May

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Kala Sangam Arts Centre,
Bradford, BD1 4TY

Tickets: Pay what you feel

Box Office: www.kalasangam.org

British Indian artist, Jaivant Patel presents a captivating evening of solo Kathak and Contemporary dance.

Rooted in his own experience of being a homosexual man of dual heritage, Jaivant offers a fresh perspective on South Asian LGBTQ+ narratives, faith and spirituality. The evening celebrates two cultures and the intersectionality of living in one, while paying tribute to traditions, heritage and often untold stories of another.

This performance features a post-show discussion.

YAATRA is supported by Arts Council England with seed commissions from MAC Birmingham, Arena Theatre, Dance4, GemArts, Creative Black Country, Black Country Touring & SHOUT Festival.

Company of Others Crackle. Dust.

Saturday 13th April

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Kala Sangam Arts Centre,
Bradford, BD1 4TY

Tickets: Pay what you feel

Box Office: www.companyofothers.org.uk

Saturday 4th May

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Byker Community Centre
Newcastle, NE6 2DX

Tickets: Pay what you feel

Box Office: www.companyofothers.org.uk

Crackle. Dust. is an unveiling of women's resilience, a call to action and a sharing of power. Made in collaboration with women in the North, the work shares their experiences of endings that have had a life changing impact through exquisite choreography, live sound and spoken word.

Crackle. Dust. witnesses and celebrates the silence breakers, survivors and the hopeful in our region. This profoundly moving performance will put a fire in your belly and change the way you think about endings.



Image: Alicia Clarke

Amina Khayyam Dance Company A Thousand Faces

Friday 17th May

Time: 7:45pm

Venue: Northern Stage
Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RH

Tickets: From £10
(20% off for Northern Stage Members)

Box Office: www.northernstage.co.uk
or call 0191 230 5151



Image: Ayesha Begum

"a heresy to burn a book, but acceptable to burn a woman..."

Experience bold dance theatre that breaks new ground. Blending elements of the South Asian dance style Kathak with physical theatre and mime, A Thousand Faces subverts the imagery of Bollywood beauty and Hollywood glamour to explore the objectification of women in indiscriminate abuse and violence.

"A powerful, hard-hitting emotional production that had integrity, honesty and reality at its core." - BBC

Performers: Amina Khayyam, Jane Chan
Musicians: Debasish Mukherjee (tabla),
Lucy Rahman (vocals), Iain McHugh (cello)

Presented by GemArts and Northern Stage

Riverside Ragas: Altered Boundaries

Friday 14th June

Time: 7:15pm Talk
8:00pm Performance

Venue: Sage Gateshead
Northern Rock Foundation Hall
NE8 2JR

Tickets: £13.10pp / Family ticket available

Box Office: www.sagegateshead.com
or call 0191 443 4661

Altered Boundaries is a concept of a string quartet, which is not a new one, and even one incorporating Indian music is not new either. However, replacing the standard 2 violins, viola & cello with 2 sitars, sarod & sarangi, it will create a new sound not heard before.

Mainly improvised and homophonic in nature, adding polyphonic textures challenges the very fabric of Indian Classical Music genre.

The ensemble is led by Jonathan Mayer (sitar), with William Hoffman (sarod), Jasdeep Singh (sitar) and Surjit Singh (sarangi)

The first half of the concert will be a traditional Indian Classical performance with Udit Pankhania accompanying on tabla.

A zerOclassikal project
Presented by GemArts and Sage Gateshead

Coming Soon

GemArts award winning **Masala Festival** returns from 15th to 21st July 2019. We will, once again, be bringing you a mix and blend of the finest South Asian arts and culture to venues, places and spaces across the North East. Information on the full programme, sponsorship and engagement opportunities coming soon.

Keep checking www.gemarts.org for 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

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



Photo: Anna Miller

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.

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



Photo: Lee Dobson

SUPPORT US

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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.



Photo: Anna Miller

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

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.



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

Visit www.gemarts.org or contact GemArts on 0191 440 4124
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MASALA

FESTIVAL

Full programme coming soon

www.gemarts.org

* booking fee may apply – see website for details

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