



Summer Mela Newsletter

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Welcome to the NAAC Summer Special Mela edition. The best of the hot weather is yet to come – at the start of the Riverside Festival, which for the first time ever will incorporate the Nottingham Mela. The NAAC has already delivered a wide range of events for our communities and we thank you for supporting us. As some of you are already aware the NAAC has very limited funding but is working very hard with partner organisations to ensure that you do not miss out. It is really very important for you to encourage your family and friends to support all the events that are organised for you! We aim to keep prices very low and majority of our live events are the same price as a cinema ticket!

In this newsletter we inform you of a host of events that will keep you and the family entertained and the biggest free, NOT TO BE MISSED, event - The Nottingham Mela, now in its 26th Year (and the oldest Mela in the UK) that is being brought to you by the NAAC and New Art Exchange.

“Asia Rocks” To ensure that you have the opportunity to enjoy international performances at high calibre venues, the NAAC is willing to organise a coach trip, evening meal, and entry to “Asia Rocks” - A celebration of Indian music with Bollywood cinema phenomenon Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy who have provided countless hit soundtracks for films and recorded the official anthem for the 2011 ICC Cricket World Cup. They will be appearing together for the first time ever at the Royal Albert Hall, London. We are currently trying to obtain discounted tickets for the concert. However, we need to gauge the level of interest and would request you to contact the NAAC office to register your interest.

Please do also visit FLASHBACK, A major new exhibition by Anish Kapoor one of the UK's leading artists of sensual and beguiling sculptures will be at the Nottingham Castle from the 19th November 2011 to 11th March 2012.

The NAAC is here to serve you, so please tell us about any particular events and shows that you want us to organise in Nottingham, and if it is within our resources, we will try our best to deliver! Enjoy the summer and don't forget to buy plenty of suntan lotion – you will need it at the Mela, the Carnival and the Nottingham Riviera!!!

Rajesh Sharma

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Please renew your membership as soon as possible.



The Nottingham Mela is the oldest national Mela in the UK. It is a festival of South Asian culture and that brings music, dance, visual arts, film, street entertainment, spicy cuisine, crafts, and stalls all in one place to entertain and engage all communities, children and families in a vibrant, colourful and memorable atmosphere. The mela weekend takes place at New Art Exchange on Saturday 6th August and features for the first time at the Riverside Festival on Sunday 7th August 2011. An audience of over 100,000 is expected to attend the Festival.

Mela is a Sanskrit word meaning 'gathering' or 'to meet' or a Fair. It is used in the Indian subcontinent for all sizes of gathering and can be religious, commercial, cultural or sports. This years Nottingham Mela takes place on 7th August animating the Riverside Festival, on the banks of the River Trent. Come and enjoy live international performances by leading artists, visual arts workshops, market stalls, the nostalgic scents of sizzling South Asian cuisine and much more. There will also be an Arts area with a wide range of activities, (Rangoli, Lipan, Warli and the Games Propel Play postcard making activities, kite making, mask making and spin art bike) - All these workshops delivered by Art Core, including the framed postcards x52 exhibition. There will also be some creative activities as well as circus skills and street theatre.

This will be the best FREE weekend entertainment of the year - that will be enjoyed by all - A great family event with something for everyone!!!

Saturday the 6th August 2011
Mela @ The New Art Exchange
39 - 41 Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham NG7 6BE

World Music Acts – Live Hosted by El-Vishio
(Takeover Radio/Break London)

Featuring:

- Jasmine Rodgers
- The League of International Misfits
- Sami Haque
- Ranjana Ghatak
- Chorister
- MuHa
- Conga Band

There will also be:

- NAE Bazaar
- Art Workshops
- International Cuisine Film Screening:
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THE MELA

at the Riverside
on Sun 7 August 2011

This year the mela will be presented by Shivani Mair and El-Vishio
(Sabras Radio, Break London, Takedown Radio)



TRANSGLOBAL UNDERGROUND
In the world of exotic, global beats, African rhythms and ambient melodies, Transglobal Underground have no peer. It is a U.K.-based collective fusing as many different kinds of world music as its members can get their hands on.



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**Grand Kavi Darbar
7th August 2011**

The Punjabi Academy in association with Nottingham Asian Arts Council, Indian Community Centre and ICCA 50+ Association is holding a one day seminar to promote Punjabi language, culture and literature at the Indian Community Centre (The Atrium). There will be a Grand Kavi Darbar (Poetry Symposium) in Punjabi and other Indian languages in which poets from all over UK will take part and recite their best poetry. A discussion paper on Santokh Dhaliwal's new poetry book (Garwa ku Dariya) will be presented by Dr Davinder Kaur internationally renowned poetess and critic. A workshop on creative writing, facilitated by Varinder Parihar and Dalvir Kaur (two well known poets and critics) will also be organised for young people.

**Annual International Kavi S sammelan
Sunday 28 August 2011, 3 - 6:00pm,
Bramcote Memorial Hall,**

Church Street, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3HD
You are cordially invited with friends and family to the Annual Kavi S sammelan featuring eminent Poets from India to celebrate Hindi Divas. The Chief Guest Mr Asif Ibrahim, Minister of Co-ordination, Indian High Commission, London.
Free admission and refreshments... This event is supported by Indian High Commission, London, Indian Council of Cultural Relations, India and Nottingham Asian Arts Council.

The Beach is back for 2011!

The Nottingham Riviera is back this year, returning to the Old Market Square for fun and games from Friday 22 July until Saturday 3 September 2011!

This year the Riviera will be a seaside playground with beach cafe and bar, bucket and spade stalls, flags, bunting, fairground rides and to complete the seaside experience a giant paddling pool!

There will be plenty to enjoy over the summer months including FREE entertainment including DJ's live music, radio broadcasts and much more.



Nottingham's Caribbean Carnival 2011

Nottingham's Caribbean Carnival returns to the Forest Recreation Ground for one day only on Sunday 14 August 2011 and promises to be a fantastic FREE day of entertainment for the whole family. Nottingham City Council is proud to be one of the main supporters of this vibrant celebration of Caribbean culture alongside the Arts Council of England, Tuntum Housing Association, Nottingham City Homes and One Nottingham.

Enjoy many different activities on site such as Fun Fair, giant Inflatables and quad bikes! Visit dozens of stalls selling traditional Caribbean, African and Asian cuisine and cultural arts and crafts. There will also be stalls providing lots of useful information of benefit to the public. The Big Parade will start at Castle Gate at 2pm and go through the City Centre to the Forest site, where dance routines will be performed and the best troupe selected. From 6-9pm there will be live performances on the main stage, from top local, national and international reggae acts – headliner to be announced!!

Don't forget 29 - 30 OCTOBER ROBIN HOOD PAGEANT NOTTINGHAM

Celebrate the region's most famous legend in a pageant for all the family to enjoy. With medieval re-enactments, live jousting tournaments, music and much more.

Castle admission charges apply.



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Events to follow...

Navratri Festival of Dance

28 September to 6 October 2011

Diwali Gala

5 November 2011
@ Royal Concert Hall

INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION RECOGNISES THE WORK OF THE NAAC

The Indian High Commission has recognised the excellent work being undertaken by the NAAC in supporting and promoting Asian arts and culture and has also honoured our Chairman, Rajesh Sharma, for his dedication and service to the wider promotion of Asian Arts. Congratulations to the NAAC and Rajesh!!

The Leverhulme Trust MEDIA OF REMEMBERING

Take part in a research project about photos, music and memory

We are also hoping to record your memories of the NAAC and your participation in their events. These memories will be collated to provide a living history of the NAAC in celebration of their 25 year anniversary. Interviews last around one hour and take place at your home or somewhere that is comfortable and convenient for you. We use a small digital recorder to record the conversation. If you would like to take part in the project or would like more information, please contact one of the researchers: Dr Nicola Allett N.Allett@lboro.ac.uk 01509 223626 or Dr Emily Keightley E.Keightley@lboro.ac.uk 01509 223629

