

# What's On

September 2014 - March 2015



**kalasangam**

**Bringing people together  
through South Asian and  
collaborative arts**

***There are only two ways to live your life - One is as though nothing is a miracle - The other is as though everything is a miracle!*** A. Einstein

Dear Friends

We are delighted to present an extended programme of varied and interesting events from September 2014 – March 2015.

We begin the season with a double bill of visual arts exhibition and music to celebrate Eid and the birth centenary of the great singer Begum Akthar.

***Love Actually...***the intricate calligraphy exhibition of the internationally reputed **Lord Richard -Fouad MacLeod** as well as that of local artists **Zareena Bano** and **Humaira Minhas** will open the season.

This exhibition will be complimented by the captivating melodies of ***Geeth and Ghazals*** rendered by the Yorkshire based artist, **Dr Naheed Qadeer**.

***'INDIKA' The Show***, a collaboration with **Siri Productions** will take one through the magical journey from Harappa to the modern day through the grandeur of music, dance, back drops and the excellent artistic troupe from India with musical input and direction by Kala Sangam. This is the first time that such a mammoth production is being presented in Yorkshire and will run for more than a week at CAST, Doncaster. This promises to be a once in a life time show not to be missed!

**Sonia Sabri**, a leading Birmingham based Kathak dancer returns to Kala Sangam to present ***'Salaam'*** with her company while ***'The Dance of the Divine'*** a spoken word – dance – music performance is a highlight event for the York Illuminate Festival at The National Centre for Early Music, York.

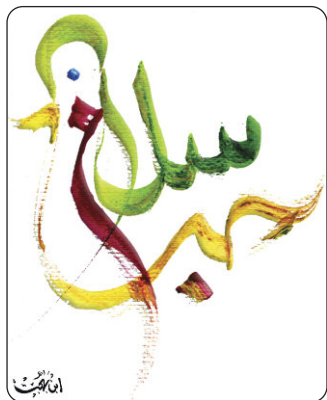
Navarathri or the nine nights reflecting knowledge, goodness and power will celebrate the compositions of the great composers as ***'Nav Utsav'*** on the Vichitraveena by **Vijay Venkat**, our Artistic Associate.

We join the Bradford Cathedral to present ***'The Journeying with the Christmas Story'*** based on the Bath Abbey Dptych of **Sue Symmons** which we interpret through spoken word, dance and music.

**Srishtis Dance Company's** creation ***'Jham'*** ushers in the spring along with the silk paintings of **Jane Carlisle Bellerby** and the Varli paintings of **Ramya Tangirila**.

We look forward to welcoming you all !

**Kala Sangam Team**



## Double Bill of Exhibition and Music

### Love Actually...

Calligraphy Exhibition  
**Lord Richard-Fouad MacLeod**  
**Zareena Bano and Humaira Minhas**

Saturday 6th September at 7pm  
 Spaces: Dove, Sarayu and Kaveri

The Kala Sangam Arts Centre,  
 Bradford, BD1 4TY

### Free Entry

**Lord Richard-Fouad MacLeod** is an international Arabic Calligraphy artist whose family history can be traced back to Lebanon and Turkey. He is a modest man, who much prefers the simple address of Richard over his formal title. As a child, he studied Arabic Calligraphy in Saudi Arabia under the auspices of his father, who being an accomplished artist and calligrapher fervently encouraged his son's growing interests. Richard is currently studying for his Masters in Arabic Calligraphy, relating specifically to its design and to its influence on cultural Islamic-British identity, a deeply intriguing and thoroughly relevant topic which draws profound parallels across the many varied fields of artistic endeavor and reveals, with breathtaking clarity, the broad and powerful influences which the world of artistic expression exercises over everyday life.

The Calligraphic works of the Bradford based artists **Humaira Minhas**, **Zareena Bano** will also be featured during this season.



### Geeth and Ghazals

**Naheed Qadeer**

Saturday 6th September 2014 at 8pm.

Ganges Hall,  
 Kala Sangam Arts Centre,  
 Bradford, BD1 4TY

### Tickets:

**£5 Standard and £3 Concessions**

For tickets please visit [www.kalasangam.org](http://www.kalasangam.org)

This year is observed as the centenary year of the great singer **Begum Akhtar** and we are honoured to dedicate this event in her memory.

**Dr Naheed's** singing is based on the Asian classical music for which she has received formal training by a number of renowned Ustads. Despite being a busy Paediatrician she shares a passion for semi classical singing including *Geeth and Ghazals* for which she has won national awards as well as recorded music programmes on Asian Radio and Television.

We promise you an enjoyable evening with the delightful flavours of Asian music where Naheed will be accompanied on the keyboard by **Ismail Khan** and on the tabla by **Rizwan Khan**.



### INDIKA - The Show!

Friday 26th September 2014 –  
 Sunday 5th October 2014

CAST, Doncaster, DN1 3BU

Box Office : 01302 303959

[www.castindoncaster.com](http://www.castindoncaster.com)

[www.indikatheshow.com](http://www.indikatheshow.com)

Featuring vibrant choreography to a hauntingly beautiful score, this joyous production brings together on stage, a whirlwind of colours and an abundance of energy. An international cast includes 24 talented young dancers from India including finalists from India's *Dancing Superstar (IDS)* and *India's Got Talent (IGT)*, a West End based creative team and a UK based live band will create magic on the stage.

Kala Sangam is delighted to provide the music input through our Artistic Associate - Vijay Venkat while Dr Geetha Upadhyaya, the Artistic Director has been invited to direct this unique show which will be performed in English.

*Indika* promises a feast for your senses and an utterly enjoyable unforgettable evening for the family - don't miss *Indika!*



## Salaam

**Sonia Sabri Company**

Saturday 18th October 2014 at 7pm

Ganges Hall,  
Kala Sangam Arts Centre,  
Bradford, BD1 4TY

### Tickets:

**£7.50 Standard and £5 Concessions**

For tickets please visit [www.kalasangam.org](http://www.kalasangam.org)

'*Salaam*' literally means peace and celebrates the auspicious festival of Eid.

**Sonia Sabri Company** beautifully crafts an intricate dialogue of Kathak dance and live music inspired by the works of 13th Century Sufi Saint and musicologist **Hazarat Amir Khusrao**.

Kathak is an exhilarating dance experience: an astounding display of precise footwork, eloquent gesture, rapid turns and intricate, heart-pounding rhythms. Internationally acclaimed for her electric stage presence and distinctive personal style, Sonia revisits the classical roots of Kathak in a high-impact performance which embraces a rich, joyful spirit and builds to a heart-pounding rhythmic crescendo.

This stunning production features evocative live music from an ensemble of musicians including sarangi, vocal, and tabla from the world renowned maestro **Sarvar Sabri**.



## The Dance Divine

Thursday 30th October 2014 at 7.30pm

National Centre for Early Music  
St Margaret's Church  
Walmgate, York, YO1 9TL

### Tickets: £13.00

**(concessions £11.00; students £5.00)**

Box Office: 01904 658338 or book online at  
[www.ncem.co.uk](http://www.ncem.co.uk)

*The Dance Divine* is an evening of varied fascinating movements, poignant words of wisdom and wit, eloquent hand gestures and soulful music to describe the divine presence of 'sunlight' in the life of a common man, capturing the importance of the Sun as a female energy and her deification as a divine cosmic being.

Kala Sangam is delighted to present **Shrikant Subramaniam** as the story teller/dancer joined by dancer **Nrithya Rammohan** and the multi-talented musician **Vijay Venkat** in this special production for the NCEM to celebrate the York Illuminate Festival and the Indian festival of lights '*Diwali*'.



## Kala Utsav 2014

Saturday 8th November 2014 at 6pm

Hockney Theatre,  
Bradford Grammar School,  
Keighley Road,  
Bradford, BD9 4JP

### Tickets: £7.50 standard £5 Concessions

For tickets please visit [www.kalasangam.org](http://www.kalasangam.org)

Kala Sangam's Academy is reputed for its high quality teaching learning programme which is delivered in its Bradford based centre and at the outreach classes in partnership with other art and community organisations. We celebrate the achievements in this showcase, of the learners and those of other companies in an evening filled with colourful dance and music.

## Kala Sangam Academy

Kala Sangam Arts Centre,  
Bradford, BD1 4TY

Kala Sangam's Academy continues to thrive and the dance /music classes are held in Bradford, Wakefield, Hebden Bridge, Scunthorpe, Mansfield, Ashton-under-Lyne and Sheffield. To enrol and further details, please contact [academy@kalasangam.org](mailto:academy@kalasangam.org) or 01274 303340





## Journeying with the Christmas Story

Friday 21st November 2014 at 7.30pm

The Bradford Cathedral, 1 Stott Hill, Bradford, BD1 4EH

For tickets please call Tel: 01274 777720 or email [info@bradfordcathedral.org](mailto:info@bradfordcathedral.org)

**Sue Symmons'** masterpiece '*One Man's Journey to Heaven*', also known as the Bath Abbey Diptychs, is an awe-inspiring work of art and craft depicting the life of Christ in pairs of sumptuously decorated panels; a combination of needlework, hand-drawn lettering, illumination and calligraphy. The Cathedral exhibits the Advent and Christmas series of the Diptychs.

In an evening of music, dance and story-telling based on *One Man's Journey to Heaven*, Kala Sangam joins forces with local story teller **Fred Stone** to present a multi-media, multi-ethnic and multi-art interpretation of the Bath Abbey Diptychs on display at the Cathedral.



## Nav Utsav

**Vijay Venkat**

Saturday 29th November 2014 at 7pm

Ganges Hall, Kala Sangam Arts Centre, Bradford, BD1 4TY

**Tickets: £7.50 standard £5 Concessions**

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*Navaratri* or the 'nine nights' when one seeks knowledge, wealth and power leading to the victorious "*Dussehra*" is celebrated with great zeal all over India.

Vijay, a multi-instrumentalist and a composer proficient in several musical genres, specialising in south Indian classical (Carnatic) music with good command of north Indian classical, western Art and Jazz styles.

Vijay presents the compositions of nine composers to celebrate the festival of the nine nights and the festival of lights Diwali and is accompanied by **Pirashanna Thevarajah** on the Mridangam.



## Double Bill of Exhibitions

### Colours of Spring

Saturday 24th January 2015 at 7pm

Spaces: Dove, Sarayu and Kaveri

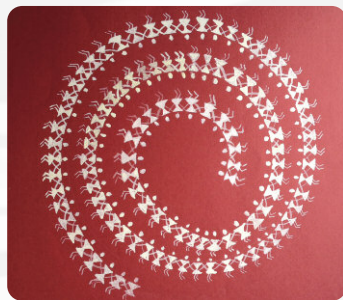
Kala Sangam Arts Centre, Bradford, BD1 4TY

**Free Entry**

### Silk Painting - Jane Carlisle Bellerby

**Jane Carlisle Bellerby** specialises in hand painted silk collages mainly depicting stylised landscapes. Her painting is influenced by artists of various genres, nature and the Yorkshire Dales.

### Varli Painting - Ramya Tangirala



**Ramya Tangirala** is a Leeds based artist who specialises in oil and watercolour and has worked as an Art teacher in schools. Ramya presents her works of Varli paintings which is a tradition of the Varli tribe from east India dating back to the 10th century.



## hibition and Music

### Songs of Spring

**Rakesh Joshi**

Saturday 24th January 2015 at 8pm

Ganges Hall,  
Kala Sangam Arts Centre,  
Bradford, BD1 4TY

**Tickets: £7.50 Standard £5 Concessions**

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Rakesh trained with reputed teachers and presently teaches Hindustani Vocal, Harmonium and Keyboard for the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Manchester.

Rakesh specialises in rendering a variety of songs and is a much sought after performer in Europe and Asia. Being a composer, Rakesh is also the Artistic Director of Raga Jyothi and leads Shakti Vrund UK, the music group which performs the traditional music of Gujarat.



### Kala Samarpan (Arts Offering)

Saturday 14th February 2015 10am to 6pm.

Ganges Hall,  
Kala Sangam Arts Centre,  
Bradford, BD1 4TY

**Tickets: £7.50 Standard £5 Concessions**

For tickets please visit [www.kalasangam.org](http://www.kalasangam.org)

Performance of dance, music and spoken words will be presented throughout the day to celebrate Maha Shivrathri and seek the blessings of Lord Shiva the Lord of Arts.

This event was presented as Kala Jagran - an all night event, but to accommodate everyone's needs we are presenting this as a whole day event so we look forward to welcoming everyone again !



### JHAM!

by Srishti Dance Company

Saturday 28th February 2015 at 7pm

Ganges Hall,  
Kala Sangam Arts Centre,  
Bradford, BD1 4TY

**Tickets: £7.50 Standard £5 Concessions**

For tickets please visit [www.kalasangam.org](http://www.kalasangam.org)

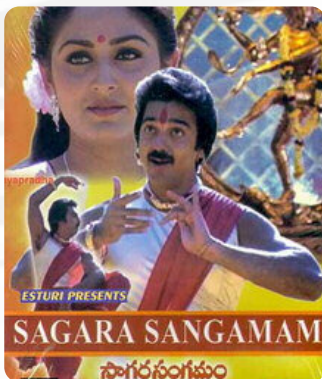
The title *JHAM!* is one of the rhythmic vocally percussive South Indian *solkattu* or syllabic recitation used in dance recitation, and also alludes to the idea of a musical jam - a feeling of improvisation and collaboration, the musicians and dancers working off one another to produce something new and exciting. This upbeat, playful and energetic work highlights the rhythmic play between the ancient and the modern.

Artistic Direction and Choreography:

**Nina Rajarani MBE**

Music Composition and Direction:

**Y Yadavan**



### Sagara Sangamam

(Telugu Film with English subtitles)

Saturday 21st March at 6.30pm

Ganges Hall, Kala Sangam Arts Centre,  
Bradford, BD1 4TY

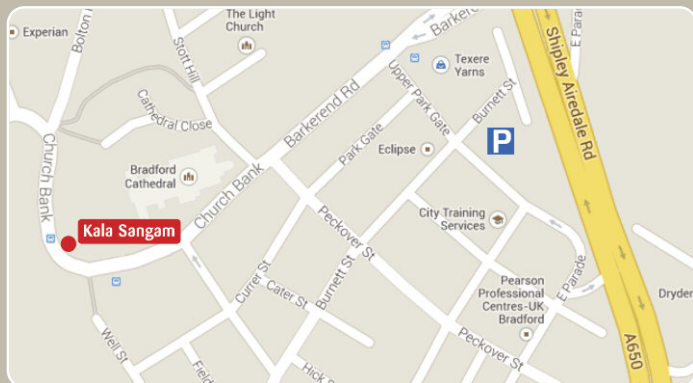
**Tickets: £5 Standard £3 Concessions**

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*Sagara Sangamam*, a 1983 Telugu film directed by **K. Viswanath** starring **Kamal Haasan**, Jayapradha is listed among CNN-IBN's list of hundred landmark Indian films of all time and a treat especially for lovers of dance and music.

## Calendar of Cultural Events • September 2014 to March 2015

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
Saturday 6th September 7pm	Love Actually... Calligraphy Exhibition	Kala Sangam Arts Centre
Saturday 6th September 8pm	Geeth and Ghazais Concert	Kala Sangam Arts Centre
Saturday 6th September to Sunday 5th October	INDIKA - THE SHOW!	CAST Doncaster DN1 3BU
Saturday 18th October 7pm	Salaam Dance and Music Performance	Kala Sangam Arts Centre
Saturday 30th October 7.30pm	Dance of the Divine Music, Words and Dance	National Centre for Early Music, York YO1 9TL
Saturday 8th November 6pm	Kala Utsav 2014 Dance and Music Performance	Hockney Theatre Bradford Grammar School BD9 4JP
Friday 21st November 7.30pm	Journeying with the Christmas Story Dance, Music and Story-telling	Bradford Cathedral Bradford BD1 4EH
Saturday 29th November 7pm	Nav Utsav Music Performance	Kala Sangam Arts Centre
Saturday 24th January 7pm	Colours of Spring Art Exhibition	Kala Sangam Arts Centre
Saturday 24th January 8pm	Songs of Spring by Rakesh Joshi Music Performance	Kala Sangam Arts Centre
Saturday 14th February 10am-6pm	Kala Samarpan (Arts Offering) Dance, Music and the Spoken Word	Kala Sangam Arts Centre
Saturday 28th February 7pm	JHAM! Dance and Music Performance	Kala Sangam Arts Centre
Saturday 21st March 6.30pm	Sagara Sangamam Telugu Film with English subtitles	Kala Sangam Arts Centre



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