



# Autumn Newsletter

Celebrating 25 Legendary Years

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Welcome to the autumn edition of our newsletter. The nights are slowly but surely drawing in earlier with our rather cool summer finally coming to an end... Isn't it amazing how autumn seemed to have come but then flipped right back into summer to give us a last blast of sunshine before the cool finally set in... Whatever the case we hope you managed to make the best of the last few days of the hot weather. As for now, forget the doom and gloom of the cold, dark winter days and participate in one of the many bright and colourful events lined up for you — after all, it is the season of lights, dance, drama, and celebration!

First of all - Wishing you all the very best seasonal greetings. May you rejoice and celebrate this season of festivities and goodwill in the company of your loved ones. Greetings and best wishes to all those who have recently celebrated: Eid, Navratri, Dusshera, Diwali, and the forthcoming Guru Nanak Devji's birthday. Thank you for supporting the NAAC in the past and we look forward to your support in the future.



## Forthcoming NAAC Events...



# DEEPAWALI SHOWCASE



Saturday 5th November 2011 • 6.00pm • Royal Concert Hall

Presented by the very famous **Tindy C and Jeet**, reality TV star who entertained viewers on the Channel 4 show, *The Family*...

The lighting of the Diva (Lamp) at the **Royal Concert Hall** will mark the start of NAAC's highlight event of the year — **Deepawali Showcase**. Preparations for this prestigious event are now in the final stages and it will truly be a show to remember.

This year **NAAC will be celebrating 25 legendary years** and therefore it was decided to give all our members a Diwali celebration that will simply be the best so far. We will be having a different format and title for the Diwali Gala and after discussions with the Diwali committee it was decided to call our annual Diwali event — "Deepawali Showcase"

a variety show, celebrating 25 beautiful years.

We will bring you the very best in Asian entertainment with live music by **Bobby Kang** and **Anand B** as well as vibrant, colourful folk, traditional and popular dances from the troupes of **Smita Vadnerkar, Henna Kothari, RnR Productions, Napur Arts, DPD Giddha** and other local artists.

**Bobby Kang** has been described as "a new sensation that Bhangra has never experienced before is set to hit the music industry, by having the most unique and recognisable voice of his generation". With the image and flair of vocals, Bobby Kang is believed as the future of Bhangra. Taught by the legendary music director Baldev Singh Mastana Ji, Bobby was keen on joining a live band; which is when he was introduced to the renowned "King Of Bhangra" Malkit Singh MBE, and joined his band as a backing vocalist in 2006. With his debut single "Sang Lagdi" Bobby looks set to redefine the UK Punjabi music rulebook.



**Anand B** an 18 year old singer/musician from Birmingham is currently in Bobby Kang's Live Band. His interest in music began from a very young age, being influenced by the likes of Gurdas Mann, Malkit Singh and DCS. At the age of 16, Anand took up the opportunity to learn from the great Ustad Ajit Singh Matlashi Ji from Birmingham, and is currently learning classical music. He has performed on stage with Bobby Kang and Foji and is currently working with Jeeti Productions. Anand B is said to become the new Bhangra icon with talent that will soon shine through...



Tickets £8 (Non Members) and £5 (NAAC Members & Concessions)

Hope to see you all there celebrating the most amazing Diwali with NAAC...

**A festival of hope! A victory of good over evil!**

**May this Diwali bring in lots of peace, prosperity & happiness into your lives...**



# DANCES OF ASIA

**Friday 14th October 2011** – A fund raising evening of entertainment at the Albert Hall, North Circus Street, Off Derby Road, NG1 5AA, Nottingham. First of its kind in Nottingham showing the diversity of the Indian sub-continent through dances from different regions depicting the cultures that make up the Nottingham Asian community – Punjabis, Gujaratis, Hindustanis, Pakistanis, Kashmiris, Marathis, Sindhis, Pathans, Kannadas, Teluganas, Malayalees, Tamils, Sinhalese, Assamese, Bengalis, to name but a few!!! A treat for the English community to know of their neighbours' roots.

After the interval you will be treated to Bollywood dancing – the highlight of the evening and will even be invited to join the dancers at the end of the concert...All in all an Evening to Remember...

**DARE** (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is a charity that teaches children how to say "No" to drugs. They are also taught by Police Officers about self esteem and how to resist being influenced by others into taking drugs, alcohol and smoking. I am sure that you would agree this is an important issue and more needs to be done to ensure Asian children do not succumb easily and fall into bad habits. We want to make our children better citizens and to lead a happy and drug free life.

**Tickets are now available @ £10 each**

Please contact Dr Raj Chandran on 07904111882 or email [raj.chandran@yahoo.com](mailto:raj.chandran@yahoo.com) for more information.

The organisers I would like to thank NAAC for all their help and support.

Please put this date in your diary, and support the event.



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# Diwali Party

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Bringing you the very best in Live Bollywood and Popular music

and MUSICMANIA ROADSHOW - One of the best DJ sounds in Bhangra, Hip-hop, Bollywood and Popular music to keep you dancing the night away

Saturday 29th October 2011

7.00pm Till Late

Sound by Suchak Sounds

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE ICCA, NAAC & MR B

	MEMBERS	NON MEMBERS
CHILD	£10.00	£10.00
ADULT	£15.00	£20.00

UNDER 5YRS FREE IF BOOKED IN ADVANCE.  
Evidence of membership will be checked at the door

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Please note that as every year we are hoping to host the Diwali and Eid Civic Receptions at the Council House in Nottingham. However nothing has been confirmed as of yet, due to the funding constraints.

We are therefore looking for sponsors for these events so if you or anyone you know who might be interested in doing so, please get in touch with us at the NAAC office.

In the meantime keep checking our website for any updates...the dates that we have booked at the Council House are:

Thursday 10th November 2011 – Diwali Civic Reception

Thursday 17th November – Eid Civic Reception

NAAC in partnership with the ICCA is also planning their annual  
New Years Eve Dinner & Dance at The Atrium (ICCA)  
on Saturday 31st December 2011...We will keep you posted so watch this space...





**Nottingham Black History Month: October 2011**

Celebrated in Britain every October for nearly quarter of a century, Black History Month is an opportunity for people and groups all over the country to promote knowledge of Black history and experience, share positive Black contributions to British society and enhance Black people's awareness of their cultural heritage.



Each year Nottingham hosts a wide variety of events put on by cultural organisations and community groups, local broadcasters and community centres, clubs, museums and arts venues. Everything from African music to club nights, exhibitions and plays, concerts, dance, Gospel choirs and community events can be found in the city. For more information please call 0115 876 3352.

**Robin Hood Pageant**

Come along to Nottingham Castle on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 October, 10.30am - 5pm and experience the life and times of our famous outlaw, Robin Hood! Celebrate Robin Hood at the ancestral home of his arch enemy - the Sheriff of Nottingham! Every autumn, during the October half term weekend, Nottingham Castle plays host to the two-day Robin Hood Pageant, re-creating an atmosphere of a time long past. The grounds of Nottingham Castle will be transformed into a medieval village encampment complete with a range of colourful characters allowing you travel back in time to the 12th Century. Children will love interacting with the costume characters and trying their hands at medieval crafts, see traditional skills such as falconry at practise, wood carving, table weaving and fletching, have a go at archery and much more! Tickets can be purchased at the Royal Centre Box Office (0115 989 5555), the Nottingham Tourism Centre (08444 775678) or on the gate.



Ticket prices: Adults £8 ; Children & Concessions £6 ; Family £20 (2 adults & up to 3 children) ; Under 4s go FREE.

**Bonfire Night 2011**

James Mellors Amusements, in conjunction with Nottingham City Council, present the City's annual FREE Bonfire Night celebrations on the Forest Recreation Ground, on Saturday 5 November 2011. This family friendly event, which marks the anniversary of Guy Fawkes's foiled gunpowder plot, include fairground rides, a children's small firework display, bonfire, and a grand firework display.



Event Highlights: 5.30 pm - 10.30 pm - Funfair  
7.15 pm - Children's small firework display  
7.45 pm - Bonfire lit  
9.00 pm - Main fireworks display

**Anish Kapoor – Flashback**

19 November -11 March from The Arts Council Collection, Nottingham Castle

Don't miss this major exhibition of work by one of the leading artists working in Britain today. Internationally-renowned Anish Kapoor uses dramatic colour, organic shapes and abstract forms, often with optical effects, to create sensual and beguiling sculptures. Since the 1970s, Kapoor has shown his work in exhibitions and public spaces all over the world and produced major pieces of public sculpture, including Nottingham's 'Sky Mirror' (2001) and 'Cloud Gate' (2004) in Chicago. He was awarded the Turner prize in 1991 and made a CBE in 2003. 'Flashback' presents early works from the Arts Council Collection alongside more recent work.



The exhibition has been selected by Anish Kapoor to complement the elegant architecture of Nottingham Castle's Long Gallery.

**Christmas Wonderland**

Old Market Square, From 23 November

On 23 November the festive lights will be switched on throughout the streets of Nottingham, marking the opening of the magical Winter Wonderland. The city will come alive with a wonderful selection of festive delights, including a grand Christmas tree, children's rides, food and drink and the popular Craft and Gift Market selling unique hand-made gifts. This year an exciting new centre piece to the Winter Wonderland will be unveiled! Watch this space...



## Getting married this autumn?

Were you introduced to your partner in a traditional way?

The BAFTA award-winning team at The Garden Productions is making a new documentary series for Channel 4 about love and relationships.

We would like to talk to couples who are planning to get married and whose families have been involved in their choice of partner.

Please email [anna.dangoor@thegardenproductions.tv](mailto:anna.dangoor@thegardenproductions.tv) or call Anna on 020 3465 9060 to find out more.

Calling does not oblige you to take part in filming.



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£50.00 *Individuals*

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£25.00 *Over 60's*

#### Organisation Membership

Membership Fee for 2 Years:

£10.00

#### Corporate Membership:

£1000.00

*Please renew your membership as soon as possible.*

### Finally....

Don't forget our new address is:

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