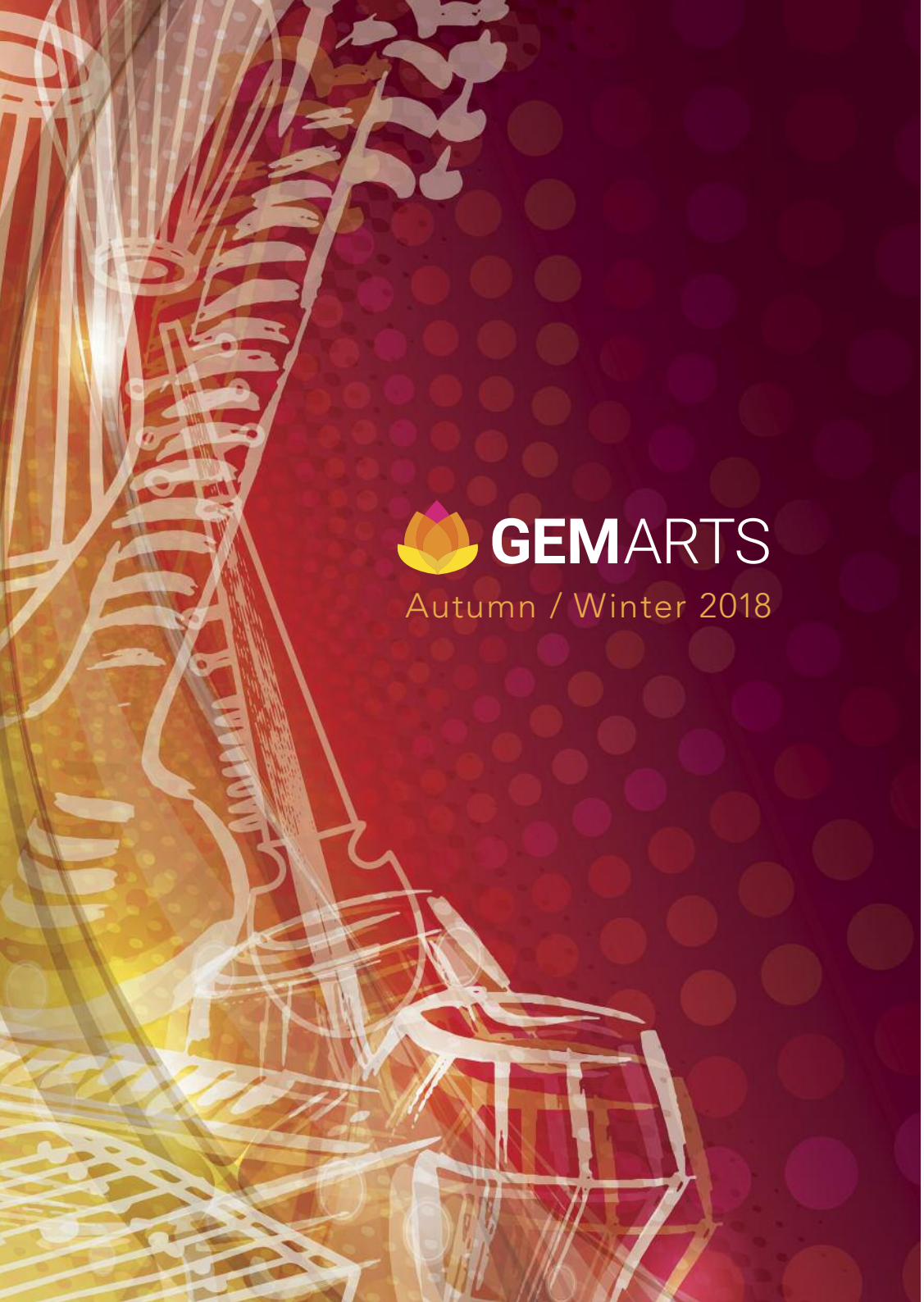

GEMARTS

Autumn / Winter 2018

Welcome to GemArts' Autumn Winter 2018 Season

Firstly, what a scorcher of a summer we have had! Hope you enjoyed it, and if you came along to GemArts Masala Festival I just wanted to say a big thank you from all the team here for making it another huge success – THANK YOU!

Hopefully the nice weather will continue and we get an Indian summer, needless to say though, GemArts have put together another fantastic Autumn Winter Season of performances, new commissions, exhibitions, workshops and events to give you that warm fuzzy feeling.

Catch Sumit Sarkar's 'Everything Northing' exhibition at the Gallery in Gateshead Central Library, a retrospective of Sumit's 20 years of paintings,3D print, VR and sculpture alongside newly commissioned work by GemArts.

Our Riverside Ragas concert series at Sage Gateshead continues with two exceptional sitar performances, starting in September with Purbayan Chatterjee from India, and then in October, rising UK talent Jasdeep Singh Degun. In November we have the official launch performance of the GemArts supported Trikala double album by Simon Thacker's Svara-Kanti. Don't forget to join us for the pre-concert talks, and gain a real insight into these incredible musicians and their music.

This season we have something very special for children, as we bring Jungle Book, an innovative shadow puppet theatre show by Indigo Theatre Moon…..not to be missed! And our ever popular Diwali celebrations return to Gateshead Civic Centre - join in the festivities and help raise valuable funds for our charitable work.

Building on that festive mood in December, we are delighted to welcome back the very brilliant vocalist Swati Natekar for an evening of ghazals, thumris and old Bollywood songs.

As always, GemArts will be delivering workshops and participatory arts projects across the North East. For more information and how to get involved check the website **www.gemarts.org** 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 our Autumn Winter programme.

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.

Photo: Anna Miller

EVERYTHING NOTHING:
An Exhibition by Sumit Sarkar

Monday 16th July – Tuesday 2nd October

Venue: *The Gallery, Gateshead Central Library, Prince Consort Road, Gateshead, NE8 4LN*

Time: *During Gateshead Library opening hours*

FREE – just drop in!

Everything Nothing is a retrospective of Sumit's 20 years of paintings and sculpture alongside new work exploring 3D print, virtual reality and motion capture.

Sumit's practice is constantly evolving; from painting to sculpture, analogue to digital, still to animated, figurative to abstract, and back again. The process, tools and output change, but themes of the work remain the same – the balance of opposites; light and dark, gods and demons, creation and destruction, tragedy and comedy, and the transformation from one to the other.

Presented by GemArts with
Gateshead Council Culture Team

Riverside Ragas:
Purbayan Chatterjee & Gurdain Rayatt

Friday 21st September

Time: *8:00pm Performance*
Venue: *Sage Gateshead, Sage 2, NE8 2JR*
Tickets: *£13.10pp*
Family ticket available
Box Office: *www.sagegateshead.com*
or 0191 443 4661

Taking inspiration from the late Pandit Nikhil Banerjee, Purbayan Chatterjee is now known for his ground-breaking style in creating original sounds on the sitar using Indian traditions that evoke deep emotions. Fearlessly creative, he is a rare instrumentalist with a unique musical repertoire, innovative skills and the dexterity of swift, agile fingers. He is accompanied by Gurdain Rayatt on the tabla, acclaimed for his improvisational sensitivity.

Presented by GemArts with
Sage Gateshead and Darbar

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Photo: Dilrani Kaur

Riverside Ragas:
Jasdeep Singh Degun

Friday 19th October

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*
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Jasdeep is fast establishing a name for himself as a rising star of the Indian classical and contemporary music scenes. An exceptional talent on the sitar, this concert will showcase his versatile approach.

In the first half, Jasdeep presents a traditional Indian Classical solo accompanied on tabla by Upneet Dhadyalla. In the second half, Jasdeep performs a contemporary set featuring music from his debut album, *Anomaly*. Jasdeep is joined by Glenn Sharp on guitar, Liz Hanks on cello, Upneet Dhadyalla on tabla, and Abhiram Sahathevan on Mridangam.

As part of GemArts Riverside Ragas concert series, ticket holders can also attend the pre-concert talk at 7.15pm, free of charge.

Presented by GemArts with Sage Gateshead

Jungle Book

Wednesday 24th October

Time: *11:30am and 2:00pm*
Venue: *Caedmon Hall, Gateshead Central Library, NE8 4LN*
Tickets: *£6 Adults / £4 Children*
Box Office: *www.gemarts.org*
or 0191 440 4124

You may think you know JUNGLE BOOK, but Indigo Moon Theatre brings you a surprisingly good story inspired by the poetry & spirit of Rudyard Kipling's original books.

Fearless and free, Mowgli the 'man-cub,' finds fun and friendship as he learns to live by the Law of the Jungle.

Mowgli's wild adventures in the dangerous world he inhabits are brought to life with inventive shadow theatre, powerful original music and colourful digital projections.

A contemporary tale: it offers us wisdom in our eternal quest for love, identity and belonging.

Directed by Steve Tiplady
Show lasts 50 Minutes with no interval.
For families and children age 4+

Presented by GemArts with
Gateshead Council Culture Team

Riverside Ragas: Simon Thacker's Svara-Kanti: *Trikala*

Friday 9th November

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 0191 443 4661

The official launch performance of the GemArts supported Trikala double album by Simon Thacker's Svara-Kanti. Composer and classical guitarist Simon Thacker's deep lifelong immersion in the folk, classical and spiritual forms of the Indian subcontinent and intuitive ability to propel traditions forward sees him create gloriously unpredictable, extraordinarily expansive music for his gifted Svara-Kanti ensemble. This formidable trio features violinist and Britten Sinfonia leader Jacqueline Shave and Sukhvinder Singh "Pinky", one of India's most dynamic tabla players whose many notable achievements include playing on the Grammy Award winning Ry Cooder/VM Bhatt album "A Meeting By The River".

Trikala is an epic which sets a new benchmark for Indo-Western collaboration, recorded over three years in both the UK and India. The launch focuses on the instrumental work which is the emotional heart of the album, drawing on both the Hindustani and Carnatic classical systems as well as a fierce individuality, channelling the explosive virtuosity of three of today's finest performers.

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Diwali Celebrations

Saturday 17th November

Time: *7pm*

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

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

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

Gateshead Visible Ethnic Minorities Support Group and GemArts mark the 'Festival of Lights' with our annual Diwali Celebrations. Join in the festivities with friends and family. We've got delicious Indian food and entertainment from regional performers, and don't forget to put on your dancing shoes for a night of Bollywood and Bhangra tunes!

Look out for raffle prizes, henna artists, Indian arts workshops, and other opportunities to have fun while raising money for our valuable work with communities in Gateshead and across the North East.

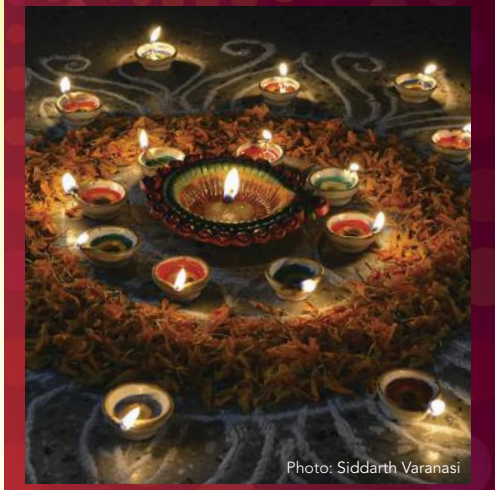

Photo: Siddarth Varanasi

Swati Natekar: An evening of Ghazals, Thumris & Old Bollywood songs

Saturday 1st December

Time: *7:30pm*

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

Tickets: *£13.10pp*
Family ticket available

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An outstanding vocalist, Swati Natekar is one of the most respected voices in Indian music in the UK. She has performed and toured extensively across the world, and collaborated with the likes of Ustad Zakhir Hussain, Ghulam Ali, Nitin Sawhney and Sonu Nigam.

This very special concert will take audiences on a journey as Swati presents some well-known and well-loved ghazals, thumris and old Bollywood songs… and of course, some requests on the night too!

Accompanying Swati is an incredible line up of musicians: Sunil Jadhav on Keyboard, Hanif Khan on Tabla and Siddharth Singh on Guitar.

Presented by GemArts with Sage Gateshead

Photo: Louise Haywood-Schiefer

Newcastle Centre for the Literary Arts presents:

Preti Taneja
We That Are Young

Thursday 13th December

Time: *7:15pm*

Venue: *Culture Lab*
(Newcastle University)
49 King's Rd,
Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7RS

Preti Taneja will be reading from, and in conversation about, her debut novel We That Are Young (Galley Beggar Press, 2017) a powerful retelling of King Lear set in contemporary New Delhi and winner of the Desmond Elliott Prize 2018.

Evening NCLA events are FREE to attend but ticketed – please register in advance at **www.ncl.ac.uk/ncla**

COMING SOON...

New Year New Artists at Sage Gateshead January 2019

See stars of the future as part of New Year New Artists, a festival showcasing the UK's most exciting contemporary musicians from indie, folk, jazz and classical.

On 19th January we present Kaviraj Singh on santoor. Combining musicality with complex rhythm, Kaviraj is emerging as a unique and celebrated talent of the new generation.

For ticket info and full line up see **www.sagegateshead.com**

Photo: Dilrani Kaur

mate**crime**

Mate Crime is a form of hate crime where a vulnerable person, often with a learning disability, is taken advantage of by someone pretending to be their friend i.e. exploiting the person financially, physically or sexually.

To raise awareness of Mate Crime and how to report it, Gateshead residents have worked on a GemArts Project, alongside local artist Tommy Anderson, to produce an animation and artwork highlighting examples of Mate Crime and how the lives of victims can be affected.

Thanks to everyone who was involved in this project, especially The Gateshead Housing Company customer led Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Group and Changing Lives Gateshead (Eslington House and Oaktrees).

GemArts deliver creative arts projects with schools and communities to support equality and diversity, and help tackle discrimination and Hate Crime.

If you have been affected by a Hate Crime or Mate Crime, or have concerns about someone else, please contact **101** or in an emergency **999**.

If you are a tenant of Gateshead Housing Company and have been affected by Mate Crime please contact **0191 433 5327**.

To find out more about GemArts participatory arts projects visit **www.gemarts.org**

To see the animation visit **https://vimeo.com/278307406** or scan the QR code:

#endmatecrime

Project Funded by Community Foundation (The Gateshead Housing Company Community Fund)

GET CREATIVE
BE INSPIRED
ENJOY
EXPERIENCE
LEARN
PARTICIPATE!

Photo: Anna Miller

GemArts delivers high quality arts sessions 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.

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: Anna Miller

GemArts is committed to offering opportunity for everyone to engage with culturally diverse arts. If you can support this work, please consider making a donation at www.gemarts.org.

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

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 allows disadvantaged young people 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.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

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

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DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

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or 0191 443 4661

Thursday 13th December
7:15pm

NEWCASTLE CENTRE FOR THE LITERARY ARTS PRESENTS: PRETI TANEJA WE THAT ARE YOUNG

Culture Lab (Newcastle Uni) 49 King's Rd, Newcastle, NE1 7RS

FREE event to attend, but ticketed

January 2019

NEW YEAR NEW ARTISTS AT SAGE GATESHEAD

Sage Gateshead, NE8 2JR

Check www.sagegateshead.com for full details

** booking fee may apply – see website for details*

For further information and to join our mailing list please contact:
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Tel: **0191 440 4124** | Email: **info@gemarts.org** | Web: **www.gemarts.org**

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