



**GEMARTS**

Creating and Profiling Diverse Arts

Autumn / Winter 2016



## Welcome to GemArts' Autumn Winter 16 Season

We're delighted to announce GemArts new season, packed full of fantastic performances, exhibitions, workshops and talks, which celebrate the rich diversity of our region and beyond! Launching Autumn Winter 2016 with The Ska Vengers, we bring their unique blend of ska, dub, punk, jazz and rap all the way from India to Newcastle. Our classical concerts offer incredible opportunities to see the finest musicians from India and the UK live in the north east, beginning with bansuri master Rakesh Chaurasia, and continuing with three eminent musicians, Pandit Bharat Bhushan Goswami, Ustad Dharambir Singh and Pandit Ramdas Palsule.

During October half term we're in Trimdon, Co Durham, as we collaborate on an exciting new festival, *Trimfest 2016*. Featuring live music, dance, spoken word, workshops and lots more, the villages of Trimdon will burst to life with the sights and sounds of India, Latin America, the Middle East and everywhere in between.

Khyal Music and Imagination, a new exhibition at the Laing Art Gallery in November showcases work created during our partnership project with Durham University, featuring new commissions by three exceptional artists, alongside art work created with local schools, plus special events.

This time of year we also celebrate Diwali at Gateshead Civic Centre. Local communities show great support for this important and popular event, and this year we aim to raise valuable money for GemArts and Gateshead Visible Ethnic Minorities Support Group's charitable work, so do purchase tickets in advance and look out for ways to donate on the night.

The season ends with an epic Bollywood event to welcome the festive season with Jai Ho Ho Ho at Caedmon Hall in December.

We are committed to introducing a diverse and rich cultural offer to as many people as possible, as always keep checking [www.gemarts.org](http://www.gemarts.org) for updates.

This is just a snapshot, 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 incredible 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.

## Turbanism exhibition Continues until Saturday 3rd September

Venue: *The Gallery,  
Gateshead Central Library  
Prince Consort Rd, NE8 4LN*  
FREE entry

*This body of work by photographer  
Rehmat Rayatt celebrates the diverse and  
complex world of the Rajasthani turban,  
its people and the incredible process of  
creating these intricate headpieces.*

*Presented with Gateshead Council Culture Team*



Image: Rehmat Rayatt

## The Ska Vengers Friday 2nd September

Time: 8pm  
Venue: *VAMOS Social  
Market St, Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE1 6BH*  
Tickets: £10 / £12  
Box Office: [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com)  
(See [www.gemarts.org](http://www.gemarts.org) for details)

GemArts new season launches with the Ska Vengers, a New Delhi based band, who blend 'ska' rhythms with elements of dub, punk, jazz and rap to come up with a form of music that is refreshingly different, energetic and highly danceable. Not to be missed!

Also performing The Crossings Band, and 100% Overproof.

Presented with Northern Roots and VAMOS Social.



Image: The Ska Vengers

Image: Arnhel De Serra



## Riverside Ragas: Rakesh Chaurasia Sunday 18th September

Time: 6:30pm Talk  
7:15pm Performance  
Venue: NRF Hall, Sage Gateshead  
NE8 2JR  
Tickets\*: £12 / £30 Family  
Box Office: 0191 443 4661  
[www.sagegateshead.com](http://www.sagegateshead.com)

Rakesh Chaurasia, the nephew of flute maestro Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia, is certainly proving he can live up to the famous family name. Hailed as one of the finest bansuri masters to emerge from India today. Incorporating the tradition of his renowned uncle and infusing his own personal style, Rakesh both maintains the purity of the flute and manages to capture the attention of young listeners too – a truly awe inspiring performer!



Credit: Gurdain Rayatt

Accompanying Rakesh on tabla is one of the UK's most vibrant and fast emerging talents, Gurdain Rayatt.

Join us for a pre-concert talk from 6:30pm, free to ticket holders.

Presented with Sage Gateshead and Darbar Festival 2016.

## Riverside Ragas: SANGAM A Musical Meeting Saturday 22nd October

Time: Talk 7pm Performance 7:45pm  
Venue: NRF Hall, Sage Gateshead  
NE8 2JR  
Tickets\*: £12 / £30 Family  
Box Office: 0191 443 4661  
[www.sagegateshead.com](http://www.sagegateshead.com)

Sangam marks a meeting, a confluence and a blending of musical backgrounds, journeys, traditions and instruments. Three master musicians, Pandit Bharat Bhushan Goswami, Ustad Dharambir Singh MBE and Pandit Ramdas Palsule come together for a unique UK tour. Sangam offers a rare chance to hear the sounds of Sarangi and Sitar together, and it is also the first time that exceptional tabla artist Ramdas Palsule

will be performing in the UK. A variety of musical moods and compositions will be explored by layering the skills and strengths of the instruments and artists. The result is a spectacular journey through sound, showcasing India's finest musical traditions. Join us for a pre-concert talk from 7pm, free to ticket holders.

Presented with Sage Gateshead.

Buy tickets for 2 Riverside Ragas concerts at Sage Gateshead and receive **£2 off** each ticket (not applicable to Family Tickets).



Image: Simon Richardson



# Trimfest 2016

**22nd October –  
30th October 2016**

Venues across Trimdon, Co Durham

**Info & Tickets:**

Call Trimdon Community College on  
01429 881 521

GemArts signature vibrant and culturally eclectic programme comes to the brand new *Trimfest 2016* this autumn half term. Featuring special music performances; from The Baghdaddies and Hannabiell & Midnight Blue. Not to mention participatory workshops, a family Mini Mela fun day, and traditional Indian tales told with a modern twist in Tongue Tied and Twisted.

These are just some of the fantastic events taking place during *Trimfest 2016*, as this brand new festival offers something for everyone to enjoy.

Presented with Trimdon Parish Council.

## Mini Mela Saturday 22nd October

**Time:** 11am – 3pm  
**Venue:** Trimdon Junior School,  
Elswick View,  
Trimdon Village, TS29 6JU  
**Entry:** FREE

Take part in half term family fun, celebrating diversity and art from around the world. All ages can join in GemArts Drumming, Dance and visual arts workshops, and learn about culture from India to China, Africa to County Durham!

## The Baghdaddies Sunday 23rd October

**Time:** 7:30pm  
**Venue:** Trimdon Colliery  
& Deaf Hill Workmen's Club,  
The Square,  
Trimdon Colliery, TS29 6AJ  
**Entry:** £3

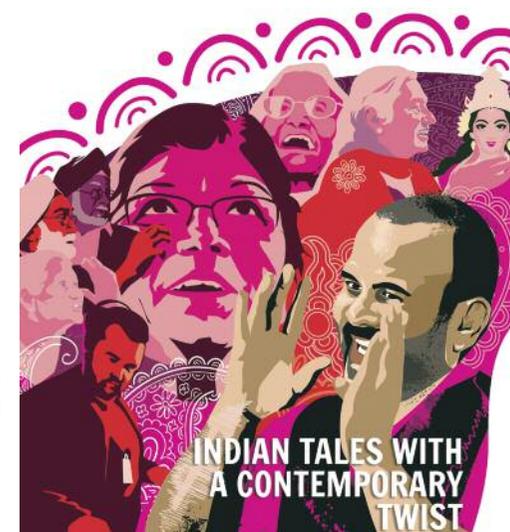
An exuberant and rampant brand of world music, mixing Balkan melodies, ska and Latin grooves with sizzling brass.



## Tongue Tied and Twisted Wednesday 26th October

**Time:** 6pm  
**Venue:** Trimdon Grange  
Community Centre,  
Salters Lane,  
Trimdon Grange, TS29 6PB  
**Entry:** £3  
**Age 12+**

Traditional tales told with a modern twist, accompanied by live DJ mixes and soundscapes. Tongue Tied and Twisted blasts Indian storytelling into the 21st century combining the talents of UK music producer PKCtheFirst with international performer Peter Chand.



## Hannabiell & Midnight Blue Sunday 30th October

**Time:** 7:30pm  
**Venue:** Trimdon Colliery  
& Deaf Hill Workmen's Club,  
The Square,  
Trimdon Colliery, TS29 6AJ  
**Entry:** £3

A high energy psychedelic fusion of Funk, Caribbean and Latin percussion, Afrobeat, Jazz, and Reggae.





Image: Mowna Ramachandra

## Khyal: Music and Imagination

*Art work inspired by the music of three exceptional artists*

Presented with Durham University, Darbar Festival and The Laing Art Gallery. Funded by AHRC.

**Venue:** Laing Art Gallery  
New Bridge Street  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE1 8AG  
**FREE**

## Exhibition Launch and Khyal performance Friday 4th November

6pm – 8pm

**FREE / booking required – contact**  
[info@gemarts.org](mailto:info@gemarts.org) or 0191 440 4124.

A special evening launch featuring a beautiful khyal performance by UK-based artist Mowna Ramachandra at the Laing gallery.



Image: Adinda van 't Klooster

## Exhibition 5th – 17th November

**Gallery opening times at**  
[www.laingartgallery.org.uk](http://www.laingartgallery.org.uk)

**FREE**

Khyal Music and Imagination builds on research into the ways in which Indian musicians and audiences experience and imagine classical vocal performance, using insights to generate new kinds of engagement and creativity. The collaboration between Durham University and GemArts brings musicians, ethnomusicologists and visual artists to explore the Khyal genre, culminating in an exhibition of original art work inspired by the music by three exceptional artists, India based Mahajabin Imam Majumdar, and UK (North East) based Adinda van 't Klooster and Theresa Poulton.



Image: Mahajabin Imam Majumdar

## North Indian Music Seminar Thursday 10th November

12pm – 1pm

**FREE / booking required – contact**  
[info@gemarts.org](mailto:info@gemarts.org) or 0191 440 4124.

A lunch-time seminar discussing the cross-modality in the reception of North Indian classical music.

Image: Theresa Poulton



## Diwali Celebrations

### Saturday 12th November

**Time:** 7pm

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

**Tickets:** Pay in advance £3pp  
£10 Family Ticket (up to 5 people)  
Pay on the door £5pp  
£15 Family Ticket (up to 5 people)

**Box Office:** Buy tickets in advance online at  
[www.gemarts.org](http://www.gemarts.org)  
or call 0191 440 4124 to arrange  
payment by Cheque or in person

Gateshead Visible Ethnic Minorities Support Group (GVEMSG) and GemArts bring you our annual Diwali Celebrations. Popularly known as the "festival of lights", Diwali is celebrated by communities worldwide. Join us at this year's event and enjoy delicious Indian food, entertainment from regional performers, DJ's spinning the very best Bhangra and Bollywood tunes and space to show off your moves on the dance floor. An event for young and old alike.

Look out for raffle prizes, henna artists, face painting and other opportunities to have fun while raising money for our valuable charitable work with communities in Gateshead and across the North East. For each £1 we raise at Diwali GemArts will receive a further £1 donation from Arts Council England, helping us double your gifts.



## Jai Ho Ho Ho

A Bollywood evening  
with festive flair

### Saturday 3rd December

**Time:** 7pm

**Venue:** Caedmon Hall,  
Gateshead Central Library

**Tickets:** Pay in advance £8  
Pay on the door £10

**Box Office:** Buy tickets in advance online at  
[www.gemarts.org](http://www.gemarts.org)  
or call 0191 440 4124 to arrange  
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Celebrate the festive season with GemArts as Amar Chotai, a fast emerging talent from the UK, takes us on a musical journey, with a nod to some of the greatest Bollywood playback singers of our time. The evening encompasses: 'Golden Oldies' from Mohammed Rafi and Kishore Kumar, to hit songs of the 90s by Kumar Sanu and Sonu Nigam, to more contemporary blockbusters by the likes of Arijit Singh and Rahat Fateh Ali Khan. Classically trained, Amar displays great versatility and vocal range, and will be accompanied by his outstanding band for what will be an incredible show.

Presented with Gateshead Council Culture Team.

\*booking fee may apply for concert tickets  
– see website more details.

GET CREATIVE  
BE INSPIRED  
ENJOY  
EXPERIENCE  
LEARN  
PARTICIPATE!



Each year GemArts delivers thousands of high quality arts sessions for people of all ages and backgrounds, offering experience of 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 lasting from 1 hour tasters to longer term projects. We offer a range of arts activity, including Bollywood and Street Dance, African Drumming, Chinese and Indian Visual Arts, DJ and Lyric Writing, 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 whilst promoting a greater understanding of world arts and different cultures.

Workshop costs depend on activity, group size and materials required. If you would like to book a GemArts artist, or discuss a project please contact Alexandra Marsden on 0191 440 4125 or [alexandra@gemarts.org](mailto:alexandra@gemarts.org).

GemArts can help your young people achieve Arts Award, a nationally recognised qualification, and assist your school to achieve and maintain Arts Mark.

GemArts is committed to offering opportunity for everyone to engage with culturally diverse arts. For more information visit [www.gemarts.org](http://www.gemarts.org) or call 0191 440 4124.

## For Artists

GemArts is keen to hear from artists of all disciplines. To be added to our freelance artist database, please send your up to date CV, covering letter and examples of your work to [info@gemarts.org](mailto:info@gemarts.org).

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



Images: Anna Miller

# Support Us

GemArts is a leading arts organisation, experienced in delivering life enhancing arts projects, presenting exceptional events and offering valuable opportunities to the most deprived communities. Our aim is to increase equality of opportunity for everyone to engage with culturally diverse arts – as producer, participant and audience.



We know the positive difference arts participation makes to the lives of individuals and across communities. Through generous donations and sponsorship GemArts is able to engage with more than 81,000 audience members and participants each year, presenting and promoting diversity through creative learning and enjoyable cultural experiences.

## Individual Giving

Your donations ensure GemArts continues to offer equal access to the arts. The more money we raise the more opportunities we can offer, and lives we can improve. Even small sums make a big difference;

- £5 purchases materials enabling a young person to learn a new creative skill and share it with friends and family.
- £50 brings performers to our annual Diwali event, keeping this event accessible for all, enabling communities to come together, share and celebrate.
- £80 pays for dance classes, getting older people active, improving health and wellbeing.

Please donate what you can at [www.gemarts.org/support-us](http://www.gemarts.org/support-us).



## Corporate Giving

GemArts work with businesses of all sizes, who support our work in a number of ways. We have already helped local businesses bring customers fun holiday activity, address client issues, offer staff networking or team building opportunities and share information at events. Both our performance and participatory programmes offer unique and exciting sponsorship opportunities, and joining our Corporate Members Club offers access to benefits which come from supporting a leading diversity arts organisation. To discuss our Corporate Members Club, Sponsorship opportunities or other ways your business can work with GemArts contact Sinéad Burke on 0191 440 4125 or [sinead@gemarts.org](mailto:sinead@gemarts.org).



Images: Anna Miller

Thanks to Catalyst Evolve each £1 we raise can be matched with a further £1 donation from Arts Council England, essentially doubling your support.



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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£3  
Trimdon Community College  
01429 881 522

Wednesday 26th October

6pm

## Trimfest 2016: Tongue Tied and Twisted

Trimdon Grange Community Centre,  
Salters Lane, Trimdon Grange, TS29 6PB  
£3  
Trimdon Community College  
01429 881 522

Sunday 30th October

7:30pm

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FREE/Booking required  
GemArts info@gemarts.org or  
0191 440 4124

Friday 5th November –  
17th November

Opening times at  
www.laingartgallery.org.uk

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Laing Art Gallery, New Bridge St,  
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FREE

Thursday 10th November

12pm – 1pm

## Khyal: Music and Imagination: North Indian Music Seminar

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GemArts info@gemarts.org  
or 0191 440 4124

Saturday 12th November

7pm

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Civic Centre, Regent Street,  
Gateshead NE8 1HH  
£3pp (pay in advance)  
£5pp (pay on the door)  
Family Tickets also available  
Buy in advance at  
www.gemarts.org  
or call 0191 440 4124  
to arrange payment

Saturday 3rd December

7pm

## Jai Ho Ho Ho A Bollywood event with festive flair

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£8 (pay in advance)  
£10 (pay on the door)  
Buy in advance at  
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to arrange payment

\* booking fee may apply  
– see website for details

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

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