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Welcome to Kala Sangam

This Autumn and Winter we continue the celebrations for our 25th Anniversary with another season of exciting events. As an intercultural Arts Centre we have three clear strands of programming that inform everything that we do.

Our **THIS IS BRADFORD** strand of activity looks to put Kala Sangam at the heart of arts delivery in the city, offering space and performance opportunities to local artists and companies. This season you can see the impact of this work in our Artists Takeover, our scratch night with Mind the Gap and Theatre in the Mill, at Tech Styles 5 and at our end of year *Pick & Mix* of the best Bradford has to offer.

Under our **SOUTH ASIA NOW** strand we're increasing our support for exciting British artists of South Asian descent – such as Seeta Patel and Shane Shambhu – and for those who are keeping the artforms alive in new and interesting ways, as Mithila Sharma and Kamala Devam are doing.

Finally our **BRITISH DIVERSITY** strand has seen us widen the scope of our programming to ensure we are at the forefront of what it means to live in Britain in 2018. In this programme we're delighted to welcome back *WOW Bradford* and to be providing a platform for Minerva Hussein's stunning artwork.

With so many fantastic performances and events happening here this autumn we're sure there'll be something you'll enjoy, and if there's something you'd like to see in the future why not get in touch?



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Bradford
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How to find us:

Kala Sangam is just a 5 min walk from both Bradford Interchange and Bradford Forster Square Train Station. Find us between Bradford Cathedral and The Broadway shopping centre.

Safe and secure parking is available just over the road in The Broadway (BD1 1JR) for just £5 all day weekdays, £1.50 all day weekends and £1 from 5pm to midnight.

The building is fully accessible with a lift to all floors.





Ousama Lazkani

Cultures Cross the Borders – Exhibition

In Cultures Cross the Borders, Syrian-born artist Ousama Lazkani takes us on a journey which crosses borders between the East and West.

Using screen-prints, watercolours, woodcuts and laser etched paper, this exhibition explores the origins, meanings of, and comparisons between, Eastern and Western culture. The artwork features mystical creatures, images from folk tales and spiritual iconography, alongside Chinese characters, English and Arabic lettering.

Now living in Bradford, Ousama has exhibited his work nationally and internationally. He holds a degree in fine arts from Syria, a MFA from China, and a PhD in Fine Art from the UK.

Launch event

Thursday 6 September
at 7pm

Exhibition runs until
Thursday 18 October

Free entry

Book online at www.kalasangam.org

ousama-lazkani.artistwebsites.com



Kala Sangam's Artists Takeover Scratch Night

Parbati Chaudhury.

Kala Sangam's annual Artists Takeover sees us hand over our building every summer to a selection of exciting artists to create, play, rehearse and develop new work. Join us for an evening of dance and poetry as this year's artists share their work in progress.

Performers include Parbati Chaudhury, whose piece *Good Girl* looks at why some women and girls in the global South Asian community find it difficult to talk about romantic relationships with their parents/guardians; Bradford's Sharena Lee Satti who has produced a series of poems and imagery reflecting on homelessness in the city; Hiten Mistry, who uses Bharatanatyam to explore the subject of male depression in *Ode to Meloncholy*; and Leeds-based contemporary dance choreographer Rachel Clarke, whose *White Noise* examines how we communicate with each other and BSL/deaf/hard of hearing culture.

Don't miss this chance to see new work from some of the most exciting emerging talent in the UK!

**Saturday 15 September
at 7.30pm**

Tickets - £5

**This performance features a
post-show discussion**

Photography by Simon Richardson

Book online at www.kalasangam.org



Täpp / ONE by Mithila Sharma Music Double Bill

Sounds of the East and West meet in this one off double bill of music at Kala Sangam. Featuring some of the country's best female musicians, these performances put a fresh new take on classical music - both Western and South Asian.

Jazz North Northern Line artists for 2018-19, Täpp are passionate about bringing classical music into the modern age. Having trained at the Royal Northern College of Music, Rebekah Reid and Polly Virr play the violin and cello through electronic technology such as loop pedals to create unique and original music. The duo boasts a distinctive sound influenced by their love of classical music, minimalism, electronic dance, jazz, folk and world music.

ONE is the latest work from zerOclassikal and features an instrument that is a mainstay of Carnatic music, a South Indian stringed lute called a veena. In ONE, Mithila Sarma experiments with an ensemble of vainikas (veena players) exploring and pushing the limits of the instrument's unique bass tones, multi-octave sounds and rich gamakas (ornamented notes). Alongside Mithila the performance features Shyla Shanmugalingam and Pradeepa Sivasanthiran with percussion by Abhiram Sahathevan.

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**Saturday 29 September
at 7.30pm**

**Tickets - £10 Advance
£12 On the door**

**This performance features a
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www.soundcloud.com/tappduo
www.jazznorth.org

www.zeroclassikal.org.uk

Voice of Bradford



BBC Radio Leeds

Voice of Bradford Rap Showcase

As Kala Sangam looks to bring different voices from Bradford to our stage, join us as BBC Radio Leeds host a celebration of the vibrant urban music scene in the city.

Led by the winner of the Voice of Bradford, Faisal Motin, the evening will feature performances from some of the best unsigned talent in the city, each of them reflecting on what it's like to be young in Bradford through their lyrics.

If you love your rap music this is an event not to be missed.


**Thursday 4 October
at 7pm**

Tickets - FREE

Tickets are limited so please book in advance to avoid disappointment.

BBC RADIO LEEDS

Book online at www.kalasangam.org



Seeta Patel and Lina Limosani Not Today's Yesterday

'Who controls the past controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past'
George Orwell

Not Today's Yesterday is an International collaboration between UK award-winning Bharatanatyam artist Seeta Patel and Australian choreographer Lina Limosani. This multi-award winning show blends techniques from Bharatanatyam, contemporary dance and theatre to create a poetic narrative that has the beauty and disquiet of a Grimm's fairy-tale. It is a one-woman show which subversively co-opts whitewashing against itself.

Once upon a time... in a faraway land... it happened... did not happen... could have happened.

Supported by Chats Palace, Arts Council England, Country Arts SA, Arts SA, The Place London, Adelaide Fringe Artists Fund, LWD Dance Hub, British Council, The Bench UK and NA POMORSKIEJ Artist residency.

Book online at www.kalasangam.org

**Saturday 13 October
at 7.30pm**

Tickets - £10 Advance
£12 On the door

SPECIAL OFFER - See *Not Today's Yesterday*, *Confessions of a Cockney Temple Dancer* and *Ankusha and Other Mysteries* for just £20

ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY

**This performance features a
post-show discussion**

'An unmissable treat.'
British Theatre Guide

www.seetapatel.co.uk



Tranquil Productions Tech Styles 5

Having been a fast-growing underground gathering for the past four years, *Tech Styles* – the ultimate Hip Hop event – comes to Kala Sangam for the first time this October!

Experience the best breakin (breakdance) the UK has to offer as Bboys, Bgirls and crews from across the country gather together in the centre of Bradford to battle it out. Dancers will be joined by international guests from around the globe, street artists, local musicians and the best DJs around. In the run up to the event there will also be amazing workshops where you can learn to dance.

Join us on Friday night to be inspired and learn more about the history of Hip Hop. You will see live graffiti art, watch some of the best dancers in the UK jam, listen to inspiring talks and hear music from the best local Hip Hop musicians. On Saturday be part of the audience for one of the most incredible live experiences you're likely to have as some of the best breakers battle it out to see who will be champion!

This all ages event is guaranteed to be an amazing experience whether you come alone, with friends or the whole family.

Book online at www.kalasangam.org

Opening event
Friday 19 October
at 7pm

Saturday battles
Saturday 20 October
1pm – 7.30pm
Battles start at 2pm

Tickets - £10 weekend
£7 single day

Photography by Luke Hogan

www.tranquilproductions.co.uk



Kala Sangam's 25th Birthday Open Day

Join us as we celebrate our 25th birthday in style with a full day of FREE activity that's perfect for all the family!

During the daytime why not try out one of Kala Sangam's weekly classes for free? We'll be offering taster sessions of the fun music, dance, visual arts and Yoga classes that happen here every week. There'll also be storytelling and interactive activities that will be perfect to entertain the kids during half term!

At 7pm join us for a glass of fizz as we party into the evening. See some performances specially chosen to reflect the company's rich history and hear from some of the people who made it all happen - including founder Dr Geetha Upadhyaya.

Whether you're a lifelong friend of Kala Sangam or you've never stepped foot in the building before, don't miss this opportunity to find out what we're all about!

Friday 26 October

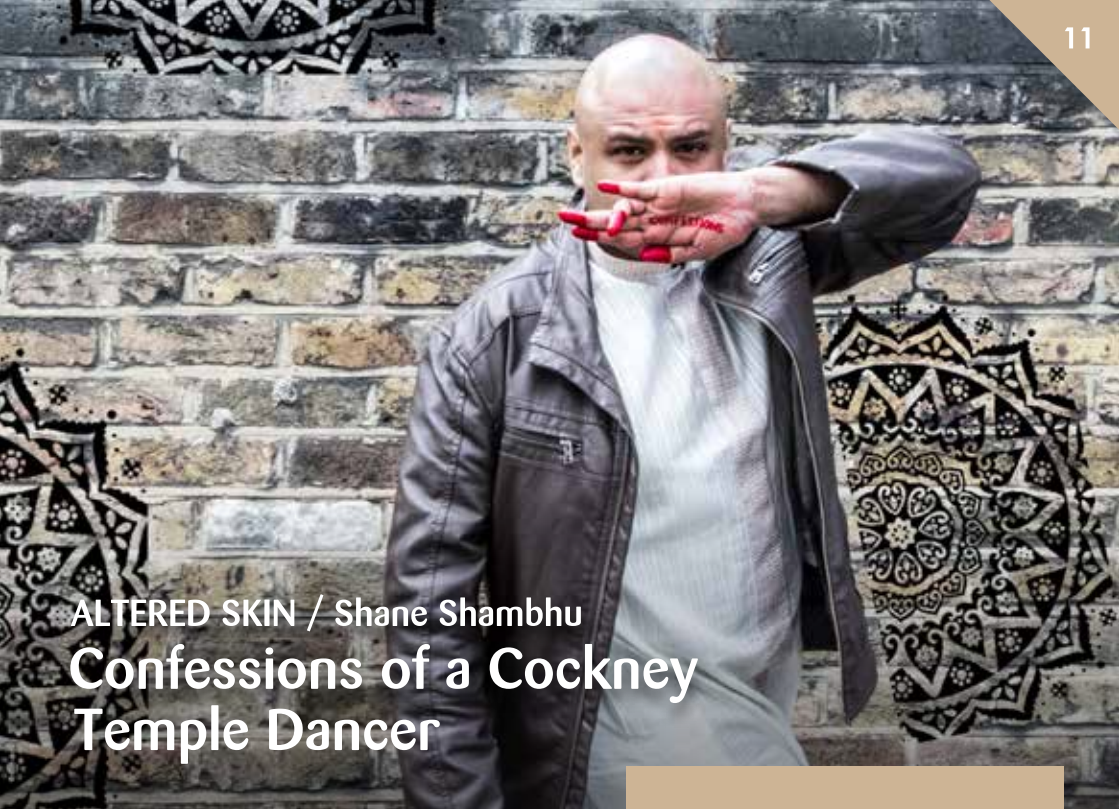
**Workshops/Classes
from 11am
Celebration party
from 7pm**

Tickets - FREE

Workshop/class spaces are limited so please book in advance to avoid disappointment

Book online at www.kalasangam.org

For a full timetable of events visit
www.kalasangam.org



ALTERED SKIN / Shane Shambhu Confessions of a Cockney Temple Dancer

In this funny and honest solo, Complicité Associate, Shane Shambhu combines Indian dance and stand-up comedy to lead audiences on a revealing journey of his life. From unlikely dance student to 'rude boy' to international performer.

With his inimitable charm and wit, Shane will have you laughing out loud as he reveals his past through a vivid display of characters, lived experiences and comical stories, reflecting on how race, language, identity and cultures have defined him and his career.

Shortlisted for the Eastern Eye ACTA Awards 2018.

**Saturday 3 November
at 7.30pm**

Tickets - £10 Advance
£12 On the door

SPECIAL OFFER - See Not Today's Yesterday, Confessions of a Cockney Temple Dancer and Ankusha and Other Mysteries for just £20

ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY

**This performance features a
post-show discussion**

'A tour de force and something very unusual. It is entertaining, insightful and really very unexpectedly funny. This is something not to be missed.'

★★★★★ - Asian Culture Vulture

www.shaneshambhu.com



Complicité



Book online at www.kalasangam.org



Kala Sangam, Mind The Gap and Theatre in the Mill Bradford Scratch

Every year Bradford organisations Kala Sangam, Mind The Gap and Theatre in the Mill support a large number of artists to create high quality, innovative, entertaining new work. Join us at *Bradford Scratch* to see a selection of performances that have been created through this support.

Mind the Gap works in partnership with learning-disabled artists to deliver a bold, cutting-edge and world-class artistic programme.

Theatre in the Mill offers broad ranging support and opportunities for innovative artists to make new work, through mentoring, peer support and critique, business advice, residencies and commissions.

Focusing on music and dance, Kala Sangam offers space and support to artists with a particular focus on creating work which reflects contemporary, multicultural Britain.

Don't miss this chance to see a fantastic range of artists and performers and find out why Bradford is considered one of the best places to create work in the country!

Book online at www.kalasangam.org

**Thursday 8 November
at 7.30pm**

Tickets - £5

**This performance features a
post-show discussion**

www.mind-the-gap.org.uk
www.brad.ac.uk/theatre



Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 November

**WOW - Women of the World Festival is back
for its third year!**

WOW is a global festival that celebrates the incredible achievements of women and girls, takes a frank look at the obstacles they face, and creates a space to discuss new solutions together. With over 2 million people involved, WOW takes place in 30 cities including across the UK, in New York, Baltimore, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Australia, Somaliland, Finland, and in Bradford.

Join us for a weekend of talks, discussions, music, activism, performance, mentoring and big ideas, and hear from women who are breaking the mould in science, entrepreneurship, the arts, sport, economics, health, and business from Bradford, nationally and internationally. There are sessions on everything from personal lives though to global concerns, including race, body image, violence against women and girls, religion, the role of men in gender equality, and a special one off set from Kate Tempest.

So come and have your say at WOW. We look forward to seeing you at Kala Sangam and Bradford Cathedral.

Tickets available from www.bradford-theatres.co.uk



**SOUTHBANK
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Kamala Devam Company Ankusha and Other Mysteries

Following her successful performance as part of Kala Sangam's Artists Takeover in 2017, Kamala Devam returns to Bradford with her company to present an evening of world-class dance, film and theatre.

The company's first UK tour, *Ankusha and Other Mysteries* presents their signature contemporary dance pieces *Ankusha* and *Babushka* vs. *Renaissance Man* alongside a new classical Bharatanatyam solo *Jati-Swara-Leela* and a showing of the acclaimed dance film *The Art of Defining Me*.

With three distinctive solos, an athletic trio and a multi award-winning dance film, this programme seeks answers to unanswerable questions: Does fate or free will have a greater hand in shaping the course of our lives? How do we define ourselves without limiting our potential?

Taking inspiration from Devam's lifetime of experience in contemporary dance and Bharatanatyam, and the explosive qualities of popping and acrobatics, this evening is for dance lovers and novices alike.

Book online at www.kalasangam.org

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at 7.30pm**

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£12 On the door

SPECIAL OFFER - See Not Today's Yesterday, Confessions of a Cockney Temple Dancer and *Ankusha* and *Other Mysteries* for just £20

ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY

**This performance features a
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'In a word, exhilarating'
Donald Hutera, Pulse Magazine

Photography Vipul Sangoi

www.kamaladevamcompany.com



Minerva Hussain

Ways of Communicating – Exhibition

Bradford artist Minerva Hussain produces bold and tactile artwork. His work is created using a camera and specialist computer software to enhance the images and enable him to reproduce them and work across a number of mediums. Minerva's art is a profound expression of his thoughts and ideas.

The fact that Minerva is Deafblind makes his work truly remarkable and unique. He communicates through tactile BSL, feeling British Sign Language on the hands of the person who is talking.

Ways of Communicating is Minerva's biggest exhibition to date. This public exhibition of work features a selection of paintings and drawings created over the last decade.

Launch event

**Thursday 6 December
at 7pm**

Exhibition runs until
Thursday 24 January 2019

Free entry

Book online at www.kalasangam.org



Various artists

Bradford Pick & Mix 2018

Kala Sangam's season comes to a close with our *Pick & Mix* – a unique showcase of some of the best theatre, music and dance that's been produced in this fantastic city over the last twelve months!

Alongside artists supported by Kala Sangam, the evening will feature work created by, or with the support of, Dance United Yorkshire, Freedom Studios, Mind the Gap, Theatre in the Mill and many more of the great arts organisations that call Bradford their home.

Bringing together some of the cultural highlights of the year in one place, the evening is the perfect opportunity to sample the outstanding work that happens in Bradford each and every year.

Packed with high quality performances, *Pick & Mix* is a perfect introduction to what's been happening in Bradford and a celebration of a year of amazing art – don't miss your chance to join us!

Book online at www.kalasangam.org

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at 7.30pm**

Tickets - £10 Advance
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Visit www.kalasangam.org for the full
programme

Book your special event at **KalaSangam** and get a 25% discount*

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

Whether it's a birthday party, wedding reception, family get together or community event, Kala Sangam can help make your special day even more special!

With our recently refurbished Indus Hall, Ganges Theatre, bright and airy reception foyer and a variety of meeting rooms, there's bound to be a space that's perfect for your needs.

We have a fully licensed bar area, PRS music license, WiFi throughout and a fully sprung dance floor in our studio theatre.



For more information call 01274 303340 or email bookings@kalasangam.org
and use the offer code **Autumn25** to receive 25% off your quote! *

(*Terms and conditions apply – offer open to first time bookers only. Offer ends 14/12/18)



Classes

Hatha Yoga with Anthony Middleton

Kala Sangam offers a fantastic range of fun-filled dance and music classes for both children and adults. For more information please email

info@kalasangam.org or call **01274 303340** to speak to one of our team.

New this autumn

Hatha Yoga with Anthony Middleton

Our new open level Yoga class focusses on relaxation, aligning the body and releasing tension. Taught at a steady pace this class is open to adults with any level of experience including beginners.

Dancing with Parkinson's by Ascendance

Energising dance sessions for people with Parkinson's designed to improve your health and wellbeing. In these monthly classes you will learn a variety of fun dance styles, connecting mind to body to uplifting and familiar tunes.

Bharatanatyam Academy

Our Bharatanatyam Academy offers ISTD accredited training in the classical Indian dance style Bharatanatyam. This dance style tells the stories of Indian mythology through hand gestures, footwork, facial expressions and neck and head movements.

Phoenix Dance Theatre's NO BOUNDS free dance classes for boys

No Bounds is aimed at energetic and enthusiastic boys who want to develop and learn new dance skills. Suitable for a range of abilities from beginners to those who have previous dance experience.

Punjabi music and dance with Punjabi Roots Academy

Our Punjabi arts delivery is in partnership with Punjabi Roots Academy. Come and enjoy colourful and lively bhangra dancing as well as Punjabi folk music, including dhol drumming.

Young Masters Visual Arts School

Young masters deliver fun art classes for young people at Kala Sangam. Classes cover painting, drawing and sculpture and look at the work of different artists.

Movement!

Run in partnership with Dance For Life, Movement! is our Monday night session for people with a disability or autism. These fun classes are a great way to keep fit, learn performance skills and meet new people! Sessions are for people aged 16+, and carers are encouraged to stay.

To book please call 01274 303340 or email info@kalasangam.org

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9	19 & 20/10/18	Tech Styles 5	7pm/1pm
10	26/10/18	Kala Sangam's 25th Birthday Open Day	All Day
11	03/11/18	Shane Shambhu - Confessions of a Cockney Temple Dancer	7.30pm
12	08/11/18	Bradford Scratch	7.30pm
13	17 & 18/11/18	WOW Festival	All Day
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