



GEMARTS

Creating and Profiling Diverse Arts

Spring / Summer 2015

Welcome to GemArts' Spring Summer 15 Season

Now that GemArts' new season is here, it's time for new opportunities and another top class line up of music, dance, theatre and more. The Spring Summer season, with its new beginnings, is the perfect time for GemArts to raise its game, with a fresh new look, including brand new logo and website, and new ways to follow and get involved in our work. We have put together a programme packed full of Grammy nominated musicians, rare instruments, original fusion collaborations, exciting productions for young people, and leading dance groups from India, while still giving prominence and platform to UK talent. Keep up to date with activities by joining the mailing list and visiting www.gemarts.org

After wrapping up 2014, celebrating 10 years of collaborations with Sage Gateshead, we are delighted to announce a new strand Riverside Ragas, which will complement our other concerts presented with this iconic venue. GemArts' work with Durham University continues with a concert at Durham Town Hall, and talk at Palace Green Library. GemArts' exceptional season includes; Shashwati Mandal Paul, Vijay Rajput, Murad Ali & Gurdain Rayatt, Debanjan Bhattacharjee, Shashank Subramanyam & Jyotsna Srikanth, and Kayhan Kalhor & Shujaat Khan. We're also delighted to announce a number of artists' talks, allowing audiences to learn from experts.

This May GemArts presents 'A Musical Journey through Bollywood' at Caedmon Hall, a concert which will take the audience through some of the greatest Bollywood classics of all time. An event for all the family, with classic songs loved by young and old alike.

We're busy continuing our participatory work across the region, promoting artists and art forms which celebrate the rich diversity and cultures that make up our communities. This February the GemArts' Mini Mela comes to Caedmon Hall, where families will enjoy creative workshops, performances and much more, and in April it's time for our annual Vaisakhi Celebrations at Gateshead Civic Centre. GemArts has also programmed two fantastic performances specifically for children and families this season. In May we present local choreographer Apple Yang's new participatory performance WILD, for children aged 6-10 years. In June GemArts is working with one local school, to offer a very rare opportunity to take part in workshops, and enjoy a breath taking performance, by The Kala Chethena Kathakali Company, direct from Kerala, South India.

This is just a snapshot of what's to come, 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 fantastic 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.



Community Event East by North East Celebratory event

**Monday 16th February &
Wednesday 18th February**

Time: All day
Venue: Sage Gateshead
Tickets: Community Session
Info: www.gemarts.org

East by North East is a Youth Music funded project led by GemArts, working in partnership with Sage Gateshead, Newcastle City Council, CHAT Trust, Success4All, North Benwell Youth Project, Excelsior Academy, Linhope PRU and Spice FM. The East by North East project provides high quality music making opportunities for young people based in the West and East end of Newcastle. Over 2 years Young people have taken part in workshops exploring diverse music genres, while working alongside regional musicians to develop their own musical talents. We're very excited to celebrate their achievements with performances and workshops at Sage Gateshead this February.

Supported by Youth Music

This is an invite only community event, for more information on GemArts' work with community groups email info@gemarts.org or call 0191 440 4124.

Chinese New Year at Discovery

Tuesday 17th February

Time: 11.00am – 3.00pm
Venue: Discovery Museum,
Blandford Square,
Newcastle NE1 4JA
Tickets: FREE
Info: www.gemarts.org

GemArts is helping friends at Discovery Museum celebrate Chinese New Year this February. Take part in Chinese calligraphy and dance workshops, have your face painted like Chinese Zodiac animals, and enjoy Fan, Ribbon and Folk dance performances in the Museum. Don't forget to explore the temporary and permanent exhibitions which are open as usual.

In association with Discovery Museum



GemArts Mini Mela Saturday 21st February

Time: 10.00am – 2.00pm
Venue: Caedmon Hall,
Gateshead Central Library,
Prince Consort Rd,
Gateshead NE8 4LN
Tickets: FREE
Info: www.gemarts.org

The mini mela celebrates the rich diversity of Gateshead, and promotes communities coming together. Join GemArts artists and performers for hours of family fun. With multi-cultural arts and craft workshops, music and dance performances, community advice stalls and much more, the mini mela is for everyone!

Presented with Gateshead Council



Shashwati Mandal Paul

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Saturday 28th February

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Northern Rock Foundation Hall,
Sage Gateshead, St Mary's Sq,
Gateshead Quays, NE8 2JR

Tickets*: £10 / £8 / £25 Family Ticket

Box Office: 0191 443 4661

www.sagegateshead.com

Shashwati's musical dexterity marks a refined eclecticism that has lent her an individualistic style at a fairly young age. Born into a family devoted to music, she is grand-daughter of the late Pt. Balabhau Umdekar, the erudite exponent of the Gwalior style of classical Hindustani music and a court musician of the Gwalior State, and initially trained under her mother Smt. Kamal Mandal.

A foremost disciple of veteran musician Pt. Balasaheb Poonchwale, under his tutelage Shashwati has acquired an able hold on the subtle complexity of 'Tappa' and 'Khyal'. Shashwati also studied under the expert guidance of Pt. Madup Mudgal, vidushi Smt Purnima Choudary and Gundecha Brothers.

Shashwati Mandal Paul, Khayal vocal, is accompanied by Chinmay Kolhatkar, Harmonium, and Gurdain Rayatt, Tabla.

Presented with Sage Gateshead

Riverside Ragas Vijay Rajput

Saturday 21st March

Time: 7pm Talk / 7.45pm Performance

Venue: Northern Rock Foundation Hall,
Sage Gateshead, St Mary's Sq,
Gateshead Quays, NE8 2JR

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Elevate your spirits with a wonderful evening of Indian classical music from one of the North East's exceptional talents. Born in New Delhi, now based in Newcastle upon Tyne, Dr Vijay Rajput, disciple of the illustrious vocalist Pandit Bhimsen Joshi, is one of Britain's most talented Indian classical singers. A maestro of the 'khayal' style from the north Indian tradition, and an artist of international repute, Vijay's performances mesmerise audiences in India and abroad.

This event is accompanied by a pre-concert talk at 7pm in The Squires Seminar Room. Free to ticket holders.

*Presented
with Sage
Gateshead*



Vijay Rajput

Buy for both
**Riverside
Ragas**

concerts (21/3/15 and
18/5/15) and receive a further
£2 off each ticket

(restrictions apply)

Murad Ali (Sarangi) & Gurdain Rayatt (Tabla)

Saturday 18th April

Time: 7:15pm talk / 8pm Performance

Venue: Gateshead Old Town Hall,
West St, Gateshead, NE8 1HE

Tickets*: £10/£8/£5/£25 Family Ticket

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We welcome back this exceptional duo after their first ever UK performance 3 years ago, offering a rare chance to listen to this remarkable instrument. Known as the 'instrument of a hundred colours', Murad Ali's sarangi recitals bloom with rare ragas, through a family tradition spanning six generations of players. Murad has toured extensively and composed music for many Bollywood and art films. He is accompanied by the one the UK's vibrant and fast emerging tabla maestros, Gurdain Rayatt.

This event is accompanied by a pre-concert talk at 7.15pm. Free to ticket holders.

Presented with Sage Gateshead



Murad Ali



Gurdain Rayatt

Vaisakhi Celebrations

Saturday 25th April

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Gateshead Civic Centre,
Regent Street, NE8 1HH

Tickets*: £3 / £10 Family Ticket
(group of up to 5 people)

Box Office: 0191 440 4124

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Gateshead Visible Ethnic Minorities Support Group (GVEMSG) and GemArts will be laying on another fantastic evening of music, food and celebrations at our annual Vaisakhi Celebrations. Join in the festivities with friends and family, with entertainment from regional musicians, performers and DJ's spinning the very best Bhangra and Bollywood tunes. An event for young and old alike.



Tony Griffiths

Artist Talk South Indian violin:

Ornament in the Carnatic style
During Sage Gateshead's
Fiddles on Fire

Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd May

Venue: Sage Gateshead, St Marys Sq,
Gateshead Quays, NE8 2JR

Info: www.gemarts.org

Carnatic music is renowned for its heavy use of ornaments, referred to in South India as gamakas. These oscillations, fleeting leaps, and subtle touches give the ragas their individual character – conveying nuances of mood that could not otherwise be expressed. This lecture-demonstration will present an introduction to Carnatic gamaka and raga, demonstrated by the ethnomusicologist and violinist Lara Pearson, alongside audio-visual presentation of her research on South Indian raga performance. The left-hand technique required to produce the gamakas on the violin will be explored through video and 3D motion-capture footage, while the microtonal intervals typical of certain Carnatic ragas will also be discussed.

*Presented with Sage Gateshead during
Fiddles on Fire.*



Dr Pooja Angra and Karan Rana

A Musical Journey through Bollywood

Saturday 9th May

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Caedmon Hall,
Gateshead Central Library,
Prince Consort Rd, NE8 4LN

Tickets*: £12 (no concessions)

Box Office: GemArts 0191 440 4124

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Join us for 'A Musical Journey through Bollywood' featuring emerging vocalists Pooja Angra and Karan Rana, alongside a host of talented musicians. This concert takes the audience on a musical journey through some of the greatest Bollywood classics originally performed by legendary singers including Lata Mangeshkar, Asha Bhosle, Mohammed Rafi, A.R. Rehman and many others.

Presented with Gateshead Council

Riverside Ragas Shashank Subramanyam & Jyotsna Srikanth

Monday 18th May

Time: 7pm

Venue: Northern Rock Foundation Hall,
Sage Gateshead, St Mary's Sq,
Gateshead Quays, NE8 2JR

Tickets*: £12/£10/£5/£30 Family Ticket

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This concert brings together two of the world's leading musicians from the Carnatic, South Indian, tradition. Grammy nominated Shashank Subramanyam is a renowned exponent of the Bamboo Flute from India, and through his virtuosity and dexterity generates a powerful explosion on the flute. Accompanying Shashank is UK based Jyotsna Srikanth, Europe's leading violinist from the Carnatic classical tradition. Jyotsna is known for her versatility and ability to collaborate with different genres seamlessly and with ease.

Joining Shashank and Jyotsna on the Mridangam, double barrelled drum, is Sai Giridhar.

Presented with Sage Gateshead



Jyotsna Srikanth



Shashank Subramanyam

Appetite Dance Productions: WILD

Thursday 28th May

Time: 11.00am

Venue: Caedmon Hall,
Gateshead Central Library,
Prince Consort Rd, NE8 4LN

Tickets*: £7/£5

Box Office: 0191 433 6965 / 0191 433 8420

www.gateshead.gov.uk/whatson

Info: www.gemarts.org

WILD is a leaping, laughing, somersaulting, participatory, dance-theatre performance for children aged 6 to 10, bringing together dance, physical storytelling, voice and percussion. Drawing on traditions of Eastern movement, inspired by the writings of Jay Griffiths, Gary Snyder and Ted Hughes, WILD was created by artistic director / choreographer Apple Yang, children's author

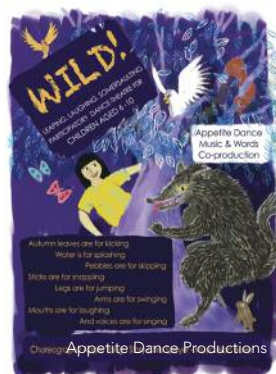
Chris Speyer and composer / children's music specialist Alan Boxer.

We are all wild at heart, but in this age of virtual realities that taste of nothing, smell of nothing, offer no risks or real adventures, we are losing

touch with our wild selves and the wild world around us. WILD is a journey back to wildness.

To coincide with this performance, we are offering local schools the chance to take part in an exciting dance workshop. To learn more about this or GemArts' other work with schools contact sinead@gemarts.org

Presented with Gateshead Council



Artist Talk: Debanjan Bhattacharjee, Subrata Manna & Professor Martin Clayton

Sunday 7th June

Time: 11.30am

Venue: Palace Green Library,
Palace Green, Durham, DH1 3RN

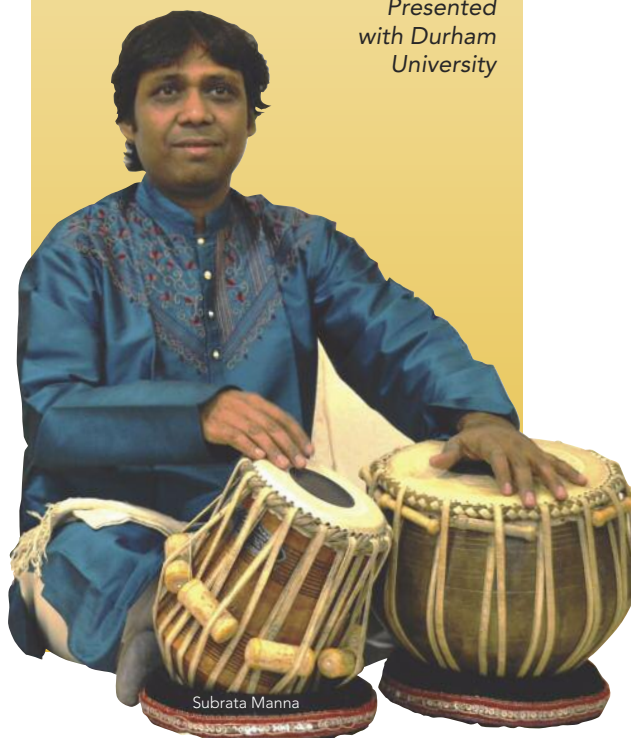
Tickets: Free event (booking essential)

Box Office: 0191 440 4124

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The day before their concert at Durham Town Hall, join us for a musical conversation with Debanjan and Subrata. The artists will be joined by Professor Martin Clayton of Durham University to discuss their music, and the audience is encouraged to join in the conversation. Join us for this informative artists in conversation in Durham University's historic Palace Green Library.

*Presented
with Durham
University*



Subrata Manna



Debanjan Bhattacharjee

Monday 8th June

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Durham Town Hall,
Market Place, Durham City,
County Durham, DH1 3NJ

Tickets*: £10/£8

Box Office: 0191 440 4124

info@gemarts.org

A rising star of Indian classical music, Debanjan Bhattacharjee is a young master of the sarod, trained in the Maihar Senia style made internationally famous by the great Ali Akbar Khan.

Debanjan's accolades include the President's Gold Medal awarded for winning All India Radio's competition in 2008, and a nomination for best album from the Indian Music Academy in 2012.

We return to the intimate setting of Durham's Town Hall for this rare taste of the best instrumental music from Kolkata. For this concert Debanjan will be accompanied by the brilliant tabla player Subrata Manna.

Join us on Sunday 7th June, for an artists' talk at Palace Green Library.

Presented with Durham University

School Event The Kala Chethena Kathakali Company: Kathakali

Friday 12th June

Information: www.gemarts.org

Celebrating the success of the 2013 UK tour, we welcome The Kala Chethena Kathakali Company to the North East in 2015. Direct from Kerala, this show provides unforgettable Kathakali performances, top international performers, superb singers, rhythmic drummers and highly skilled make-up artists.

KATHAKALI is a masterpiece of sacred theatre that erupts on stage with striking visual images that expose the magical world of South India. Nurtured for centuries by the remarkable people of Kerala, Kathakali leads the audience into the entrancing world of storytelling.

GemArts is working with one local school, to offer pupils and their families this very special opportunity, direct from Kerala. For more information on GemArts' work with schools email sinead@gemarts.org or call 0191 440 4124.



The Kala Chethena Kathakali Company

Kayhan Kalhor & Shujaat Khan: Ghazal Ensemble

Wednesday 24th June

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Hall Two, Sage Gateshead,
St Mary's Sq,
Gateshead Quays,
Gateshead NE8 2JR

Tickets*: £15/£13 / £45 Family Ticket

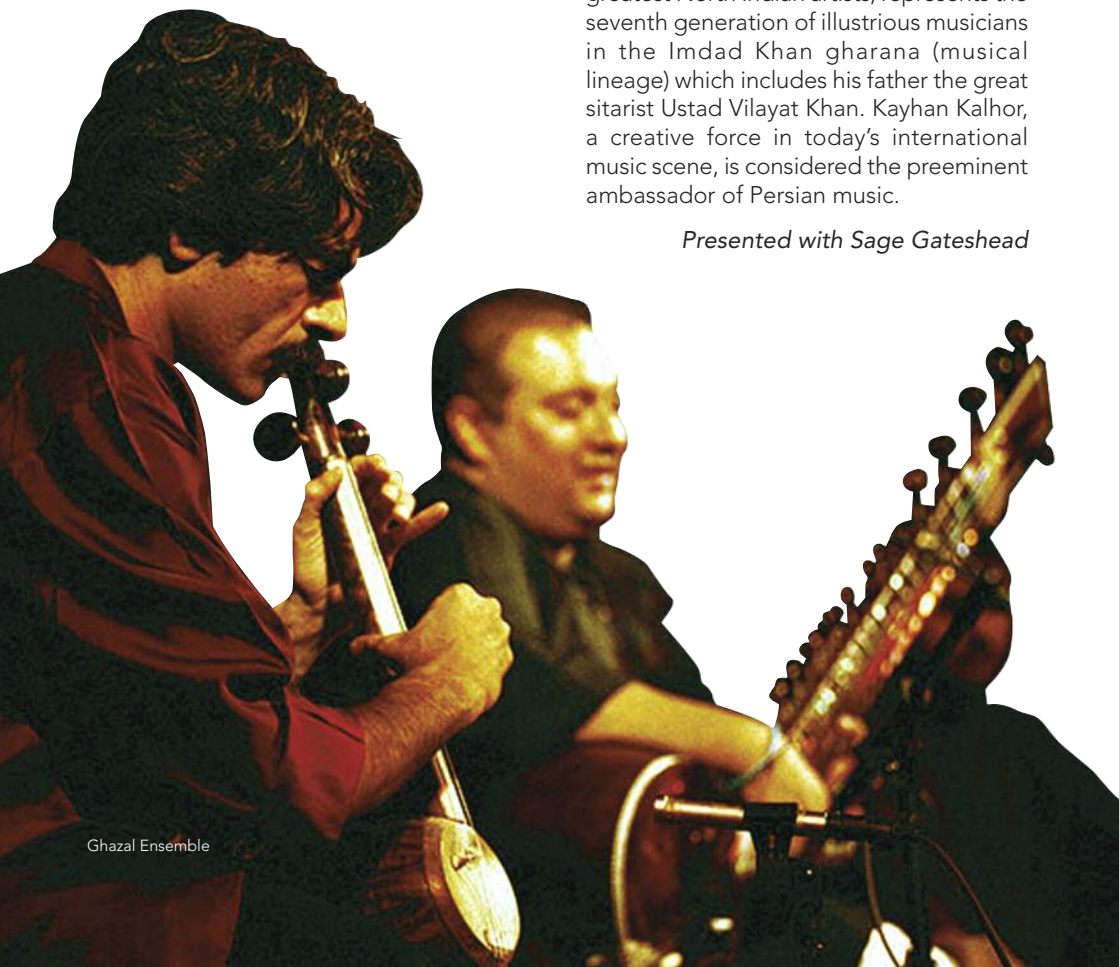
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The spellbinding Ghazal Ensemble, Kayhan Kalhor & Shujaat Khan, continues its highly influential, original Indo-Persian fusion collaboration with a rare performance. Blending their two distinctive classical music traditions: the Persian dastgah and North Indian raga, these musical styles share some formal elements and modes which allow for exquisite and harmonious dialogue between the two. Iran's kamancheh, spiked fiddle, master Kayhan Kalhor and India's sitar, stringed lute, virtuoso Shujaat Khan have toured the world over to critical acclaim for their intoxicating, delicate fusion. They will be joined by the superb tabla player Sandeep Das.

Shujaat Husain Khan, one of today's greatest North Indian artists, represents the seventh generation of illustrious musicians in the Imdad Khan gharana (musical lineage) which includes his father the great sitarist Ustad Vilayat Khan. Kayhan Kalhor, a creative force in today's international music scene, is considered the preeminent ambassador of Persian music.

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Ghazal Ensemble

GET CREATIVE
BE INSPIRED
ENJOY
EXPERIENCE
LEARN
PARTICIPATE!



James Sebright

GemArts delivers high quality arts projects with people of all ages and backgrounds, extending their experience of world music, dance, drama and visual arts. Workshops enable participants to develop new skills and interests whilst working alongside professional artists.

Schools and Community Groups

Participants can take part in workshops from 1 hour tasters to longer term projects. We deliver Bollywood and Street Dance, African Drumming, Chinese and Indian Arts, DJ and Lyric Writing, Textiles, Photography and much more. Projects are tailored to specific interests, needs, timescales and budgets, providing creative and enjoyable learning experiences whilst promoting a greater understanding of world arts and cultures.

For Artists

GemArts is keen to hear from artists of all disciplines. To be added to GemArts freelance artist database, please send us your CV, covering letter and examples of your work. Artists may require a current DBS check.

GemArts is an Arts Award registered centre, and can also help schools achieve and maintain Artsmark.

For further information on our learning and participatory work visit www.gemarts.org, call 0191 440 4124 or email info@gemarts.org

SUPPORT US

GemArts' mission is to increase equality of opportunity for everyone to engage with culturally diverse arts - as producer, participant and audience.

Each year GemArts:

- programmes over 35 high profile events
- attracts over 50,000 audience members
- works with 330 individual artists across art forms
- engages over 14,000 participants
- reaches a further 4,000 people online each month

There are a number of different ways to get involved and help GemArts achieve this mission. To find out more about GemArts' work, and how you or your business can support it, visit www.gemarts.org or contact Sinead Burke, Communications and Development Officer at sinead@gemarts.org 0191 440 4125.

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