



GEMARTS

Creating and Profiling Diverse Arts

Spring / Summer 2018

Welcome to GemArts' Spring/Summer 2018 Season

GemArts new Spring Summer season is bursting with an incredible programme of performances, exhibitions and community events for everyone to enjoy!

We are thrilled to launch the new season with vocalist and rising star Keertan Kaur Rehal. Building on the success of GemArts Riverside Ragas we have an exceptional line up of Carnatic (South Indian) and Hindustani (North Indian) classical performances by leading musicians from the UK and India. Watch out for an experimental ensemble of 3 veenas, as well as tabla virtuoso and Mercury Prize winner Talvin Singh OBE – make sure you join us at the pre-concert talks, and take advantage of the Family ticket offer.

During February half term, GemArts popular Mini Mela returns to Caedmon Hall. Bring the family along for free arts activities, get creative and celebrate Chinese New Year with us.

We 'Go East' at Gateshead International Jazz Festival 2018, presenting a double bill of music with high energy Dutch trio The Nordanians, and London based tabla player and producer Sarathy Korwar, returning to the region with his band following a sell-out show at GemArts Masala Festival.

In April our annual Vaisakhi festival celebrations come to Gateshead Civic Centre - a vibrant evening, time to celebrate with local communities, and help raise valuable funds for our charitable work. Do purchase tickets in advance and look out for ways to donate on the night.

Keep checking www.gemarts.org for updates and please visit our Support Us page if you are in a position to make a gift. A special thank you goes out to the five runners who helped GemArts raise a whopping £2210 at the Great North Run 2017, get in touch if you would like to Run and Raise for GemArts in 2018.

I'm delighted and honoured to be collecting my MBE for service to Arts and Culture in February. This achievement would not be possible without your support and dedication as artists, communities, audiences, partners, volunteers, and of course my team here at GemArts. I'm eternally grateful, and I'd like to personally thank everyone for your continued support.

I look forward to welcoming you to this fantastic season of performances and events.

Vikas Kumar, MBE
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.

Khyal: Music and Imagination

19th January – 3rd June

Venue: Oriental Museum, Elvet Hill,
Durham, DH1 3TH

For opening times visit
www.dur.ac.uk/oriental.museum

Free Entry

Khyal Music and Imagination builds on research into the ways in which Indian musicians and audiences experience and imagine Khyal, classical North Indian vocal performance, using insights to generate new kinds of engagement and creativity. Musicians, ethnomusicologists and visual artists worked together to explore the Khyal genre,



Image: Marwa, by Mahjabin Imam Majumdar, 2016, acrylic on canvas.

culminating in this beautiful exhibition of original art work by three exceptional artists.

Part of a national tour for this exhibition.

Presented with Durham University.

New Year New Artists: Keertan Kaur Rehal

Saturday 27th January

Time: 1:40pm

Venue: Sage Two,
Sage Gateshead, NE8 2JR

Tickets: £13.10pp (day ticket)

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

A rising star of the Indian Classical music scene. Keertan's interest in music began when she was introduced to the harmonium and began learning Gurbani Kirtan from Dharambir Ji and Gunwant Kaur at the Sikh Centre in Leeds.

Keertan's musicianship developed quickly, and has been further enhanced under the tutelage of the legendary Pandit Ajoy Chakraborty Ji, Kaushiki Chakraborty Ji and Parthasarathi Ji. Audiences will be treated to an exceptional performance of Hindustani vocals.



Image: Courtesy of the artist

Presented with Sage Gateshead.

One ticket price allows entry to all New Year New Artist afternoon performances.

Mini Mela

Thursday 15th February

Time: 11:30am – 3:30pm
(Relaxed Session 10 – 11am)
Venue: Caedmon Hall,
Gateshead Central Library, NE8 4LN
FREE EVENT
Drop in workshops from 11:30am
Info: www.gemarts.org

GemArts Mini Mela returns this February half term. Packed full of family fun, with free workshops, performances, henna artists, face painting and lots of other exciting arts and crafts to take part in. Join in Indian dance and African drumming, Indian, Chinese and other visual arts from around the world, learn something new and take home your very own creations. Visit our website for the full list of workshops on offer.

GemArts' friends will also be there with information on great work and services on offer across Gateshead.

*A Relaxed Session will run 10-11am for visitors who may benefit from a quieter, more relaxed environment. Booking required for relaxed session only, email info@gemarts.org / call 0191 4404124 Mon–Fri.

Presented with Gateshead Council Culture Team.



Riverside Ragas: Shreya Devnath (violin)

Friday 23rd February

Time: 7pm Talk / 7:45pm Performance
Venue: Northern Rock Foundation Hall,
Sage Gateshead, NE8 2JR
Tickets: £13.10pp
Family ticket available
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A Carnatic Violin Solo concert, featuring South Indian classicism in a Bani (style), renowned for its purity and elegance. Shreya presents a seamless blend of composed and improvised music, drawing from the diverse cultural background of South India. A musical journey of compositions by composers from across India, with varying emotional and musical intensities. The musicality of these Carnatic compositions will be brought forth, through the magic of melody, rhythm and aesthetics.

Shreya will be accompanied by Prathap Ramachandra (Mridangam) and Abhiram Sahadevan (Kanjira).

As part of GemArts Riverside Ragas series, tickets holders can also attend the pre-concert talk at 7pm, free of charge.

Presented with
Sage Gateshead.



Raghu Dixit

Sunday 4th March

Time: 8pm
Venue: Sage Two,
Sage Gateshead, NE8 2JR
Tickets: £21.80
Box Office: www.sagegateshead.com
or 0191 443 4661

Often hailed as India's biggest cultural and musical export, Raghu Dixit's unique brand of infectious, happy music transcends age, genre, and even language.

His music is strongly rooted in Indian traditions and culture and is presented with a very contemporary, global sound. From playing to over 100,000 people in his home state to several stages at Glastonbury Festival, an appearance on Jools Holland and even playing for the Queen!

"A Marvellous Sound!"
Jools Holland

"Raghu Dixit is one of India's most
inventive and charismatic artists"
The Guardian

Presented with
Sage Gateshead



Riverside Ragas: Arnab Chakrabarty and Talvin Singh OBE

Sunday 25th March

Time: 6:30 Talk / 7:15pm Performance

Venue: Sage Two,
Sage Gateshead, NE8 2JR

Tickets: £13.10pp
Family ticket available

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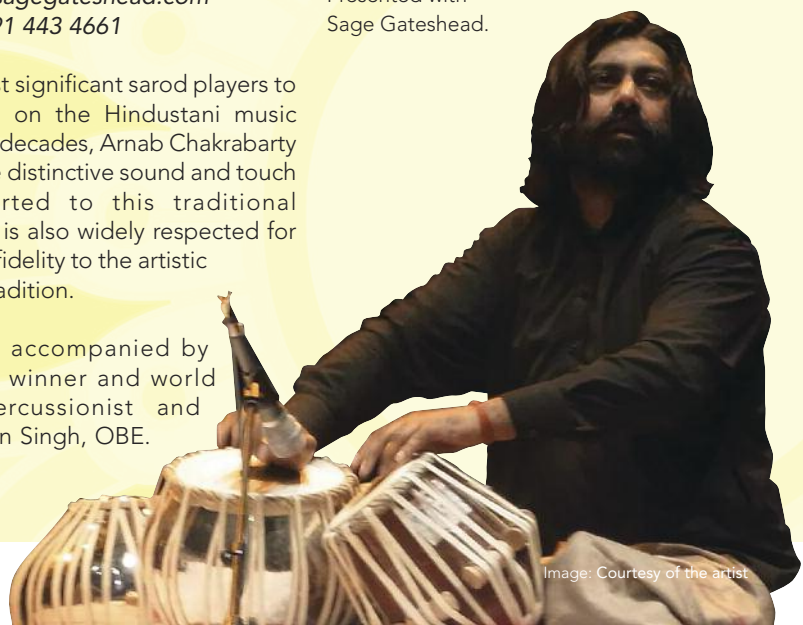
One of the most significant sarod players to have emerged on the Hindustani music scene in recent decades, Arnab Chakrabarty is known for the distinctive sound and touch he has imparted to this traditional instrument. He is also widely respected for an unwavering fidelity to the artistic values of the tradition.

Arnab will be accompanied by Mercury Prize winner and world renowned percussionist and composer Talvin Singh, OBE.

Talvin is today considered one of the most versatile Tabla players who has given the instrument a contemporary style, accompanying many of Indian Classical music's finest musicians, alongside collaborations with Sun Ra, Terry Riley, Yoko Ono and Bjork.

As part of GemArts Riverside Ragas series, tickets holders can also attend the pre-concert in conversation talk at 6:30pm, free of charge.

Presented with
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Jazz Goes East: DOUBLE BILL Sarathy Korwar and The Nordanians

Saturday 7th April

Time: 7:15pm

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

Tickets: £12.50

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

An outstanding double bill, presenting high energy Dutch trio The Nordanians, and London based tabla player Sarathy Korwar and his quartet.

When Oene van Geel (viola), Mark Tuinstra (guitar) and Niti Ranjan Biswas (tabla virtuoso) played together for the first time there were immediately fireworks. They started writing songs together based on traditional ragas, smashing funk and delicate chamber music, and their improvisation on stage has helped build a rocking live reputation.

Sarathy Korwar is a percussionist / composer born in the US, raised in India and now based in London. Trained as a classical tabla player under the guidance of Shri Rajeev Devasthali and Pandit Sanju Sahai, Sarathy is equally at ease on the tabla and drum-kit.

Sarathy has performed and collaborated with music legends Karl Berger and Ingrid Sertso, award winning instrumentalists Arun Ghosh, Shabaka Hutchings as well as leading Indian classical musicians. In 2015, he was invited to perform for the Dalai Lama at the Royal Opera House in London.

Presented with Sage Gateshead, part of
Gateshead International Jazz Festival 2018.





Vaisakhi Celebrations

Saturday 21st April

Time: 7pm until late

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

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

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 present another fantastic party to mark Vaisakhi. Join in the festivities with friends and family, expect music, delicious food and fun for all ages, including local performers and DJ's spinning the very best Bhangra and Bollywood tunes. Bring your friends and don't forget your dancing shoes!

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

Riverside Ragas: Shashank Subramanyam (bansuri – Bamboo flute)

Friday 18th May

Time: 7pm Talk 7:45pm Performance

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

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Grammy award nominated Shashank Subramanyam is known internationally for his scintillating virtuosity. With over 30 years' experience, he is now considered one of the best Bamboo flute artists in the world and has performed with the likes of Zakir Hussain, Pt. Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, Paco De Lucia and Pandit Ajoy Chakraborty.

Shashank will be joined by two internationally renowned musicians, Mysore Srikanth (violin) and Parupalli Phalgun (mridangam), both of which have accompanied some of the biggest names in South Indian music.

As part of GemArts Riverside Ragas series, tickets holders can also attend the pre-concert talk at 6:30pm, free of charge.

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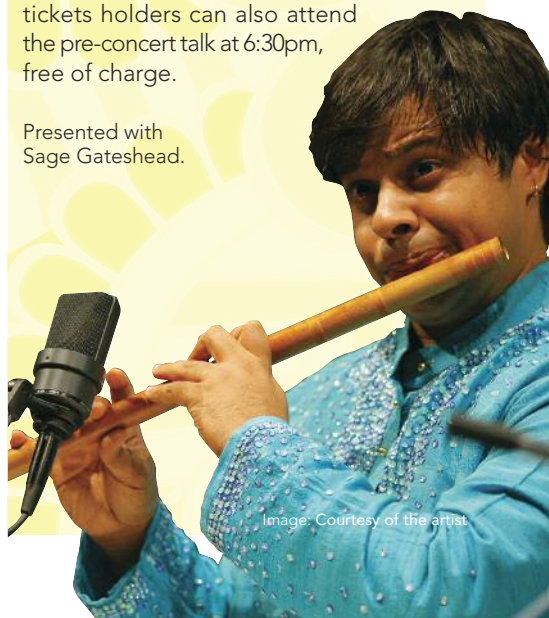


Image: Courtesy of the artist

Riverside Ragas: ONE

Friday 15th June

Time: 7pm Talk 7:45pm Performance

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

Tickets: £13.10pp
Family ticket available

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Image: Courtesy of zerOclassikal

An ensemble of Vainikas (Veena players) explore and push the limits of this ancient stringed instrument over a programme of new work featuring unique bass tones, multi-octave sounds and rich gamakas.

'One' is the latest work from zerOclassikal, a project to offer radical and experimental approaches to South Asian classical music, presenting the next generation of British South Asian classical talent. Featuring: Mithila Sarma (Veena), Shyla Shanmugalingam (Veena), Pradeepa Sivasanthiran (Veena) and Abhiram Sahathevan (Miruthangam / Kanjira).

As part of GemArts Riverside Ragas series, tickets holders can also attend the pre-concert talk at 7pm, free of charge.

Presented with zerOclassikal
and Sage Gateshead.



Image: Anna Miller

COMING SOON...

GemArts Masala Festival returns 16th to 22nd July 2018. This 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 in to one week. Information on the full programme, sponsorship and engagement opportunities coming soon. Keep checking www.gemarts.org for details.

* booking fee may apply for concert tickets
– see websites for details



Image: Anna Miller



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

GemArts works with schools and communities across the North East to give the opportunity for children and young people to experience excellent diverse arts and culture. Raising cultural awareness through our schools and community projects, celebrating diversity and tackling discrimination.

For Schools and Community Groups

From 1 hour taster workshops to longer term projects, GemArts offers a range of world arts activity, including Bollywood Dance, African Drumming, Chinese Visual Arts, Animation, Music Production, Textiles, Aerosol Art, Photography and much more. Projects are tailored to a group's interests, needs, timescale and budget, providing educational, creative and enjoyable learning experiences. Costs depend on activity, group size and materials required.

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

To book a GemArts artist, or discuss a project please contact:

Alexandra Marsden Gordon
on 0191 440 4125
or alexandra@gemarts.org



Image: Colin Davison

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.



Image: 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

Our work aims to increase equality of opportunity for everyone to engage with culturally diverse arts – as 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.



Image: 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 meals at 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.

Donate online at www.gemarts.org/support-us

Run and Raise

Set yourself a target, and help raise funds for GemArts. We have guaranteed places available in the Great North Run 2018, get in touch to register today.

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 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.

GEMARTS AT A GLANCE

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KHYAL: MUSIC AND IMAGINATION

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16th – 22nd July

GEM MASALA FESTIVAL

Info: www.gemarts.org

* booking fee may apply – see website for details

For further information and to join our mailing list please contact:

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