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# May 2010 Newsletter

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Welcome to May. Have you heard "Patience is a virtue...all things come to those who wait?" I'm sure you have! So then what are we all patiently waiting for – is it the sunshine and music???? It is now officially summer time but we cannot guarantee any sunshine, but we can promise you a fantastic line up of forthcoming music events!!! And the NOTTINGHAM MELA – which will be held over two days this year!

We trust that you had the opportunity to attend some recent events, and want to thank you for supporting the NAAC and your positive feedback and constructive comments. Thank-you, the best is yet to come:

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2010. India 60 – Sham-e-Ghazal with Radhika Chopra Concert, Djanogly City Academy Theatre, 7.30 for 8.00pm.**

A concert presented in association with Nehru centre and the Indian consulate. Radhika Chopra is a very famous singer who enchants her audiences extraordinarily. Effortlessness, spontaneity and natural ease are the hallmarks of Radhika's performance. Accompanied by **Pandit Vishwa Prakash** on the harmonium and **Hanif Khan** on tabla. Further details on enclosed leaflet.

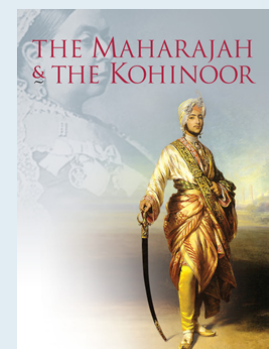


**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2010. Swar Vishvan a concert by Sandeep Raval, Lakeside Arts Centre plus drumming workshops from 5.30pm.** During this nationwide tour, you will experience a cooperative event led by Sandeep Raval which will include a Drum Circle workshop\* and live stage performance featuring tracks from his [latest CD Album Mosaic](#)

[In Motion](#). To view video link from recent performance including interviews from the audience <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8QGP0k2WYQ>. Further details on enclosed leaflet.

**Friday 28th May 2010 Dhamaka Fundraising Event, Sewa Buildings, 6pm to 11pm.** An evening of music and songs performed live by Orchestra Music Time – all profits donated to charitable causes.- See enclosed leaflet.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May 2010 Maharaja and the Kohinoor, The New Art Exchange, 2pm Admission: £7.50 (£5 concessions).** Nottingham Asian Arts Council in partnership with NAE present The Maharajah & The Kohinoor (1838-1893) and charts the story of Maharajah Duleep Singh an iconic figure whose life is critical in understanding the relationship between Sikhs and the British. This story dramatically journeys through the life of Duleep Singh, and how at the tender age of six he became the Maharajah of Lahore following the death of his father, Maharajah Ranjit Singh. After being deposed and sent to England, Duleep Singh soon became a court favourite of Queen Victoria...

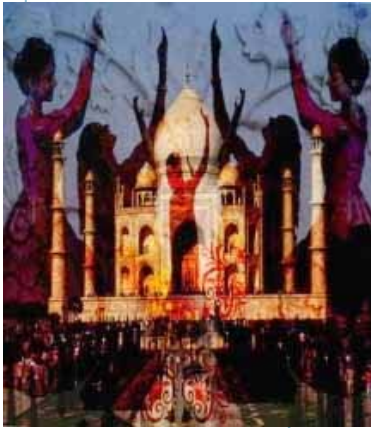


## Forthcoming Events — Not to be missed...

**Dhamaka 28th May 2010**

**Taj Mahal 11th June 2010**

**Nottingham Mela Weekend 17th and 18th July @ The NAE and The Arboretum**



**Nottingham Mela  
Weekend, 17th July  
@ The NAE and  
18th July 2010  
@ The  
Arboretum Park  
(see back page for details)**

**The biggest names in  
Brit-Asian  
entertainment  
get ready to rock  
Nottingham!  
This year's  
Nottingham Mela  
Weekend is bursting  
with entertainment -  
it's gonna be fun,  
funky and best of  
all...it's free.**



Stall bookings are  
now being taken...if  
interested please call  
0115-9158613 /  
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email

## Events Diary...

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2010 Taj Mahal – A Love Story, Djanogly City Academy Theatre, Sherwood 7.30pm . Presented by NAAC and Manushi. Tickets £10.00, £8.00 concessions and £20.00 for family of 4.** The hidden stories of the greatest love affair of all time are brought to life with a modern twist through a Kathak dance drama by UK based Manushi Dance Company. Kathak is an Indian Classical dance characterised by story telling, ankle bells, 'chakkars' (pirouettes) and the vitality of the footwork which weaves percussive rhythms. The Taj Mahal is an inspiring place that takes us back to the Mogul period during the 16th century. A white marble tomb built in 1631-48 in Agra, seat of the Mughal Empire as a tribute to a beautiful woman and as a monument for enduring love, by Shah Jehan for his wife Mumtaz Mahal. The Mogul period is best known for its Hindustani and Persian music influence in North India and Kathak dances were a great favourite among the kings. This production explores the timeless relationship between Shah Jehan and his wife Mumtaz Mahal, from the moment they met to the present day. Leaflet enclosed.



### Inner Engineering

*the peak of wellbeing*

### Explore...

**Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev** is a yogi and mystic with profound mastery of the ancient science of yoga. He is one of the few yogis capable of transmitting the subtlest aspects of yoga, enabling every person to become meditative.

A thought-provoking speaker, Sadhguru's wit, wisdom and piercing logic examine and reveal the essential nature of life. He frequently addresses the world's foremost leaders on pressing issues impacting human wellbeing. Sadhguru was an invited speaker at the *World Economic Forum* in 2006, '07, '08 & '09



*"Meditation is the only freedom from all the stress that man is going through because this dimension of life is not of the mind. All stress and struggle is of the mind."*  
- Sadhguru

### Experience...

Isha Yoga programmes are designed by Sadhguru as a 'live' process; a rare opportunity for self-discovery. They are offered by highly trained teachers. These programmes offer interactive discussions, meditations, and a balanced set of simple but powerful yoga practices.

*The Inner Engineering programme includes Shambhavi Maha Mudra, an ancient kriya (an internal process) never before offered publicly.*

### Expand...

Together the programme and practices establish health and vitality, enhance mental calm and clarity, and instill a deep sense of joy. This foundation of total wellbeing accelerates personal growth, allowing you to tap the wealth of vibrant wealth within you.

*"Since I attended the programme I can do even better at work, without it causing me even the slightest bit of worry or stress. I am truly able to understand and experience effortless living!"*  
- Vinaya Parvate  
Senior Vice President, Citi



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Free Introductory Talks (open to all)  
**Dates:** Friday May 14 - 6:30 to 8:30pm  
 Tuesday 1 June - 9:30am to 11am & 6:30pm to 8pm  
**Venue:** Djanogly City Academy, Nottingham Road  
 Nottingham NG7 7AR - UK

**Inner Engineering Programme**  
**Date:** 1 - 7 June 2010 (Attendance on all 7 days is mandatory)  
**Venue:** As Above  
**Timing:**  
 Weekdays  
 Morning 9:30am to 12:30pm | Evening 6:30pm to 9:30pm  
 (You need to register for only one session)  
 Saturday: 8am to 6pm | Sunday: 5pm to 8pm

**Contact**  
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 Online registration on www.ishafoundation.org

In collaboration with 

### **Splendour Festival, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July, Wollaton Park**

Nottingham's exciting annual summer festival season brings you Splendour – a weekend of outdoor music at its best for fans and festival goers in the beautiful grounds of Wollaton Park. This year's festival is being headlined by the **Pet Shop Boys**. Watch out for **Talvin Singh** amongst others.

### **Nottingham Riviera, 24 July — 5 September, Old Market Square**

The Old Market Square becomes a seaside complete with sand, giant paddling pool and fairground rides - this is the perfect way to keep children (and adults!) entertained during the summer.

### **Riverside Festival, 6<sup>th</sup>– 8<sup>th</sup> August, Victoria Embankment**

Nottingham's largest outdoor festival returns to the beautiful Trent riverside with live music, street theatre, global crafts & food stalls, arts zone and street fair plus Saturday night's spectacular fireworks. **Jassi Sidhu** will be singing live on stage for you amongst others. On Sunday join in the fun of the Dragon Boat Challenge in aid of Charity.

**Navratri Festival of Dance from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October to Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2010.** Please note these dates in your diary and we will keep you updated with more details.

**Diwali Gala – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at The Royal Concert Hall.** Following the success of last years' Gala performance on Saturday, it has been decided to have the Gala again on Saturday at the Royal Concert Hall. More details to follow.

## **Opportunity...**

Do you know of any outstanding young musicians who need financial help to fund their lessons or with purchasing an instrument? Yes?

The Musicians Benevolent Fund has over £100,000 available for the up to 18 year olds this year who display outstanding talent and have financial need. The application process is simple and can be found on their website along with further details of the funding criteria:

<http://www.mbf.org.uk/awards> . The deadline for applications is Friday 11 June 2010.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Awards Department, on 020 7239 9119.

## **REFLECTIONS ON RECENT PAST EVENTS**

**Mehfil Nites at The ICCA** — What a success...we had a fantastic turnout. We received numerous e-mails and phonecalls from people telling us how successful they thought the mehfil were.

It was also very welcoming to hear that those of you who attended "**Ghazal Ka Safar**" said that it was absolutely brilliant. Conceived as a show which revisited the evolution of this form of poetry and recalled some popular master pieces through live rendition on stage. It was a nostalgic trip for those who have savoured the poetry of the subcontinent through various recorded versions and recognised the contribution of Ghazals from Hindi films.

The **Vaisakhi Dinner & Dance** at the ICCA was a great success and "sold out". Everyone enjoyed the traditional Punjabi food (you can't beat saag, maki dhi roti and karhi!!!) and danced to the tunes of Apna Sangeet. The next joint event is likely to be at Diwali, and we are already getting enquiries about it!



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# NAAC Committee Members

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (OFFICERS)

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The costs of advertising are:

Full Page:	£500.00
Half Page:	£250.00
Quarter Page:	£125.00

## Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2010 Nottingham's Mela Weekend

Join us for this years Mela celebrations as we bring you a weekend packed full of the best in South Asian arts, entertainment, international cuisine and lots to do for the whole family. On Saturday we have a special World Diaspora music event at New Art Exchange, and on Sunday our Mela 'Picnic in the Park' with BBC Asian Network at the Arboretum.

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July @ New Art Exchange

New Art Exchange, 39-41 Gregory Boulevard,  
Nottingham NG7 6BE  
World Diaspora Music - Live  
Children and Families Workshops  
Film Screening of Sholay  
International Cuisine

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2010 @ Arboretum Park

The Arboretum, Waverley Street, Nottingham NG7 4HF  
Picnic in the Park  
Special Guests  
Children and Families Activities  
Asian food stalls

\*\*\*Full line-up to be revealed shortly – Watch this space!!!

Supported by: Nottingham City Council, Arts Council England, Nottingham Asian Arts Council, New Art Exchange, Greater Nottingham Partnership, Lebara Mobile and BBC Asian Network

## NAAC Membership

### Individual Membership

Membership Fee for 2 Years: £5.00  
Life Membership: £50.00 Individuals  
£80.00 Couples £25.00 Over 60's

### Organisation Membership

Membership Fee for 2 Years: £10.00  
Corporate Membership: £1000.00

Please renew your membership if it has expired with the correct remittance as soon as possible.

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...till next time...  
...Enjoy...