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Welcome to Kala Sangam

2018 is a hugely significant year for Kala Sangam.

Since 1993 this organisation has brought the very best in South Asian arts to the city and throughout this season we will be celebrating this – at our 25th Anniversary Gala dinner, with Santoor and Qawaali performances, and in our exhibition space through the work of Nabeelah Hafeez and her late father Hafeez Johar.

This year however we are also looking to our future. Kala Sangam is changing, as we become an intercultural arts hub. This means more diverse work on our stage, more engagement with communities across Bradford, more of a role in supporting artists, and crucially even more high-quality art on show. This season I'm delighted to be able to bring you a world premiere from Breaking Tradition, a first visit to the city by Möbius Dance, a taste of Oastler Market in our space thanks to Wur Bradford, an inspirational line-up of speakers and artists for International Women's Day and much more.

Whether it's your first trip or you're a loyal audience member I hope you'll find something to interest you, and if there's something you'd like to see in future why not get in touch?

Alex Croff – Creative Producer



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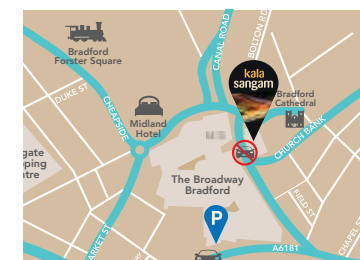
Kala Sangam
St Peter's House
1 Forster Square
Bradford
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How to find us:

Kala Sangam is just a 5 min walk from both Bradford Interchange and Bradford Forster Square stations. 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.



Nabeelah Hafeez

Through my Father's Lens - Exhibition

When the late Bradford based poet Mohammad Hafeez Johar passed away one of his prized possessions – a Pentax camera – was gifted to his daughter Nabeelah Hafeez, a promising poet in her own right.

Through my Father's Lens brings together poetry from both father and daughter in both English and Urdu. These words will be accompanied by photographs from the 70s, 80s and 90s taken by Hafeez Johar, and images of Bradford captured by Nabeelah using that same treasured camera.

In words and images, Through my Father's Lens aims to provide an insight into the lives of the Pakistani community in the city, showing migration as a journey of identity through the experience of second and third generation migrants.

Book online at www.kalasangam.org

**Launch event
Wednesday 7
February at 7pm
Exhibition runs until
Thursday 12 April**

Free entry

**"Memories of my
homeland. These are
burnt into my heart. But
now this city is also in my
blood."**

- Extract from Home by
Mohammad Hafeez Johar

Sonia Sabri Company

Dastaan - with Sarvar Sabri

Sonia Sabri Company return to Kala Sangam with a truly original performance of live music and projected film, Dastaan.

Dastaan meaning a 'story' or story of our life', is a riveting experience of live music and visuals. World renowned tabla maestro and composer Sarvar Sabri leads an ensemble of five exquisite musicians of different musical genres playing instruments including tabla, setar (Iran) harp, vocals and a few surprises!

In the first half, the musicians delve into a journey of personal stories gathered from poets and travellers, inspired by folk music of India, Persia and Wales with added hints of jazz. The second half reveals an emotionally charged film of love, separation, and wonder, explored through the beauty of Persian calligraphy Nasta'liq and poignant dance, seamlessly complemented with live music.

The film features internationally renowned Birmingham Royal Ballet Associate Director Marion Tait CBE and Master calligrapher from Iran, Mehdi Jamali. The film is simply poetry in motion and had its premiere at The British Library, London.

'Dastaan' is a meeting of interlinked cultures of familiar and unfamiliar lands, celebrating the unique diversity of Britain.

Book online at www.kalasangam.org

**Saturday 24 February
at 7.30pm**

**Tickets - £10 Standard
£6 Concession**

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Birmingham Royal Ballet and
The British Library.

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Kala Sangam, Soroptimist International of Yorkshire & Keira Martin International Women's Day

Join us for a day of discussion, music and dance as Kala Sangam celebrates International Women's Day.

Programmed by Soroptimist International of Yorkshire, Kala Sangam presents a full day of activity reflecting the power of a second chance. Hear from a number of inspirational speakers and take part in fun workshops. Day ticket prices also include a delicious lunch and refreshments provided by The Rooftop Café.

The day finishes with a performance of *Here Comes Trouble*, a rigorous personal investigation into womanhood and identity by Keira Martin. This performance sees Keira rhythmically weave together traditional music, authentic song and gutsy dance as she shares hard hitting and heart-warming chapters of her life to courageously address stereotypes and challenge labels.

Whether you're coming for the full day or after-work for *Here Comes Trouble* the day is certain to be inspiring, thought-provoking and a celebration of women everywhere.

Book online at www.kalasangam.org

HERE COMES TROUBLE BY KEIRA MARTIN

**Thursday 8 March
at 11am**

**Here Comes Trouble
performance at 6pm**

**Tickets - £20 Full day
£5 Performance
only**

**For the full programme visit
www.kalasangam.org**

Here Comes Trouble: Choreographed by Keira Martin,
Directed by Charlotte Vincent, Designed by Ryan Laight and
original music composed by Jamie Roberts.



sigbi.org/yorkshire
www.keiradance.com



Möbius Dance Mixed Programme

Möbius Dance presents an evening created with and by artists based in the North of England. The triple bill includes; a short dance film entitled *Encounter One* featuring artist Ben Skinner, dancers Stefania Pinato and Amarnah Ufuoma Amuludun with original music by Otis Jones; and two new thought-provoking, theatrical and dynamic dance works created by Susanne Thomas and Valentina Golfieri performed by Ana Fernández Melero, Tom Davis Dunn and Stefania Pinato.

Founded by Artistic Director Gianluca Vincentini, Möbius Dance arose out of the need to establish a company that supports artists both creatively and practically, seeking opportunities that put the Dance art form at the centre of its activities, production and outreach. Don't miss their first visit to Bradford.

Book online at www.kalasangam.org

**Thursday 15 March
at 7.30pm**

**Tickets - £8 Standard
£4 Concession**

**This performance also
features a curtain raiser by
Dance United Yorkshire's
Gradient Dance Company.**

Photography by Danilo Moroni

mobiusdance.org

Bradford College Northern School of Creative Industries Jazz Concert

Kala Sangam hosts the final performance by HND Y2 Music students from the Northern School of Creative Industries at Bradford College.

This annual event sees students performing a wide range of jazz, from their own compositions to standards by artists such as Herbie Hancock, George Benson and Jaco Pastorius.

Come along and see some future stars of the jazz world here in Bradford!

Book online at www.kalasangam.org

**Saturday 24 March
at 7.30pm**

**Tickets - £5 Standard
£3 Concession**

Bradford College
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www.bradfordcollege.ac.uk

Wur Bradford WE ARE HERE - Exhibition

Grassroots arts collective Wur Bradford ('Wur' means 'our' or 'we are') present an exhibition of material from their ongoing project WE ARE HERE, a collaboration with the city's Oastler market exploring its unique history, communities and stories.

Wur Bradford will be working with market traders and members of the public to produce guided walks, interventions, installations, maps and sound recordings, to map and document the rich life of the market and its people at a time of change and uncertainty.

Book online at www.kalasangam.org

**Launch event
Thursday 19 April
at 7pm**

**Exhibition runs until
Thursday 28 June**

Free entry

Image by Dipak Mistry

wurbradford.wordpress.com



Shah e Mardaani Qawwals Qawaali performance

Formed by a group of family and friends in Bradford and Sheffield, traditional Sufi Qawaali group Shah e Mardaani Qawwals have performed at festivals and events throughout the UK and overseas to great acclaim.

With members aged 18 to 53, Shah e Mardaani Qawwals concerts take the traditional 800 year old qawaali style of singing and present it in a way that will appeal to all music lovers. Featuring flute, clarinet, saxophone, ney, harmonium, tabla, African djembes and mesmerising singing, a Shah e Mardaani performance is an intense and incredibly upbeat experience.

Using the power of the voice, the music draws the audience to connect with the sound and the very essence of hearts becoming as one. Don't miss what is bound to be one of the musical highlights of the season.

Book online at www.kalasangam.org

**Saturday 21 April
at 7.30pm**

**Tickets - £10 Standard
£6 Concession**



Kala Sangam Dance Discoveries

Everything you ever wanted to know about South Asian Dance but were maybe too afraid to ask!

Kala Sangam presents an evening featuring a range of South Asian dance styles performed by some of the regions very best dancers. Before each dancer takes to the stage you will get a chance to hear from them about what to look for and the history of each beautiful dance style. The evening also includes a post-show discussion where you can ask each of the performers about what you've seen.

Designed to appeal to both those with a lifelong love of South Asian dance and those who don't know their Kathak from their Kuchipudi, this event will take you on a fantastical journey through the cultures of South Asia without ever leaving your seat.

Book online at www.kalasangam.org

**Saturday 12 May
at 7.30pm**

**Tickets - £10 Standard
£6 Concession**



Breaking Tradition Adventures in the Attic

Following the success of the The Lock In (the UK's first Folk & Hip Hop extravaganza) the Breaking Tradition dancers come together with the acclaimed Demon Barbers band again to create another magical fusion of movement, music and comedy. With a live soundtrack provided by BBC award winning folk musicians and a genre-bending mix of contemporary, break and traditional dance, Adventures in the Attic takes audiences on a journey through time and space which explores the power of imagination, especially in times of displacement.

Featuring clogging rag dolls, sword dancing soldiers and Jack in the Boxes bursting with break beats, Adventures in the Attic is perfect for children aged 7-12 and their families. See it FIRST at Kala Sangam!

Book online at www.kalasangam.org

**Friday 25 May at 7pm
& Saturday 26 May
at 2pm**

World Premiere

**Tickets - £10 Standard
£6 Concession**

**"Folk & Hip Hop unite to
stunning effect"**

- The Independent on Breaking Traditions' debut production The Lock In'.

breakingtradition.co.uk



Kala Sangam's 25th Anniversary Charity Gala Dinner

This year Kala Sangam's annual Charity Gala Dinner will be extra special as the company celebrates 25 years of bringing outstanding intercultural arts to Bradford.

Guests will be welcomed with drinks and canapes before heading to The Ganges Theatre to enjoy a range of performances that showcase both the rich history of the company and its exciting new direction. After that enjoy a delicious three course meal and further entertainment before dancing the night away.

Dig out your best suit or your party dress and get ready for one of the nights of the year at Kala Sangam!

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

**Wednesday 6 June
at 6pm 'til late**

**Tickets - £55 plus VAT
per person**

£400 plus VAT
for a table of 8

Dress - Black Tie

Ustad Kiranpal Singh Santoor recital with Tabla

Ustad Kiranpal Singh is one of the UK's leading Santoor Maestros, having learnt his music art in the traditional way in Bombay, India (Santoor) and the UK (tabla & vocal). Born in Tanzania, Kiranpal now lives in London and plays regular concerts all over the globe. He is one of a select few senior and leading disciples of Shri Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma.

An incredibly delicate instrument, the santoor produces a magical sound that has to be heard to be believed. Join us for what promises to be a very special performance and be transported into a world of history, beauty, tradition and authenticity.

Kiranpal will be accompanied by Surdarshan Singh Chana on Tabla. A masterful tabla player, Surarshan began learning tabla from the Grandmaster of the Punjab Gharana, Ajit Singh Matlashi, and then went on to learn from Ustad Gurmeet Singh Virdee.

Book online at www.kalasangam.org

**Saturday 16 June
at 7.30pm**

**Tickets - £10 Standard
£6 Concession**

www.kiranpalsingh.com
www.surdarshanchana.co.uk

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**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, our Ganges theatre, our 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 Spring25 to receive 25% off your quote! *

(*Terms and conditions apply – offer open to first time bookers. Offer ends 01/08/18)



Young Masters Visual Arts School Summer Exhibition

Young Masters Visual Art School present their annual Spring-Summer Term exhibition.

Young Masters deliver fun and skills building classes in painting, drawing & sculpture for children across Bradford and Leeds - including here at Kala Sangam on Monday and Wednesday evenings!

This exhibition is part of a celebration of the work young people have created over the past few months, taking over our gallery with a spectacular summer showcase.

**Friday 6 July until
Friday 31 August**

Free entry

Book online at www.kalasangam.org

www.youngmasterscreativehub.com

Kala Sangam presents Kala Utsav



Join us for our end of term 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 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 throughout the region with guest performers from across Yorkshire.

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

**Saturday 21 July
at 7pm**

Free event - tickets are limited so please book in advance

Book online at www.kalasangam.org



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 or call 01274 303340 to speak to one of our team.

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.

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

Punjabi music and dance with Punjabi Roots Academy

Our folk arts delivery is in partnership with Punjabi Roots Academy. Come and enjoy colourful and lively bhangra dancing and 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.

Ashtanga Yoga

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

New for 2018

Mixed Ability Dance

Delivered in partnership with Dance For Life and International Mixed Ability Sports these new fun weekly dance sessions are for everyone regardless of ability, experience or disability!

Calendar of events

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5	24/02/18	Sonia Sabri Company - Dastaan	7.30pm
6	08/03/18	International Women's Day/Here Comes Trouble	11am/6pm
7	15/03/18	Möbius Dance - Mixed Programme	7.30pm
8	24/03/18	Bradford College Jazz Concert	7.30pm
9	19/04/18	WE ARE HERE exhibition launch	7pm
10	21/04/18	Qawaali performance	7.30pm
11	12/05/18	Dance Discoveries	7.30pm
12	25 & 26/05/18	Breaking Tradition - Adventures in the Attic	7pm/2pm
13	06/06/18	25th Anniversary Gala Dinner	6pm
14	16/06/18	Ustad Kiranpal Singh - Santoor with Tabla	7.30pm
16	06/07/18	Young Master's exhibition	-
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