



kalasangam



What's On

AUTUMN - WINTER 2017



Credit: Balbir Singh Dance Company

Welcome to Kala Sangam

Where do I start?

It's been a huge pleasure pulling together this, my first programme for Kala Sangam. I hope you'll find it a season that is both faithful to the roots of this fantastic organisation, but also one that looks to its future.

Those of you who are used to coming to Kala Sangam to see the very best in South Asian arts will not be disappointed. As the world marks the 70th anniversary of partition and India's independence I'm delighted to welcome acclaimed Indian musician and patron of Kala Sangam Dr L. Subramaniam to Bradford for a Gala performance at the National Science and Media Museum's Pictureville cinema. We also are delighted to welcome back the visually stunning Kala Chethena Kathakali Company to our Ganges Theatre.

Looking forward I hope to welcome even more people from across Bradford's diverse communities into our building - to be a hub, a meeting place, a place where we can share great art. As we throw the doors open wide I hope this season also has an element for those looking for something different.

It might be the incredible art made by Marcus Levine, a chance to see some of the very best local and national talent at our Artists Takeover showcase, the blend of Indian and contemporary dance that both 2Faced Dance Company and Balbir Singh Dance Company offer, the chance to celebrate women and girls at this year's WOW Bradford - take your pick!

Joining the company has felt less like starting a new job and more like joining a new family - I look forward to welcoming you into it too.



Alex Croft – Creative Producer





Marcus Levine - Hockney a Portrait in Nails

Friday 8th September to Saturday 21st October 2017

**Exhibition launch Friday 8th September at 7pm
at Kala Sangam**

Free Entry

Marcus Levine, sculptor in the human physique, introduces an entirely unique approach to sculpture. His work features thousands of nails hammered by hand on wooden panels of varied heights and distances creating tone and textures without any tracing on to the board.

The majority of Levine's 'nail sculptures' are extraordinary representations of the human form. This exhibition focusses on an extraordinary human – David Hockney. To celebrate Hockney's 80th birthday this year, Levine created the world's first and largest coloured nail sculpture portrait which can be found in Bradford's Little Germany. Created as a companion to this piece, this exhibition shows the processes Levine went through to create the portrait alongside a number of his other signature works.

Join us for the launch of this exhibition on Friday 8th September or experience the work on your next visit to Kala Sangam.



Artists Takeover Scratch Night

**Saturday 16th September 2017
at 7.30pm**

Tickets - £5

Tickets available at www.kalasangam.org

Duration - 80mins (approx)

This summer Kala Sangam opened its doors to a group of exciting artists to create, play, rehearse and develop new work – we called it our Artists Takeover. Join us for an evening of new, exciting dance as three of these artists share their work in progress. The evening features a range of styles - cutting edge digital integrated dance by Lucie Lee, a new contemporary dance piece by Akshay Sharma and a Bharatanatyam Jathiswaram solo from Kamala Devam.

The evening also features a chance to hear from each of the artists about their experiences creating their work and ask those burning questions that you might have!



Lucie Lee



Kamala Devam



Akshay Sharma

Kala Sangam in collaboration with UK Telugu Association present

Kuchipudi Dance Drama Vyuhalakshmi Aavirbhavam

Saturday 23rd September 2017 at 3pm

Tickets - £10 standard, £6 concessions

Tickets available at www.kalasangam.org

Duration – 2hrs (including interval)

As part of the UK-India Year of Culture, Kala Sangam and the UK Telugu Association present a Prabhandha style dance drama. Based on an episode from the collection of poems "Sri Venkatachala Mahatya" written by Matrusree Tarigonda Vengamamba, Vyuhalakshmi Aavirbhavam tells the story of Lord Venkateswara and Goddess Lakshmi.

Featuring a cast of Gods and Goddesses, this traditional performance brings a classic Indian tale to life through live-music and vocals, colourful costumes and Indian dance.



Official carrier





2FACED DANCE COMPANY OUTLANDS



Thursday 28th September 2017 at 7.30pm

Tickets - £10 standard, £6 concession

Tickets available at www.kalasangam.org

Duration - 80 mins (including interval)

An extraordinary triple bill of contemporary dance by India and the UK's most up and coming female choreographers.

Outlands is a vivacious and gripping triple bill of contemporary dance that showcases and celebrates up and coming female choreographers commissioned as part of 2Faced Dance Company's The BENCH INDIA and UK programme. This unique one-off programme of work features Hemabharathy Palani, Roonita Mookerji and choreographer Emma-Jayne Park from the UK. These extraordinary female choreographers present an intimate evening of work to mark the deep cultural ties between India and the UK as part of UK-India Year of Culture 2017.

The BENCH is a training programme for female choreographers developed in response to concerns about the lack of equality within the dance sector. In 2016 2Faced Dance Company launched Year 2 of The BENCH UK and Year 1 of The BENCH India. The works presented in OUTLANDS has been commissioned by The BENCH. To find out more about The BENCH visit: www.the-bench.org

Outlands is supported by Arts Council England, British Council and Esmeé Fairbairn Foundation.

The Magic Fish

ATMA Dance
Mayuri Boonham

Tuesday 24th October 2017

Performances – 10 - 10.45am and 2 - 2.45pm

Workshop – 12 - 12.45pm

Fun and drop-in activities – all day

Tickets - £10 Standard, £6 Concessions

£16 Family ticket (4 tickets, maximum 2 adults)

Tickets available at www.kalasangam.org

Age Guidance - 5 - 9 year olds

Join us this half term for a classic Indian tale retold through dance, storytelling and beatboxing for young thinking minds.

Vishnu, one of India's shape-shifting Supergods, wakes up after sleeping for thousands of years to find a greedy demon called No-Knowledge has taken earth's most precious treasures for himself.

Enlisting the help of King Manu to save the essentials for life, Vishnu changes his form into something quite unexpected! In this interactive performance, boys and girls are invited to join King Manu's adventure in a new production to enchant all children.

Commissioned by The Place, GemArts and Pavilion Dance South West and supported by The Unicorn Theatre. Supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England.

www.atmadance.com

Photography: Foteini Christofilopoulou (dancer: Pauline Reibell)

Coming to the show? Ticket holders can also take part in a free exciting family workshop on the day - book your place when purchasing tickets!

Book early to avoid disappointment as workshop spaces are limited.



Lilliane Gosling - The Ritual of Theyyam

Friday 27th October 2017 to 16th December 2017
Exhibition Launch Friday 27th October at 7pm
at Kala Sangam

Free Entry

Theyyam is an ancient neolithic ritual, which is still performed by people along the Malabar Coast of India. It is seen as a folk religion, with the worship of gods, goddesses, heroes, trees, animals, ancestors, spirits and more through dance, music and costumes, all maintained by individual families from the untouchables caste.

The Ritual of Theyyam is artist Lilliane Goslings personal response to what she sees as archetypes in the representation. The paintings are not direct representations of dances, but her take on an art form which is slowly dying out as the kavus or sacred groves where it is performed are destroyed by development.

Join us at Kala Sangam for the launch of the exhibition on Friday 27th October or come and enjoy the exhibition during working hours at Kala Sangam.





Kathakali

Friday 3rd November 2017

Makeup demonstration - 4pm – 5pm

Music and dance workshop - 5pm – 6pm

Performance - 7pm – 9pm

Tickets - £10 Standard, £6 concession

Tickets available at www.kalasangam.org

Kala Sangam is delighted to welcome the Kala Chethena Kathakali Company back to Bradford with another opportunity to see superb international artists from Kerala in India perform this legendary art form.

With a story similar to Snow White this performance is perfect for families. Featuring live music, Kathakali uses drama, dance, costumes and make-up to create one of the most visually exciting and powerful forms of theatre in the world.

If you're unfamiliar with Kathakali why not join us pre-performance for a rare opportunity to see a live makeup session as the performers bring their colourful characters to life, followed by a fun dance and music demonstration where families of all ages can learn the moves of Kathakali!

Allow your imagination to enter the enchanting world of Kathakali.





Saturday 18th to Sunday 19th November 2017

**For further information on tickets visit
www.kalasangam.org**

WOW - Women of the World is a global network of festivals that celebrates the amazing achievements of women and young girls, takes a frank look at the issues that are preventing them reaching their potential and discusses possible solutions.

Southbank Centre's festival celebrating women and girls returns to Bradford following its huge success in 2016.

Join us at Kala Sangam for WOW Bradford, packed full of talks, debates, workshops, seminars and performances to engage, challenge and inspire. Bringing together speakers, activists and emerging female talent from across the world in sessions where you can take action and contribute, or just sit and listen.

 www.facebook.com/wowbradford  [@WOW_Bradford](https://twitter.com/WOW_Bradford)

**SOUTHBANK
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Dr. L. Subramaniam live at Pictureville



Saturday 25th November 2017
7pm at Pictureville Cinema, National Science and
Media Museum, Bradford

Tickets - £20 Standard, £17.50 Concessions and
£17.50 National Science and Media Museum members

Tickets available at www.picturehouses.com/cinema/National_Media_Museum

Duration - 2 hours (including interval)

Kala Sangam is delighted present India's violin icon, Dr L. Subramaniam, live in concert at the National Science and Media Museum's Pictureville cinema.

A former childhood prodigy, Dr L. Subramaniam has produced and performed on close to two hundred recordings, collaborating with some of the greatest names in both Indian and Western music including Yehudi Menuhin, Stevie Wonder and Herbie Hancock. The founder/director of the Lakshminarayana Global Music Festival, the biggest global music festival in India, he has composed music for classical orchestras, ballets and award-winning feature films.

Accompanied by Dhulipala Srirama Murthy (Mridangam) and Tanmoy Bose (Tabla) this one-off event will see Dr L. Subramaniam present an evening of the very best classical Indian music.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to see a living legend of world music live in Bradford.

"Simply the best...The greatest classical Indian violinist of our time..."
Sunday Times, Dubai



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This performance is part of Pictureville's India On Film season - an exclusive and Bradford-specific film season to mark the 70th anniversary of Indian Independence. See some of the most exciting new films coming out of India or why not experience a much loved classic on the big screen again?

For more information visit
www.scienceandmediamuseum.org.uk/cinema/

Supported by Film Hub North.

In association with Asian Sunday, Asian Style, and Asian Standard.



Balbir Singh Dance Company

**Saturday 16th December 2017
at 7:30pm**

**Tickets: £10 Standard, £6 Concession
Tickets available at www.kalasangam.org**

Bradford raised artist Balbir Singh is proud to return to his roots with a double bill of work in his home town, after a decade away enjoying national and international accolades with his Company.

Champion of the Flatlands

Duration - 45 mins

A thrilling combination of theatre and urban culture, featuring a heady mix of Kathak and contemporary dance, music and flatland BMX.

Champion of the Flatlands is the real-life tale of 4 x UK and 2 x Euro Flatland champion Keelan Phillips. Enter a world where difference is celebrated and trust is essential. Artists and athletes interact, they follow their calling and never stop moving.

A fast paced performance to inspire and amaze.

Love & Spice

Duration - 45 mins

Dance music and food!

Featuring a chef live on stage....

A couple look back on their lives, reliving key moments through memories of the meals they have shared.

Love & Spice combines different art forms and cultural traditions in surprisingly delicious ways. Blending Kathak dance and live music with a chef cooking on stage, creating a multicultural feast suffused with rich aromas.

The audience are invited to share in the food being cooked.

Kala Utsav

**Saturday 2nd December 2017
at 7pm**

**Tickets - £10 Standard, £6 Concessions
Tickets available at www.kalasangam.org**

Join us for our annual celebration of children and young people's dance and music - Kala Utsav. The evening features performances by our Bharatanatyam Academy students and participants from each of the dance classes run here at Kala Sangam, giving you a full flavour of what we do! This year's programme also features the very best young dancers from across the region with guest performers from across Yorkshire.

See the next generation of dancers first - here at Kala Sangam!

Image courtesy www.telegraphandargus.co.uk, image name 'Anne Marie'



Classes

Kala Sangam offer a fantastic range of fun-filled dance and music classes for both children and adults. **For more information please email: info@kalasangam.org**

Bharatanatyam Academy

Our Bharatanatyam Academy offers 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.

Bollywood dancing classes with Trishool Dance Academy

Bollywood dance is a spectacular fusion of Eastern and Western dance styles; mixing classical Indian dance, Indian folk dance with western styles such as Street, Hip-Hop and Jazz.

Kala Sangam is proud to support Phoenix Dance Theatre as they bring NO BOUNDS, free dance classes for boys, to Bradford

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. We deliver colourful and lively bhangra dancing as well as Punjabi folk music, including dhol drumming.

Ashtanga Yoga

In partnership with Yoga Bradford we deliver a six-week Ashtanga Yoga course for beginners and regular classes for those with more experience.

To see the current timetable please visit:
www.kalasangam.org/classes



Image: Phoenix Dance Theatre

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 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 - Safe and secure car parking is available at 'The Broadway' (BD1 1JR) for just £3 All day, weekdays and £1.50 all day, weekends

How to book tickets - Online: www.kalasangam.org

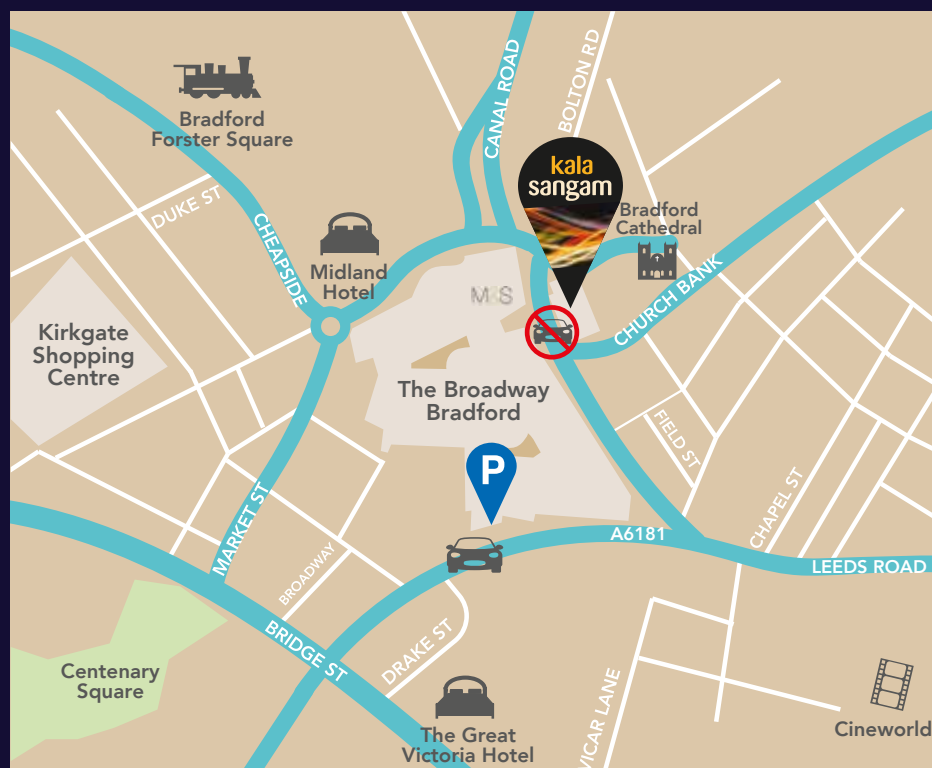
In Person: Call in to our busy Arts Centre during daytime working hours to buy a ticket for any of our shows.

Concession - 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 - To receive up to date information sign up to our e-mailing list at www.kalasangam.org or contact us direct -

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**To donate visit
www.kalasangam.org/support-us**



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