



GEMARTS

MASALA

FESTIVAL

17th - 23rd July 2023

A mix and blend of the finest
South Asian arts & culture



REHANA MARYAM NOOR



DATE: Tuesday 18th July
TIME: 6pm
VENUE: Tyneside Cinema, 10 Pilgrim St, Newcastle, NE1 6QG
TICKETS: £11.75 full price / £9.75 concessions
BOX OFFICE: www.tynesidecinema.co.uk / 0191 227 5500



This gripping, unsettling tale follows a medical school lecturer who witnesses the sexual assault of one of her students. The film traces her struggle to process the incident as she embarks on an unrelenting quest to hold the perpetrator, a male colleague, to account, all the while facing her own challenges with her job and as a mother. An unsteady handheld camera infuses a restlessness and growing intensity throughout the film with an outstanding lead performance by Azmeri Haque Badho. The film premiered at Cannes Film Festival 2021.

Director: Abdullah Mohammed Saad | Bengali with English subtitles |
Bangladesh 2021 | 107mins | cert. 15

Presented by GemArts and Tyneside Cinema



MICHAEL MESSER'S MITRA



DATE: Wednesday 19th July
TIME: 8pm
VENUE: Cluny 2, 34 Lime Street, Newcastle, NE1 2PQ
TICKETS: £15 advance and £17 on the door
BOX OFFICE: www.ticketweb.uk

A unique fusion of blues slide guitar, Hindustani slide guitar and tabla rhythms.

Michael Messer's Mitra is a trio comprising renowned British blues innovator & slide guitarist, Michael Messer, Hindustani slide guitar maestro, Manish Pingle, and tabla master, Gurdain Rayatt.

This is a band with a successful album and its own unique exhilarating and highly accessible sound. With vocals, slide guitars and tabla, these three musicians, each at the top of their game create a fascinating musical journey of acoustic blues that takes the music right back to the Mississippi & Ganges deltas...and it rocks!

Presented by GemArts, Northern Roots and Jazz North East



OUT OF SRI LANKA

DATE: Thursday 20th July
TIME: 6.30pm
VENUE: Culture Lab, Newcastle University,
NE1 7RU
TICKETS: FREE (booking essential)
BOX OFFICE: www.gemarts.org / 0191 4404124

This ground-breaking anthology of Sri Lankan and diasporic poetry features over a hundred poets writing in English or translated from Tamil and Sinhala.

It brings to light a long neglected national literature and reshapes our understanding of migrational poetics and the poetics of atrocity. Poets long out of print appear beside exciting new talents; works written in Sri Lanka converse with poetry from the UK, the US, Canada and Australia. We are delighted to feature at this year's Masala Festival the three co-editors, Vidyan Ravinthiran, Seni Seneviratne and Shash Trevett in conversation with the host Professor Preti Taneja, Director of NCLA. They will be reading from their own work, and also introduce recordings of a selection of poets reading from the anthology. The event will include a Q&A.

Presented by GemArts, Bloodaxe Books and Newcastle Centre for the Literary Arts

OUT OF SRI LANKA

TAMIL, SINHALA & ENGLISH POETRY
FROM SRI LANKA & ITS DIASPORAS



POETRY BOOK SOCIETY SPECIAL COMMENDATION · EDITED BY
VIDYAN RAVINTHIRAN, SENI SENEVIRATNE & SHASH TREVETT

FABRICATED BY SAJIL KALEEM

DATE: Thursday 20th – 22nd July
TIME: The Newbridge Project, The Shieldfield Centre,
4-8 Clarence Walk, Newcastle, NE2 1AL
TICKETS: FREE – Just Drop In!

Fabricated explores our personal relationship to the historical narratives that we collectively create through an expanded sense of painting.



Sajil's paintings consider the colonial remnants of buildings in cities that have ignored relationships. An arch in a library in Karachi echoes a doorway in Oxford, and the pre-partition patterned balconies and doorways of Jhelum and Newcastle feature as backdrop in the bustle of the city.

Using the visual language of ornate South Asian tradition of beautification, Sajil hopes to create an imagined world that explores the space in between, and how the gaps in narratives become stories in themselves.

Presented by GemArts and The Newbridge Project

AMINA KHAYYAM DANCE COMPANY: YOU & ME



DATE: Friday 21st July
TIME: 12.30pm, 2.30pm and 4.30pm
(each performance 30 minutes)
VENUE: Monument Metro, Newcastle
TICKETS: FREE – Just drop in!



Man meets Man... discovering a state of happiness never felt before; but he has a wife and family at home.

You&Me brings the spectacle and high energy intensity of Kathak with the physicality of contemporary dance, featuring a live music score of sitar, sarod, tabla, and cello.

**Presented by GemArts
and Tyne & Wear Metro**



BBC PROMS AT SAGE GATESHEAD: YAZZ AHMED AND ARUN GHOSH, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MASALA FESTIVAL

DATE: Friday 21st July
TIME: 10 - 11.45pm
VENUE: Sage Gateshead, NE8 2JR
TICKETS: £8.00 to £18.00
BOX OFFICE: 0191 4434661 / www.sagegateshead.com

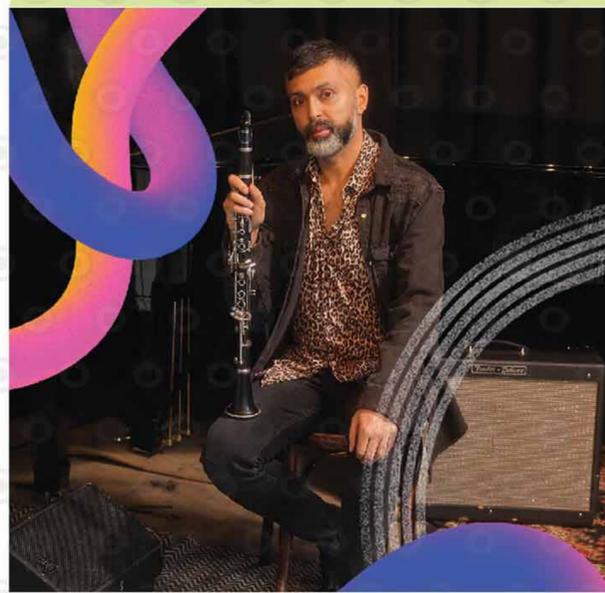


Sage Gateshead and GemArts Masala Festival present a late-night special of extraordinary music performed by two leading lights of the British jazz scene.

British-Bahraini trumpet player Yazz Ahmed and her quartet blur the lines between jazz and electronic sound design, bringing together the sounds of her mixed heritage in what has been described as 'psychedelic Arabic jazz, intoxicating and compelling'. Her career is studded with high profile collaborations, which have seen her record and perform with the likes of Radiohead, Lee Scratch Perry and Transglobal Underground.



British-Asian clarinettist, composer and bandleader Arun Ghosh and his quintet deliver a passionate sound driven by soaring melodies, hypnotic rhythms and transcendental textures, where numerous strands of jazz join forces with a myriad of musical influences: from jungle to punk, blues to Bollywood...and beyond.



This concert is supported by Jazz North East.

TOPOGRAPHIES: PLACES AND SPACE



DATE: Saturday 22nd July
TIME: 3.30pm
VENUE: BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead, NE8 3BA
TICKETS: £5
BOX OFFICE: www.gemarts.org / 0191 4404124



From Himalayan mountains to vibrant cities, this programme of short films takes us on a journey through urban and rural landscapes across South Asia, exploring contemporary youth experience, identity, existence and place.

Post-screening discussion with industry contributors.

Suitable for Ages 14+ / Running time: 120 minutes

Curated by Sonali Joshi

Presented by GemArts and BALTIC



MASALA FESTIVAL: MINI MELO



DATE: Sunday 23rd July
TIME: 11:00am - 3.00pm
VENUE: Benham Grove Community Centre, Gateshead, NE8 2XD
TICKETS: FREE EVENT – Just Drop In!

The finale of Masala Festival culminates with our spectacular Mini Mela and it's FREE and for all the family! Take part in colourful and vibrant arts, crafts, music and lively performances from across the Indian sub-continent.

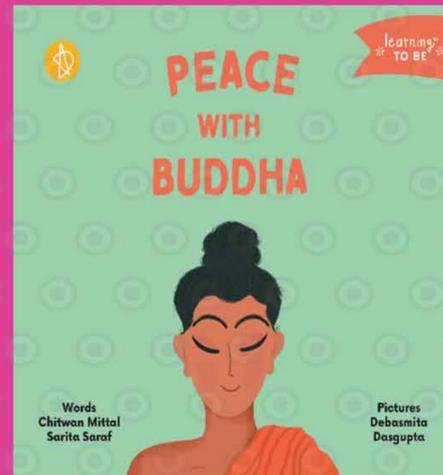
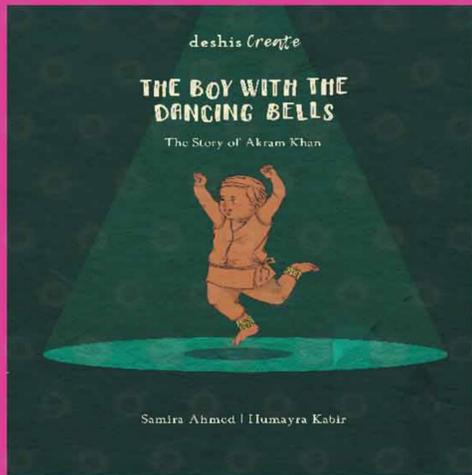
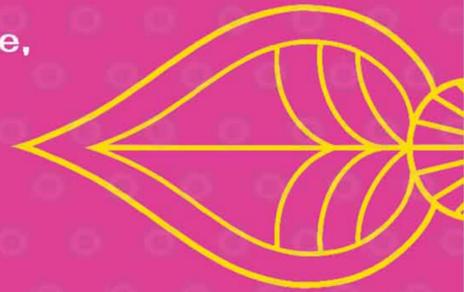


We've got Bollywood dance workshops, block printing, Rangoli, kite making, face painting and henna stations so you can get your own intricate design. Why not try your hand at pottery and create your own South Asian inspired designs, plus loads of other fun activities and delicious Indian food and snacks.

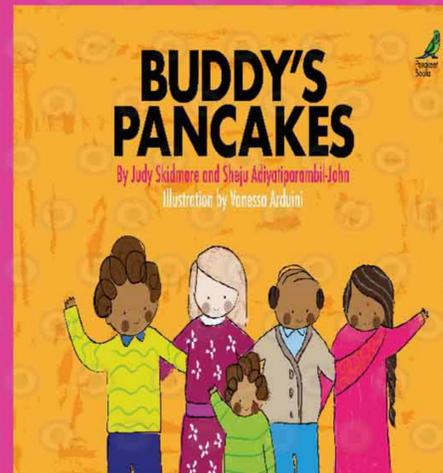
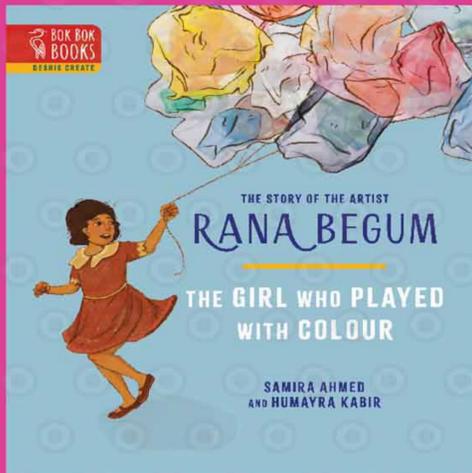


MINI BOOK FAIR AT MASALA FESTIVAL MINI MELA

DATE: Sunday 23rd July
VENUE: Bensham Grove Community Centre,
Gateshead, NE8 2XD
TIME: 11am to 3pm
TICKETS: FREE EVENT – Just Drop In!



We have something very special at this year's Masala Festival Mini Mela as we celebrate creators and characters of South Asian heritage in children's publishing.



Want to set sail on a paper boat with Aadi and his nanamma? Make your own ghungru to dance with little Akram? Be inspired by Rana to make art that bursts with colour?

Or would you like a meditative moment to create your own inspirational children's book? Three publishers, Bok Bok Books, AdiDev Press and Parakeet Books, are coming together for a fun-packed mini book fair so that you can do all of that, and more.

Come and say hello to the awesome characters in their books and meet the talented people who made them!

MASALA FESTIVAL AT DABBAWAL



DATE: 17th – 23rd July
VENUES: 69-75 High Bridge, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6BX;
1 Brentwood Mews, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 3DG
BOOKINGS: www.dabbawal.com

The award-winning Dabbawal Street Food Kitchen and Masala Festival are back with their cool team-up once again this year! We'll be taking you on a flavour journey, capturing the sights, tastes and feels of the vibrant Masala Festival. Look forward to seven days of culinary celebrations across both Dabbawal High Bridge and Dabbawal Jesmond branches.



WORKSHOPS AT MASALA FESTIVAL 2023

Emerald Explorers at Masala Festival

GemArts is teaming up with Gateshead Emerald Explorers and Gateshead Arts Team to engage people of retirement age in creative workshops to celebrate Masala Festival 2023. Workshops will take place at Gateshead Central Library; £5 to attend and can be booked at www.gatesheadlibraries.eventbrite.com

Mystical Tote Bag Printing with Mani Kambo

DATE: Monday 17th July
TIME: 11am - 1pm



Concertina Books in Boxes with Michelle Wood

DATE: Wednesday 19th July
TIME: 11am - 1pm.



Bollywood Dance Workshop

DATE: Saturday 22nd July
TIME: 11am – 12pm
VENUE: Bensham Grove Community Centre, Gateshead, NE8 2XD
TICKETS: Free to attend but ticketed – please register in advance
BOX OFFICE: www.gemarts.org / 0191 4404124



Join GemArts Bollywood dance workshop, one of the most famous, fun modern dance styles from Indian film industry, fusing Indian classical dance, folk dance, Bhangra, Hip Hop, Salsa, Jazz and Belly Dancing! With Suzy Scarlett. Suitable for all ages.



Take the kids for free all day, every day

Up to three children aged 11 and under
can travel for free on Metro with a fare paying adult.



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