

What's On

April 2015 - August 2015



kalasangam

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

Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep. Scott Adams

Dear Friends

We wish you all a year of creativity and contentment.

We present a varied programme of interesting events from April 2015 till August 2015 beginning with a double bill of visual arts exhibition and music. Darshan Singh will present his exhibition of visual arts (photography), followed by his documentary celebrating **'Holamahalla'** the forgotten festival.

The exhibition will be complimented by a Sitar and Tabla concert by the Yorkshire's musicians **Jasdeep Singh Degun** and **John Ball** respectively.

'Scenes from the Big Screen' is a production by Yorkshire School of Acting and **'Hemalkasa'** is a very interesting and thought provoking film about the life of **Baba Amte** who dedicated his life for the downtrodden.

Kalachethena Kathakali company returns with their yet another captivating production **'Hima Sundari'** celebrating an Indian version of the life of Snow White. This is a matinee show.

'Flights of Fantasy' is yet another innovative home production by Kala Sangam artists, inspired by Richard Bach's book Jonathan Livingston Seagull, told through the story of Kanthan who breathes and lives dance.

'Jazz in the City' at the Bradford festival celebrates a variety of world rhythms as we bring together six exciting and exuberant world percussionists from the UK.

Double bill performances of **'Raga Abhinaya'** (Bharatanatyam) and **'Carnatic Vocal Concert'** (South Indian Classical Music) by the wife and husband duo of **Eva Isolde Balzer** and **Manickam Yogeswaran** is stated to be as entertaining as it is fulfilling with improvised dancing and singing.

Through yet another exhibition we endeavor to present some of the upcoming artists. **'Upcoming Talents'**, features the work of **Matthew Schofield** and **Geoff Latz**.

'GCF Summer School' is a contemporary performing arts camp conducted by **Geraldine Connor Foundation** which is offered free of cost to youth between 16-25 years and is aimed at developing multiple genres of creative skills of the participants.

We look forward to welcoming you all!

Kala Sangam Team



Academy

Kala Sangam Academy provides term time weekly classes in dance, music and language of South Asia at our centre and also supports the outreach classes. All the classes are based on graded syllabus, examinations and performances and cater to the need of all ages and abilities. These courses are delivered by highly qualified teachers who are experienced in teaching for various age ranges and abilities.

The learners are also able to achieve Arts Awards and Duke of Edinburgh awards. The senior students are also encouraged in teaching techniques, leadership qualities and offered work experiences. There are also opportunities for further education, research and career development opportunities in south Asian arts for students, artists and teachers

All classes are delivered during the term times and the details are given below :

South Indian (Carnatic) music – The music classes range from vocal, violin, flute, keyboard to veena.

South Indian (Bharatanatyam) dance – the dance classes range from fun classes to the higher levels with the senior learners working towards their debut and graduation.

South Indian language (Tamil) based on accredited syllabus and examinations of the Tamilnadu Virtual University.

Yoga – Ashtanga Yoga classes for adults are delivered by Angela Goodwin a fully qualified Yoga teacher.

The Academy at Bradford is open during term time on Saturdays 9.30am – 2pm.

For further information on all the classes, please contact shrikant@kalasangam.org

Kala Sangam's outreach classes:

1. **Wakefield** – In association with WIDAMA (Wakefield Indian Dance And Music Association). Bharatanatyam classes are conducted every Saturday from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.
2. **Mansfield** – In association with TICO (Trent Indian Cultural Organisation) Bharatanatyam classes are conducted on alternative Sundays from 11:00am to 2:00pm.
3. **Hebden Bridge** – Creative dance movements based on Indian myths, and legends are delivered every Wednesday - 4:00pm to 5:00pm.
4. **Sheffield** – Bharatanatyam classes are conducted every Friday – 6.30 to 7.30 pm.



Double Bill of Visual Arts/Film and Music

Hola Mahalla

A Photography Exhibition/Documentary at 7pm

Free Entry

Sitar and Tabla - Concert at 8 pm

Saturday 18th April 2015 - 7pm to 9.30pm

Dove, Sarayu and Kaveri and the Ganges Hall,
The Kala Sangam Arts Centre, Bradford, BD1 4TY

Tickets: £7.50 Standard and £5 Concessions

For tickets please visit www.kalasangam.org

Photography Exhibition/Documentary

Darshan Singh

Darshan Singh, a filmmaker / photographer travelled to Anandpur, India to capture the vibrant '*Hola Mahalla*', a festival showcasing the spiritual and warrior qualities of the Sikh faith.

Darshan's work offers an insight into a world rarely experienced. Using prints and original artwork Darshan gives a snapshot of

the skilled horsemen and swordsmen and their ancient warrior techniques in celebration of *Hola Mahalla* in all its glory.

Sitar and Tabla Concert

Jasdeep Singh Degun and John Ball

Jasdeep Singh Degun, an upcoming Leeds based Sitarist studied Indian Classical vocals and learnt Sitar from Ustad Dharambir Singh, MBE. Jasdeep's passion for music shines through his dedicated teaching and performance.

Jasdeep has participated in many important events such as a BBC Proms, Goldie's Band at Buckingham Palace, the United Nations opening of the Amphitheatre in Doha and worked with musicians of other genres such as Guy Chambers, Cerys Matthews.

Accompanying him on the tabla is **John Ball**, an experienced performer and teacher specialising in both tabla and santoor. John has trained in different renowned schools of music and is currently World Musician in Residence at University of Sheffield.

HOLA MAHALLA: THE FORGOTTEN FESTIVAL



Drama : Scenes from the Big Screens



Saturday 2nd May 2015 at 7pm

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

Tickets:

£7.50 Standard and £5 Concessions

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The Yorkshire School of Acting has become one of the most successful dramatic training institutions in the country. The enthusiastic young actors meet weekly to create interesting work at Kala Sangam Arts Centre under the baton of their director Matt Zina.

Join us for an evening of dramatic art, taking some of the most loved and well-known TV and Film scenes and performing them in their own enigmatic style.

Film : Hemalkasa

(Hindi film with English subtitles)

Director **Samruddhi Porey**,
India 2014, 117 mins (U)
Nana Patekar, Sonali Kulkarni,
Mohan Agashe.

Saturday 23rd May 2015 at 7pm
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Cinémathèque Bradford is an initiative by Bill Lawrence and Roy Stafford and part-funded by the Film Hub North in Sheffield, part of the BFI Film Audience Network. Cinémathèque Bradford was set up to maintain the provision of film screenings of specialised films, especially foreign language and smaller independent films in Bradford and to provide film education activities including introductions, notes, discussions and day schools/evening classes for the general public.

The closing night film of the 2014 London Indian Film Festival, *Hemalkasa*, an inspirational biopic follows the selfless journey of **Dr. Prakash Baba Amte** and his wife **Dr. Mandakini Amte**, a

couple who dedicated their lives for the development of tribal people of Maharashtra, India, in the toughest of conditions with little or no support from the establishment. The project, located at Hemalkasa, eventually led to the formation of a free hospital, a free residential school and an orphanage for injured wild animals. For their pioneering efforts, the Amtes were accorded the prestigious Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership. Nana Patekar and Sonali Kulkarni deliver the performance of their lives in this outstanding example of the best Indian independent cinema. Incredibly moving, the film will leave you with a tear in your eye, a fond smile on your lips and an immediate desire to improve the world that we live in.

Dance Drama : Hima Sundari

Kalachethena Kathakali Company

Sunday 7th June 2015 at 2pm (Matinee)

Ganges Hall,
The Kala Sangam Arts Centre,
Bradford,
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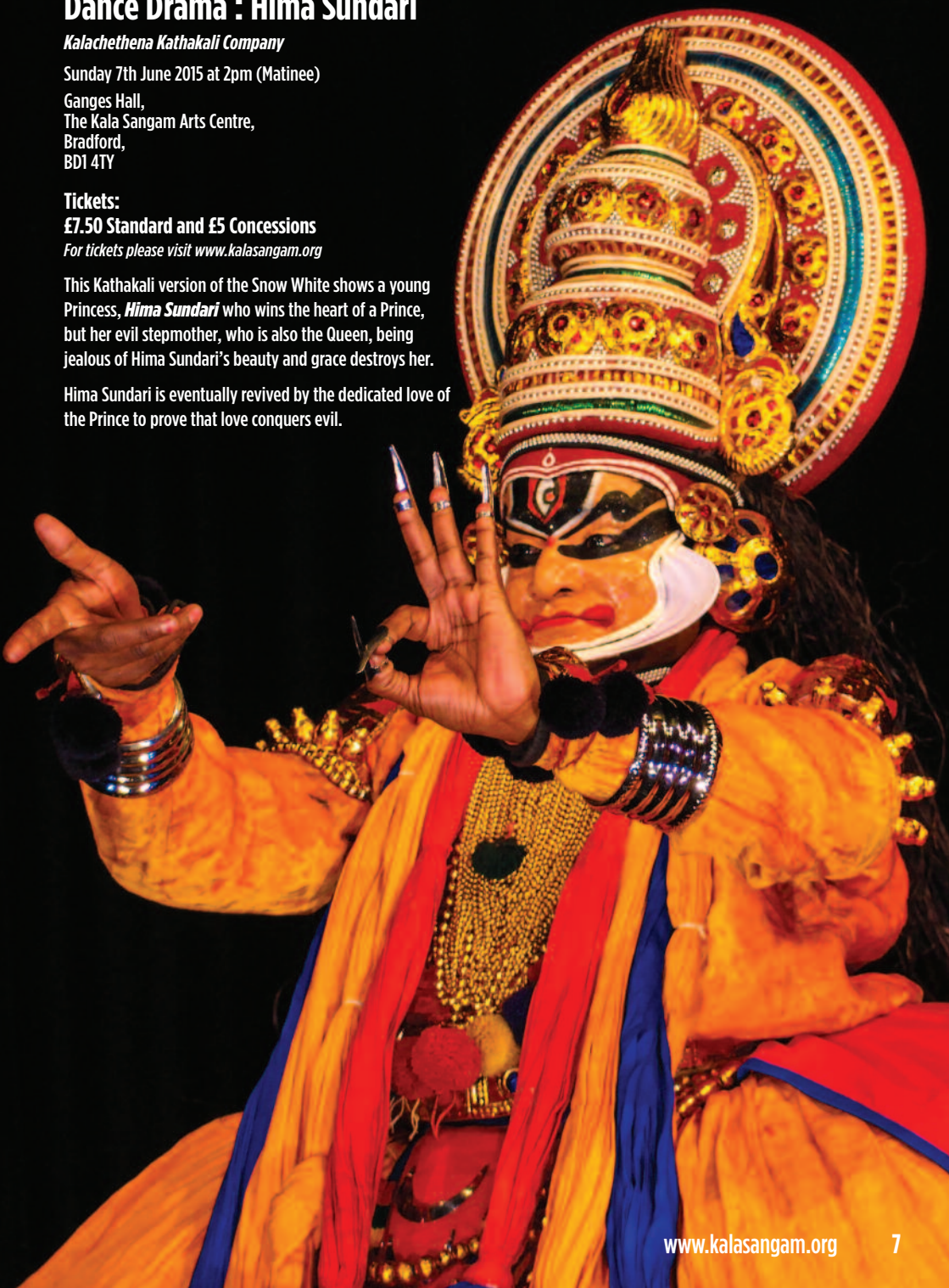
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This Kathakali version of the Snow White shows a young Princess, **Hima Sundari** who wins the heart of a Prince, but her evil stepmother, who is also the Queen, being jealous of Hima Sundari's beauty and grace destroys her.

Hima Sundari is eventually revived by the dedicated love of the Prince to prove that love conquers evil.



Music : Jazz in the City Rhythms Ensemble

Saturday 14th June 2015 3pm to 4pm
City Park, Bradford.

Free Entry

Kala Sangam is commissioned by Bradford Festival to present a rhythm ensemble of six prominent UK based percussionists of various musical backgrounds to treat you to an exciting range of world rhythms. Each artist with an international touring career, will jazz you with their vocal rhythms and dizzying percussion in City Park.

Spoken word, dance and music : Flights of Fantasy



Kala Sangam artists

Saturday 20th June 2015 at 7pm
Ganges Hall,
The Kala Sangam Arts Centre,
Bradford, BD1 4TY

Tickets: £9 Standard and £6 Concessions

For tickets please visit www.kalasangam.org

Inspired by Richard Bach's *Jonathan Livingston Seagull* to follow our dreams, we recreate this story through a spoken word, dance performance. For most south Asian men, dancing is simply for fun or a means of entertainment.

However, for Kanthan, dance is not just another dream but something, which he wishes to follow as it is his life itself.

Much against the conventions of a traditional south Asian family, this young man seeks to find a higher purpose through his dance form to become the best at what he loves doing most.

Double Bill of Dance and Music

Raga Abhinaya at 7 pm • Music Concert at 8.15 pm

Saturday 11th July 2015 - 7pm to 9.30pm
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Raga Abhinaya
Eva Isolde Balzer

Eva Isolde Balzer, an internationally working theatre performer, director and Bharatanatyam dancer trained in Dance Theatre in Chennai and Berlin. Her interests are in the challenges of post-colonial perspectives and her solo 'BalaPina2' created in that context was presented in the finals of Germany's best dance solo and she also collaborates with many such as Johanna Devi Dance Company.

Yoga and Eva will present three different melodic structures (Carnatic ragas) with a focus on their emotive qualities through dance and this will be followed by a story-telling (abhinaya) dance-theatre piece in each raga.

Carnatic Vocal: South Indian Classical Music Concert **Manickam Yogeswaran**

The origins of South Indian music are traced to prehistoric times and form a favorite subject for many.

Yogeswaran, a singer and multi instrumentalist in this genre of music has appeared in many festivals such as BBC Proms, Womad, Glastonbury, and performed with many renowned orchestras such as the London Philharmonic, BBC Symphony, Bergen National.

He has rendered the ancient *Thirukkural* by poet Thiruvalluvar in 133 ragas and promotes the process of peace and reconciliation in Sri Lanka through his CD and performance titled *Peace For Paradise* and also performs under the banner of *Manickam Yogeswaran and band*.



Visual Arts Exhibition



Upcoming Talents

Themed Exhibition Launch

Saturday 25th July 2015 - 6pm

Dove, Sarayu and Kaveri,
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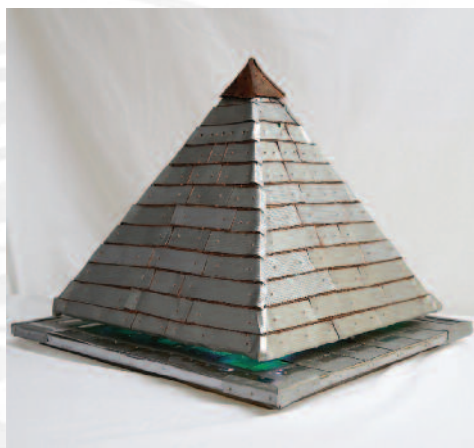
Free Entry

Gems of Little Germany

Mathew Schofield, an upcoming artist's natural thematic art is very interesting was encouraged by Kala Sangam to exhibit the reflections of the wonderful historic buildings of Little Germany through his creative sketches.

Geoff Latz, a Bradford based artist specialises in creating intricate artistic pieces, often reflective of historic artifacts.

His passion for history and the great minds of the past are evident in his works which have been exhibited in many galleries in UK.



With his unconventional methodology and the use of upscaled materials, Geoff manages to create some truly inspiring pieces from what would otherwise go to waste.

Kala Sangam is pleased to present Geoff's works to complement the **Gems of Little Germany**.

GCF Summer School 2015

10th - 24th August (Monday - Fridays 10am - 4pm)

Indus Hall,
The Kala Sangam Arts Centre,
Bradford,
BD1 4TY

Join our team of inspirational arts professionals for this 2-week contemporary performing arts summer school of GCF. Working with songwriting, voice, performance and dance, we'll help you develop your creative skills, aspirations and ambitions, leading up to a public performance of your work. If you are an aspiring performer or have hidden talent we are interested in hearing from you. The 2-week programme is open to anyone aged 16 - 25 and is completely FREE (with help towards the cost of your travel).

Please email: info@gcfoundation.co.uk or register online: www.gcfoundation.co.uk

The Geraldine Connor Foundation (GCF) is a professional arts organisation and charity committed to developing emerging talent and creative ideas.





Kala Sangam Arts Centre is located in St Peter's House - at the heart of Bradford

*(in front of the historic Cathedral and just behind the new
Westfield Broadway shopping centre)*



*A versatile space that can host a variety of
events and functions.*

- Are you looking for an **inspiring venue**?
- Are you looking for somewhere that is **unique**?
- Are you looking for a venue with **great food**?

Our building has been recently renovated and our facilities upgraded to include a new studio theatre with stage lighting and sound systems, retractable seating and a fully sprung dancefloor. Free Wi Fi is available throughout the venue.

We have two large halls, a bright and airy reception foyer and a variety of meeting rooms.

If you are planning:

- **A private function**
(wedding/birthday/anniversary),
- **A community/arts event**
(awareness raising/rehearsal or performance)
- **A business event**
(meeting/conference/training/
networking/awards ceremony)

Please call in for a coffee, a chat and a look around.

Our rates are highly competitive and we offer preferential rates to arts and community organisations.

We also have our on-site catering partner - FoodWorks, who are able to supply all of your catering needs, in addition to operating our fabulous roof top Café.



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**We look forward to welcoming you to
Kala Sangam Arts Centre.**

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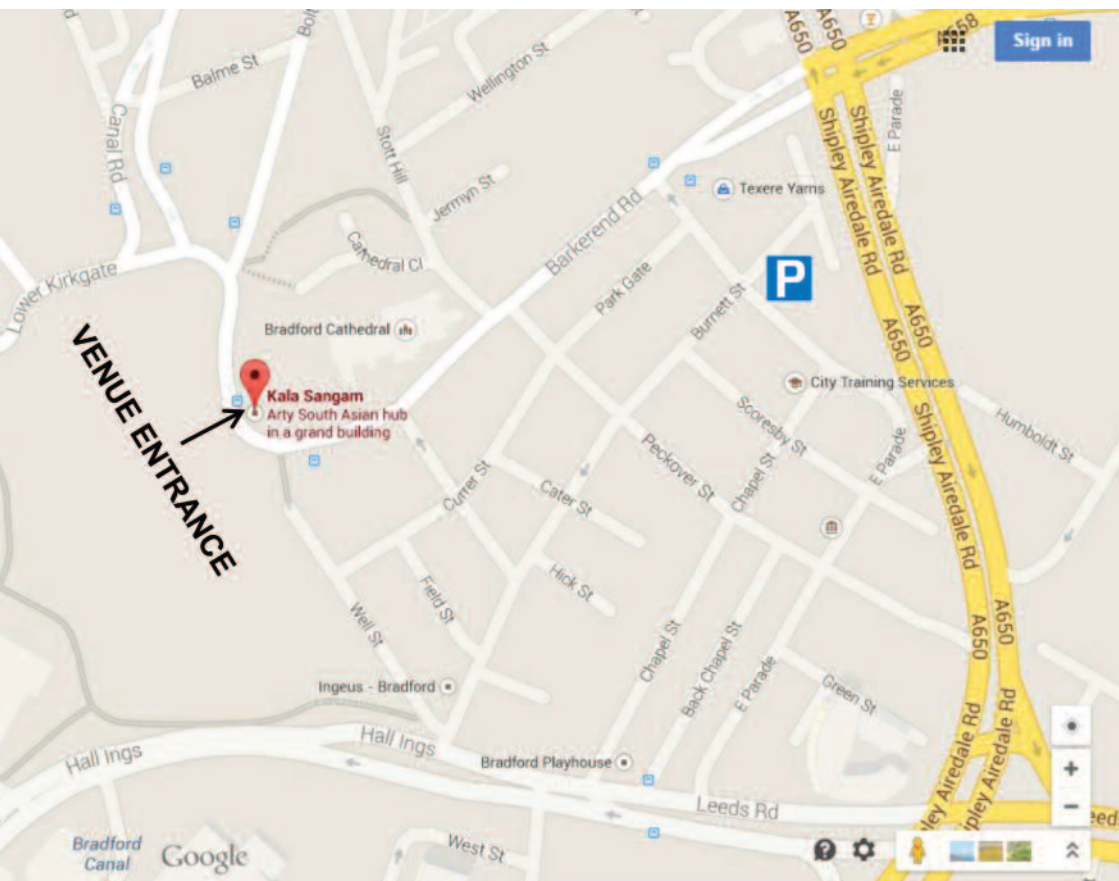
Kala Sangam is situated within a 5 minute walk from both Forster Square Rail Station and Bradford Interchange. We are located in front of Bradford Cathedral, facing the The Broadway Westfield.

Disabled Parking & Access

Kala Sangam is wheelchair accessible with a lift to the auditorium on the first floor. If you have specific access needs and/or need to use the wheelchair please contact us in advance.

Car Parking

A fully lit, secured and CCTV operated Car Park facility is available for all our events at Congregational and General Insurance Car Park, 13 Currer Street, Bradford, BD1 5BA



How to book tickets

Online

www.kalasangam.org

In Person

Ticketing desk will be open an hour before most of our events and tickets will be sold as per availability.

Concession and Group Discounts

Concessions are generally available for Students, Under 12s and over 60s.

Group tickets and are sometimes available for some of the Kala Sangam shows.

Keep in touch

Kala Sangam programmes two seasons of work each year, September - March and April - September.

To receive copies of the What's on Brochure by post or email contact Kala Sangam

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