SAMA

SOUTH ASIAN FESTIVAL

17TH-23RD SEPTEMBER 2007

NEWCASTLE GATESHEAD

A VIBRANT WEEK LONG FESTIVAL CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT & SPICE OF SOUTH-ASIAN MUSIC, ARTS & CULTURE



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WWW.SAMAFESTIVAL.ORG

SAMA is part of NewcastleGateshead's world-class festivals and events programme

Hello, Namaste, Sasriakal, As-salamu Alaykum!

Welcome to SAMA this colourful and vibrant week long festival celebrating the sights, sounds, spirit and spice of South Asian music, arts and culture.

Organised by GemArts, Kalapremi and Pakistan Cultural Society the week long festival includes an exciting programme of events and festivities including stunning performances by some of the finest musicians, DJs, artists, and dancers from across the UK and South Asia.

SAMA will also include amazing workshops, a film festival, exhibitions, a South Asian Music and Arts Symposium and a spectacular outdoor event on Newcastle Gateshead Quayside featuring an Indian market, mouth watering South Asian food and a 6ft Bengal tiger, a fun packed day for all the family to enjoy!

We would like to gratefully acknowledge NewcastleGateshead Initiative for their support and belief in the festival and also Arts Council England, Newcastle council, Gateshead council, Tyne and Wear partnership and Northern Rock for their financial support.

Last but not least we would like to say a big Thank You to all the staff, artists, volunteers, participants and everyone that has been involved and contributed their time and exceptional efforts to make SAMA a roaring success!

Vikas Kumar, Vidya Sarangapani, Munmun KC

Funded by



Pandit Budhaditya Mukherjee

at Kings Hall, Newcastle,

Wednesday 19th September, 1.00pm

TICKETS: Free but call 0191 4404124 to book a place

Budhaditya Mukherjee, proclaimed as the “sitar artist of the century”, launches the start of our exciting SAMA festival.

Known for his virtuosity, speed and precision on the sitar, his music creates a unique lyrical magic that reflects the ‘gayaki ang’, a North Indian playing technique that pays homage to the human voice. In this rare performance he is accompanied by his son Bijoyaditya Mukherjee, a prodigious young talent, and by leading tabla player Rajkumar Misra.

Venue: Kings Hall Newcastle University,
Armstrong Building, Queen Victoria Road, NE 7RU



SAMA SYMPOSIUM

AT THE SAGE GATESHEAD, GATESHEAD

THURSDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER, 11.00AM

TICKETS: TO BOOK A PLACE CALL 0191 4404125

For the very first time in the region a 1 day symposium will be held to discuss the hot topics and issues around supporting and profiling South Asian Performing arts and community/ education work.

Attracting regional and national delegates and key note speakers, this will be a fantastic opportunity for people to discuss, network and have questions answered around the South Asian performing arts scene.

Venue: Northern Rock Foundation Hall at The Sage Gateshead, St Mary's Square, Gateshead Quays, Gateshead, NE8 2JR.



SIMPLY BOLLYWOOD – A NIGHT WITH SONU NIIGAAM

AT NEWCASTLE CITY HALL, NEWCASTLE,

FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER, 7.00PM

TICKETS: £35, £30, £20, BOX OFFICE: 0191 2612606

Winner of many Awards including an MTV (India) Award for Best Pop Album

Sonu Niigaam is one of the most well known voices in Bollywood today. Singing from a very early age, Sonu Niigaam has over 10,000 songs under his belt! No Bollywood film soundtrack is complete without Sonu's name in the credits. He's gone from singer to show host, Indian Idol judge and even played a lead actor in a Bollywood movie. If there's anyone who can be called India's answer to an international pop star, it's Sonu Niigaam.

SAMA is proud to present Sonu Niigaam and his 25 strong troupe of musicians and dancers to bring Bollywood alive in the North East.

Venue: Newcastle City Hall, Northumberland Road, Newcastle, NE1 8SF



Bollywood Brass Band

Bollywood meets Brass meets Bhangra!

at Newcastle City Centre

Saturday 22nd September, 12.30pm

Tickets: Free out door event

Bollywood meets Brass meets Bhangra

For shoppers out and about in Newcastle City Centre the Bollywood Brass Band will perform an exhilarating blend of Indian film hits, Bhangra rhythms and brass arrangements, with influences from jazz and other world music.

"Trumpets and soprano saxophones blast out popular tunes and current or classic Indian film hits, backed by drum-kit, raucous trombones and funky sousaphone bass-lines…as popular as chicken tikka masala – Punjabi flavours and locally available ingredients mixed with Anglo-Saxon ingenuity. " ***Songlines***

Venue: Newcastle City Centre



DHARA PLUS SHADOW FIRE

AT DANCE CITY, NEWCASTLE

SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM

TICKETS: £10/£8/£5 EARLY BIRD

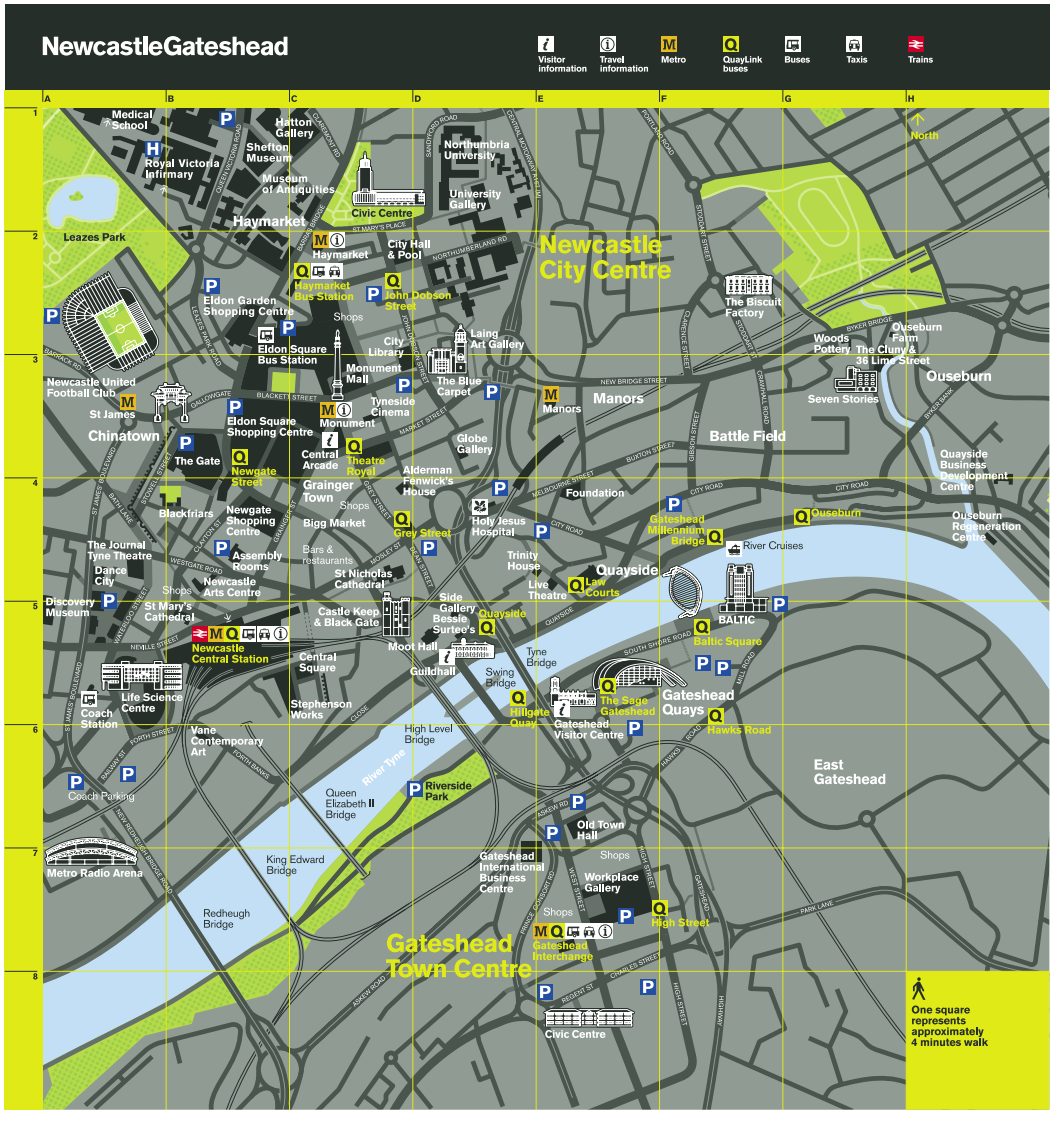
SAMA presents a very special showcase of traditional and contemporary dance forms with some of the leading exponents of dance from India and the UK.

DHARA is a stunning Odissi/Gotipua ensemble of around seven dancers, with special choreography by Rekha Tandon one of the greatest Odissi dancers who will also be performing. The programme has beautiful music and evocative projections which will provide unique insight into this ancient and fascinating tradition of boy dancers.

'Shadow Fire' is a fresh fusion of 3 different dance styles; Bharatnatyam, Contemporary and hip hop which explores a universal theme: the struggle to find inner strength and hope.
This is an extract from the piece choreographed by Daksha and Nikita Asher

Venue: Dance City, Temple Street, Newcastle, NE1 4BR
Box Office: 0191 261 0505 / www.dancecity.co.uk

SAMA MAP



SAMA PARTNERS

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Tyneside Cinema

The Sage Gateshead

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SAMA Venue List

Dance City,
Temple Street,
Newcastle upon Tyne,
NE1 4BR
Tel: 0191 261 0505
www.dancecity.co.uk

The Sage Gateshead,
St. Mary's Square,
Gateshead Quays,
Gateshead,
NE8 2JR
Tel: 0191 443 4661
www.thesagegateshead.org

Northumbria University Students' Union,
Newcastle City Campus,
Sandyford Road,
Newcastle upon Tyne,
NE1 8SB
Tel: 0191 227 4757
www.mynsu.co.uk

Kings Hall Newcastle University,
Armstrong Building,
Queen Victoria Road,
NE1 7RU
Tel: 0191 222 8463
www.ncl.ac.uk/news/

Tyneside Cinema, Old Town Hall,
West Street,
Gateshead,
NE8 1HE
Tel: 0191 232 8289
www.tynecine.org

SAMA is part of NewcastleGateshead's world-class festivals and events programme. There are a number of other exciting events happening this year including:

21-29 September
Berwick Film & Media Arts Festival
Berwick upon Tweed

11-28 October
DE07 (Design Event 07)
NewcastleGateshead and Sunderland

16-28 October
Dott07 Festival (Designs of the Time 07 Festival)
Baltic Square, Gateshead Quays

End November – 31 December
NewcastleGateshead Winter Festival
NewcastleGateshead

For more information visit www.NewcastleGateshead.com

Other Festivals

26-27 August
Newcastle Mela
Exhibition Park, Newcastle
Contact 0191 2772067

24–28 September
Gateshead Looking Forward Festival
- for over 50s
Contact 0191 4773559



Asian Dub Foundation & Radio 1's Bobby Friction & Nihal

at Northumbria University Students' Union

Saturday 22nd September, 7.30pm

Tickets: £12.00 Box Office: 0191 2274757

Asian Dub Foundation are 21st century MIDI warriors. Their distinctive sound is a combination of big bass lines and funky breaks and beats fused effortlessly with everything from classical Indian tabla and sitars to raga, dance, punk and Arabic melodies and instruments, shot through with fast-chat conscious lyrics.

Mercury nominated ADF have toured extensively around Europe, South America and Asia, and with the release of their latest album 'TIME FREEZE', a collection of some of their finest tracks, fans of the band's trademark mash up of styles and sounds are in for a mind blowing performance as SAMA brings them to Northumbria University.

To keep the party going late into the night Radio 1 DJ's, Bobby Friction and Nihal, will be on the decks bringing a mix of the freshest Asian beats from Bhangra to Bollywood and Hip Hop to Drum n Bass and beyond.

Venue: Northumbria University, Students' Union,
Ellison Place, Newcastle, NE1 8ST



SAMA Finale (Daytime)

AT Newcastle Gateshead Quayside

Sunday 23rd September 12pm to 6pm

Free Event For All The Family!!!

A day of celebration with music, fun, food, shopping and much more – a true experience of South Asia upon TYNE!!!

SAMA will culminate in a fantastic outdoor finale which will showcase some of the most cutting edge British Asian acts, and bring the tastes, sounds and hustle and bustle of a busy Indian Market or Meena Baaazar to the banks of the Tyne, with its colourful vendors, henna and rangoli artists, rickshaws and mouth watering Indian food.

Radio 1 DJ's Bobby Friction and Nihal will be hosting all the action from the SAMA Stage on Baltic Square with some amazing performances including **Tiger Style Sound System, Rishi Rich Showcase, Bapi Das Baul, Bollywood Brass Band, Bollywood Dancers, Mass** featuring the **Masala Project** and **Indian Folk Dancers.**

The day will culminate with - **The Tiger and The Emperor** - a magical procession of musicians and street entertainers alongside a roaring Bengal Tiger, accompanied by fearless dancers, capturing the spirit and spice of South Asia!





SAMA Finale (Nightime)
Shivkumar Sharma & Hariprasad Chaurasia

AT The Sage Gateshead, Gateshead

Sunday 23rd September 7.30pm

£13.50, £10, Concessions Box Office: 0191 4434661

Shivkumar Sharma and Hariprasad Chaurasia are both legends and giants of Indian music.
Shivkumar Sharma has taken the essentially folk instrument of Kashmir – the santoor (a 100 -stringed instrument) – into the world of classical music as a solo instrument, setting the benchmark for all players.

Hariprasad Chaurasia is a brilliant flautist, technician, musician and artist, who has thrilled audiences worldwide and is respected by eastern and western musicians alike.

They have both played all over the world as soloists, and for the finale of SAMA and for the very first time in the North East they will share the stage of Hall 1 at The Sage Gateshead for what truly will be a soul stirring performance and end to a spectacular festival.

Venue: Hall One at The Sage Gateshead,
St Mary's Square, Gateshead

SAMA Exhibitions







Diversity, Festivity, Inclusivity – 3

15th Sept – 15th October 2007 - Free

At Lamplight Centre, Front St, Stanley, Co Durham

presented by Kalapremi

Kalapremi's third visual art exhibition celebrates the diverse visual art forms and artists from the North East. This original and inspired exhibition showcases photographs from Dean Chapman and paintings from Michale Hope and Olwen Williams which include Indian classical dancers in movement and paintings of Hindu Gods and Goddessess on Silk.

Essence of Indian Cinema

Tyneside Cinema, Gateshead Old Town Hall

17th September – 19th September 2007

Organised by Pakistan Cultural Society in association with Tyneside Cinema

A Throw Of Dice (U) - (Prapancha Pash)

Monday 17th September, 8.15pm

Dir. Franz Osten. India/Germany/UK 1929. 1hr 17 mins.Silent with English intertitles

Described by composer Nitin Sawhney as "a cross between Chaplin, Cecil B. DeMille and an early Bollywood movie", this spectacular silent film is based on an episode from the Mahabharata. The tale of two neighbouring kings who are both addicted to gambling and in love with Sunita, the daughter of a hermit is a ravishing epic featuring thousands of extras.

This new digital restoration from the British Film Institute features a new score by Nitin Sawhney which effortlessly blends delicate vocals, Indian flute, acoustic guitar and tabla percussion with the sounds of a symphony orchestra. An unmissable event. **Tickets: £6.50 / £5.50 concessions**

Mother India (U) - (Bharat Mata)

Tuesday 18th September, 7.10pm

Dir. Mehboob Khan. India 1957. 2hrs 55mins. Hindi with English subtitles.

One of the enduring classics of Indian cinema, and a 1958 Academy Award nominee, Mehboob Khan's film tells the story of Radha (the legendary Nargis), a village woman who discovers that she has wed into a family weighed down by considerable debts. Buoyed by her love for her new husband (Raaj Kumar), Radha toils with him in the fields in an attempt to placate the increasing attentions of unscrupulous local moneylender Sukhilala (Kanhaiyalal), but, further tragedy awaits…**Tickets: £6.50 / £5.50 concessions**

I For India (PG)

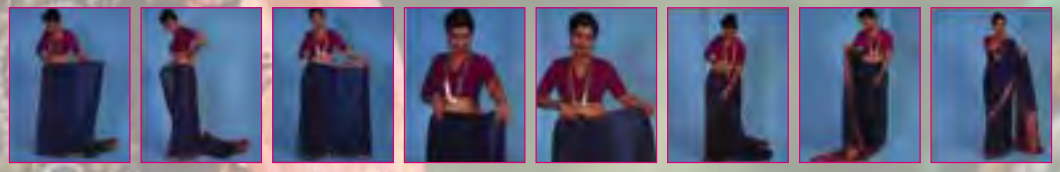
Wednesday 19th September, 8.20pm

Dir. Sandhya Suri. UK 2005. 1hr 10mins.

In 1965 Yash Pal Suri left India for the UK. Upon arriving in England the first thing he does is buy 2 Super 8 cameras, 2 projectors and 2 reel to reel recorders. One set of equipment he sends to his family in India, the other he keeps for himself, and over forty years he records and shares his new life abroad with his family back home, documenting weather, fashions and his own observations of life in the UK. This bitter-sweet time capsule is the basis of Sandhya Suri's amazing film, and her father's footage is skilfully pieced together to weave a stunning tale of alienation, discovery, racism and belonging, all seen through the eyes of one Asian family and their movie camera. **Tickets: £6.50 / £5.50 concessions**

Tyneside cinema is the region's full-time independent cinema, specialising in films from all around the world. Currently screening films full-time in the sumptuous Old Town Hall, Gateshead, the Tyneside will return to its Pilgrim Street, Newcastle home in 2008, following a £6.5m restoration and redevelopment programme that will make it one of the most distinctive cinemas in the UK.

Venue: Tyneside Cinema, Old Town Hall, West Street, Gateshead
www.tynecine.org / Box Office: 0191 232 8289



Experience And Participate in Sama

SAMA has developed a range of projects successfully involving local schools and community groups. There are also a variety of activities for you to come and try out. For more information on any of the workshops below please contact us on 0191 4404124 or visit www.samafestival.org

Tiger Masks & Jungle Leaves

Local community groups and schools from the North East are working with visual artists to create tiger masks and banners. Come and see their colourful display of art work as the participants take part in the tiger procession on Newcastle Quayside on 23rd September.

Rangoli Art

Come and create your own Rangoli! India's most popular art decoration using finely ground white powder and colours.

Indian Food Demonstrations

Demonstrations of how to make delicious Indian food will be held throughout the week. Try your hand at making some tasty traditional dishes.

Sari Demonstration

Come and try out and tie the traditional female garment of India and Pakistan.

Henna Art (Mehendi)

Design your own ancient Indian henna/ mehendi art and have it painted onto your hand.

Indian Dance & Music Workshops

Experience contemporary and traditional styles of South Asian dance and music.

Anurekha Ghosh & Company in residence at Dance City in collaboration with GemArts

Dance workshops for intermediate/advanced dancers fusing martial arts, Kathak and Butoh. Led by award-winning choreographer Anurekha Ghosh. Monday 3rd – 14th September, 9 – 10.30am. Cost: £5.50 or free to Dance Connect members.

If you are interested in similar workshops during this week or throughout the year please contact:
GemArts on 0191 4404124 or visit www.gemarts.org
Kalapremi on 01207 236060 or visit www.kalapremi.org
Pakistan Cultural Society on 0191 2743030

SAMA AT A GLANCE

WHEN	EVENT	WHERE	WHEN	PRICE	INFO
Wednesday 19th September	Pandit Budhadity and Mukherjee	Kings Hall N'castle University	1pm-3pm	Free* *Tickets required	0191 4404124
Thursday 20th September	SAMA Symposium	The Sage Gateshead	11am-5pm		0191 4404124
Friday 21st September	Simply Bollywood	Newcastle City Hall	7pm	£20, £30, £35	0191 2612606
Saturday 22nd September	Bollywood Brass Band	Newcastle City Centre	12pm-4pm	Free	www.sama festival.org
	Dhara	Dance City	7.30pm	£10/£8/£5	0191 2610505
	Asian Dub Foundation + Radio 1's Bobby Friction and Nihal	Northumbria University	7.30pm	£12	0191 2274757
Sunday 23rd September	SAMA 07 Finale Meena Bazaar, Procession and SAMA stage	Newcastle Gateshead Quayside	12pm-6pm	Free	0191 4404124
	Hariprasad Chaurasia and Shivkumar Sharma	The Sage Gateshead	7.30pm	£13.50/£10 Concessions	0191 4434661

EXHIBITIONS AND FILMS AT SAMA

12th September to 15th October	From Soho Road to the Punjab	ExploreMUSIC at The Sage Gateshead	9.30am - 8pm Everyday	Free	0191 4434630
15th September to 15th October	Diversity, Festivity, Inclusivity 3	Lamplight Arts Centre, Front St, Stanley, Co Durham		Free	01207 236060
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