

# What's On

September 2015 - March 2016



**kalasangam**

**Delivering outstanding  
south Asian and intercultural  
arts in contemporary Britain**

***“No spring nor summer beauty hath such grace as seen in one autumnal face.”*** John Donne

Dear Friends

Hope you all had a good summer!

We hope you enjoyed our last season of programme and we look forward to welcoming you to this season.

We start our Autumn/Winter season with ***‘Dance Divine’*** – a spoken word-dance and music show at the invitation of the wonderful Harrogate Theatre.

We warmly welcome the ***‘Golden Moments’*** a performance by older people presented by the **GOLD Company of Canberra Dance Theatre**, Australia who have started an interesting partnership with Kala Sangam.

**Pandit Rajeshwar Acharya** brings the ***‘Vibes of Varanasi’*** in a recital of Hindustani vocals and the rare ‘Jaltarang’, a percussive melodic instrument played on the water filled bowls - the Musical Bowls. He will be accompanied on the tabla by **Pandit Sanju Sahai** who also hails from Varanasi.

***‘Nasheed’*** (Chants) – ***‘An Evening of Praise’*** celebrates Eid with performances by some of the best Nasheed talent in the UK. This event is presented in collaboration with the Bradford based **Inspire Futures Foundation**.

***‘Kala Kavis’*** or Artistic Poets is an evening of poetry by the well-known Yorkshire poet and writer **Khadijah Ibrahim**, **Bradford’s Beehive Poets** and other Yorkshire based poets.

Our annual showcase ***‘Kala Utsav’*** and the celebration of arts in ***‘Kala Samarpan’*** will showcase aspiring young artists and established professional artists.

The festive season is ushered in by **Rob Green - the Prince of Soul**, Yorkshire’s talented **Christella** and will feature **Vijay Venkat** of Kala Sangam and other Yorkshire talents.

An interesting and award winning Iranian Film ***‘Taxi’*** by **Jafar Panahi** will be screened as an ongoing collaboration with the **Reel Solutions**.

We will be commemorating the International year of Global Understanding with Kala Sangam’s own production the ***‘Journeys of Jazz’*** featuring **Vijay Venkat** and jazz musicians from Yorkshire.

We are pleased to inform you that we will be embarking on the refurbishment of our Indus Hall and the Foyer to create a multipurpose space and two new workshop/meeting rooms. This work beginning in November is to be completed by March 2016 and we hope to launch the new spaces in the next season. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused by the construction works.

Best wishes

**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 :

**Bradford:** During term time on Saturdays - 9.30 am – 4 pm.

**South Indian (Carnatic) music** – Vocal, violin, flute, keyboard and veena.

### Dance - Bharatanatyam

**South Indian Language (Tamil)** - Based on accredited syllabus and examinations of the Tamilnadu Virtual University.

**Yoga** – Ashtanga Yoga by a fully qualified Yoga teacher.

**Bollywood** – Every Thursday from 6 pm – 7 pm.

### Kala Sangam's outreach Bharatanatyam classes:

1. **Wakefield** – In association with WIDAMA (Wakefield Indian Dance And Music Association).  
Every Saturday from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.
2. **Mansfield** – In association with TICO (Trent Indian Cultural Organisation).  
Every alternative Sundays from 11:00am to 2:00pm.
3. **Sheffield** – Every Friday – 6.30 to 7.30 pm.

For further information on all the classes, please contact [shrikant@kalasangam.org](mailto:shrikant@kalasangam.org)



## Dance Divine

A Spoken-word, Dance and Music Performance

Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd September 2015 at 7pm

Harrogate Theatre, Oxford Street, Harrogate, HG1 1QF

Tickets: £12 Full Price and £10 Concessions

For tickets please visit [www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk](http://www.harrogatetheatre.co.uk)

The *'Dance Divine'* by Kala Sangam is a unique production on Amaterasu - the Japanese Goddess of light. The production presents 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 veneration as a 'divine cosmic being'





## Golden Moments

A Dance and Film Event

*Liz Lea's Canberra Dance Theatre*

**Saturday 26th September 2015 at 7pm**

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

Tickets: £5 Standard and £3 Concessions  
For tickets please visit [www.kalasangam.org](http://www.kalasangam.org)

Kala Sangam is pleased to present Australia's *GOLD Company* (Growing Old Gracefully) in an evening of dance and film. This is the beginning of an international partnership with this groundbreaking community dance company of mature artists who defy the preconception that dance is only for the young. They will perform a range of works that celebrate the power of ageing with a particular focus inspired by India. The GOLD tour to the UK is an example of their free, fun loving spirits – self funded with love and passion for the dance and communication.

The films screened this evening will have nostalgic look back in time to the music of the greats such as Nat King Cole, Cliff Richard, Elizabeth Cameron Dalman to celebrate the International Year of Light and cross-cultural dialogue. It will also explore the writings of Ahmed Kathrada who was in prison alongside Nelson Mandela for 26 years and the latest production from the Sydney based filmmaker Sue Healey showing the transformative power of dance.



# Vibes of Varanasi

## Hindustani Vocal and Jaltarang (Musical Bowls) Concert

**Pandit Dr. Rajeshwar Acharya** - Hindustani Vocal and Jaltarang  
**Pandit Sanju Sahai** - Tabla

### Thursday 1st October 2015 at 7.30pm

National Centre for Early Music (NCEM),  
St Margarets Church, Walmgate  
York, North Yorkshire  
YO1 9TL

For tickets please visit [www.ncem.co.uk](http://www.ncem.co.uk)

### Saturday 3rd October 2015 at 7 pm

Kala Sangam Arts Centre,  
Bradford, BD1 4TY

Tickets: £7.50 Standard, £20 Family (2 adults & 2 children),  
£5 Concessions

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

### Tuesday 6th October 2015 at 6.30pm

Nehru Centre London  
8 S Audley St  
London, W1K 1HF

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

The concert features a Hindustani vocal recital followed by the rare Jaltarang, which is a percussive melodic instrument played on the water filled bowls (Musical Bowls).

**Dr. Acharya** is one of the foremost exponents of Indian classical music from the celebrated Gwalior musical lineage hailing from the famous city of Benares (Varanasi), India. He holds a Doctorate degree from Benares Hindu University for his research in music. He has taught many musicians for the past 27 years. He is a convener of major festivals. He is an expert in vocal, Jaltarang and Santoor - the 100 stringed Dulcimer.

**Pandit Sanju Sahai** is one of the finest and most sought after Tabla players and belongs to the Benares musical lineage. A child prodigy, he gave his first Tabla solo performance at a major festival in Benares at the age of 9 and later graduated in music. A phenomenal and outstanding Tabla player, he is well known for captivating his audience with his power, virtuosity and complete spontaneity. He has collaborated with many musicians of world musical genres.



# Nasheed (chants) – An Evening of Praise

Inspirational Songs and Spoken Word

*Khalil Mohammed, Abdullah Haqani and Nasir Karim*

**Saturday 10th October 2015 at 7pm**

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

Tickets: £10 Standard, £25 Family (2 adults & 2 children),  
£5 Concessions

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

Nationally reputed musicians perform an evening of musical chants and praise to the Almighty through the genre of Nasheed music. This concert is a collaboration between Kala Sangam and Inspire Futures Foundation.



## Kala Kavis

**Creative Poets**

*Khadija Ibrahim, Beehive Poets and other  
Yorkshire poets*

**Friday 30th October 2015 at 7pm**

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

**FREE EVENT**

*The Beehive Poets* are a small but open group formed in 1999 who meet weekly at the New Beehive Inn on Westgate, Bradford. Being a mutually supportive group, they provide a respectful platform for poets and newcomers who are welcomed by the group.

**Khadijah Ibrahim**, born in Leeds of Jamaican parentage is hailed as one of Yorkshire's most prolific poets by BBC Radio. She has appeared alongside the likes of Linton Kwesi Johnson, Lemn Sissay and Benjamin Zephaniah. She is a literary activist, researcher, educator and Artistic director of Leeds Young Authors. Educated at the University of Leeds, she has a BA Honours in Arabic and Middle Eastern studies and a MA in Theatre Studies. Her recent collection was published in 2014 by *Peepal Tree Press*.

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## Kala Utsav 2015

Festival of Arts

**Saturday 7th November 2015 at 6pm**

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

Tickets: £7.50 Standard, £20 Family (2 adults & 2 children),  
£5 Concessions

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

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



# Soul's Serenade

An Evening of Music

*Rob Green, Christella and others*

**Saturday 28th November 2015 from 7pm – 9pm**

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

Tickets: £7.50 Standard, £20 Family (2 adults & 2 children),  
£5 Concessions

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A joyous evening of songs presented by **'Caution Collective'** led by **Rob Green** - the **'Soul Prince of Nottingham'** and Yorkshire's **Christella, Tila and Tavelah, Marion Zubrzycki, Cherie, Kyrann, Jonnie Khan** and a guest act by **Vijay Venkat** of Kala Sangam.





## Taxi

Iranian Film (with English subtitles)

**Saturday 23rd January 2016 from 7pm – 9pm**

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

Tickets: £7.50 Standard, £20 Family (2 adults & 2 children),  
£5 Concessions

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*Taxi* is a 2015 Iranian film starring **Jafar Panahi** who has also directed the film. Premiered at the **65th Berlin International Film Festival**, it won the **Golden Bear** and the **FIPRESCI Prize**. In 2010, Panahi was banned from making films. His last film was called *'This is not a film'*. *Taxi* has been described as a portrait of the Iranian capital Tehran and was set in a Tehran taxi that is driven by Panahi whose passengers 'candidly confide in him.

This film, being screened in collaboration with **Reel Solutions** also includes a pre and post performance talk by **Roy Stafford**, a freelance writer and lecturer in film education.



# Journeys of Jazz

An Evening of Jazz

Kala Sangam Artists and Yorkshire Based Musicians

**Saturday 27th February 2016 at 7pm**

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

Tickets: £7.50 Standard, £20 Family (2 adults & 2 children),  
£5 Concessions

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

Kala Sangam presents a harmonic artistic collaboration between high-calibre musicians of different musical genres who will come together to celebrate the *'International Year of Global Understanding'*. Artists will include **Claudio Kron** (Percussion) and **Vijay Venkat**, Kala Sangam Musician in Residence (Violin).







## Kala Samarpan

An Ode to the Lord of Dance

**Saturday 12th March 2016 from 6pm - 10.30pm**

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

Tickets: £10 Standard, £25 Family (2 adults & 2 children),  
£5 Concessions

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

Food on sale by Chef Vijay

A variety of dance, music and poetry is presented to celebrate and seek the blessings of the Lord of Arts.

Following the success of the previous Maha Shivratri celebrations, we present *Kala Samarpan* again featuring many young, upcoming and professional artists.

All are welcome to this unique festival of dance and music.



# 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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[www.bradford.gov.uk](http://www.bradford.gov.uk)

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

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• **email:** [bookings@kalasangam.org](mailto:bookings@kalasangam.org)

## How to find us

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](http://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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