

INDIAN STRINGS DANCES

10 April to 1 August 2009
Croydon Clocktower



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A COLLABORATIVE EXHIBITION AND SEASON OF FREE EVENTS FROM THE LONDON SITAR ENSEMBLE, THE MUSEUM OF CROYDON AND SUTTON SUBRANG

CURATED BY LATA DESAI AND ROLF KILLIUS
10 APRIL 2009 - 1 AUGUST 2009, CROYDON CLOCKTOWER

Music and dance forms a fundamental part of Indian cultural heritage. This exhibition traces the story of these art forms, their cultural significance and the way they have been transformed by musicians and dancers practising in Britain.

Showcasing objects and instruments from the Horniman Museum, South Asian Diaspora Literature and Arts Archive (SALIDAA) and local community groups and artists, this colourful and vibrant exhibition looks at the significant influence of musicians and dancers from South Asia, in Britain.

In the Croydon NOW area of the Museum of Croydon discover a variety of musical instruments as well as instruments relating to different forms of Indian dance. You can also watch oral history interviews and video performances with key figures in the Indian music and dance movement in Britain. The Space C gallery displays a stunning variety

of Indian dance costumes, depicting all the classical styles of Indian dance and three folk traditions. The Clocktower Café Gallery and Clocktower Court exhibit a range of photographs showing contemporary dancers as well as the origins and uses of instruments in their native India.

Accompanying the exhibition is a programme of events including family workshops, lectures and performances, exploring and celebrating Indian music and dance in Britain.

This exhibition is part of the Heritage Lottery Funded project 'String and Dance Festival', which is being run by the London Sitar Ensemble in association with the Museum of Croydon and Sutton Subrang.

All events are free and can be booked through the Clocktower ticket office.
Email: ticketoffice@croydon.gov.uk
Tel: 020 8253 1030

FAMILY DAY SATURDAY 11 APRIL

Arts and craft workshops
Mehndi Henna hand painting
with Nisha Orozcco, 11 - 12pm

Indian bead craft workshop
with Nayna Chhatraliya, 12 - 1pm

Manipuri dance workshop
with Roshni Mallick, 2 - 2.45pm

All children must be accompanied by an adult. These are drop-in sessions with limited places and will be operated on a first-come, first-served basis.

FREE
Clocktower Activities Room

Sutton Subrang Dance Ensemble, 3 - 3.45pm
A colourful extravaganza of vibrant folk dances from Gujarat.

Sarod Recital by Somjit Dasgupta, 4 - 5.00pm
(Courtesy of Darbar Festival 2009 - "Some of the best Indian music outside of India" BBC Radio 3)
Kolkata-based rare musical instrument connoisseur and multifaceted artist, Somjit Dasgupta, presents a repertoire of North Indian Classical music on Sarod, a fretless instrument, accompanied by Dharmesh Parmar on Tabla.

FREE
Clocktower Court

MUSEUM TALKS WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL, 7 - 9PM

'Perspectives on Indian music in the UK'
Join Viram Jasani, CEO of the Asian Music Circuit, as he discusses the work of the organisation in the UK.

FREE but please book a ticket in advance from the Ticket Office
Clocktower Activities Room

SATURDAY 9 MAY, 1 - 1.45PM

'Growing into Music in North India'
Artist, scholar and researcher Dr Nicolas Magriel talks about the Sarangi - the quintessential bowed instrument of North Indian music.

FREE but please book a ticket in advance from the Ticket Office
Clocktower Activities Room



Below: London Sitar Ensemble

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY, 7 - 8.30PM

'Indian music recordings at the British Library: research, preservation and access'

Join Dr Janet Fargion Topp, Curator of World and Traditional Music at the British Library Sound Archive, for a talk about the Indian music recordings in their collection.

FREE but please book a ticket in advance from the Ticket Office
Clocktower Activities Room

SATURDAY 18 JULY, 1 - 1.15PM

'Development of Indian music in Britain'

Join one of the most highly respected Sitar artists, Dharambir Singh, to discuss the development of Indian music in Britain.

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Clocktower Activities Room
Music and Dance Performances

MUSIC AND DANCE PERFORMANCES

SATURDAY 25 APRIL

Odissi dance by Katharine Ryan, 2 - 2.45pm

Katharine Ryan performs the Odissi dance, one of the eight Indian Classical Dance forms, originating in the temples of Orissa, India.

Sattriya dance by Menaka Bora, 3 - 3.45pm

Dancer and Scholar Menaka Bora presents the Sattriya dance, the oldest spiritual dance form of Assam.

Vijay Jagtap (Sitar) and Evelyn Harvey (Harp), 4 - 5pm

London-based Sitar master Vijay Jagtap gracefully blends elements of East and West with the majestic sounds of Harp by Evelyn Harvey, accompanied on the Tabla by Hanif Khan.

FREE
Clocktower Court

SATURDAY 9 MAY

Mohiniyattam by Parvati Nair, 2 - 2.45pm

Parvati Nair performs a solo recital of the classical dance form of Kerala - the dance of the 'Mohini'.

Manorama Prasad and her ensemble, 3 - 4pm

Vocalist Manorama Prasad provides a rare treat to sample one of the world's oldest and most complex music traditions - Karnatic music. She is accompanied by her versatile musicians.

Sarangi performance by Nicolas Magriel, 4.15 - 5pm

Enjoy a lively performance on the Sarangi by Nicolas Magriel.

FREE
Clocktower Court

SATURDAY 23 MAY

Kuchipudi dance by Chaittanya Unni and Shiju Menon, 2.30 - 3.15pm

Famous for its grace and elegance, the Kuchipudi dance originated in Andhra Pradesh. Chaittanya Unni and Shiju Menon perform with beautiful costumes, enchanting music and vivacious dance techniques.

Manipuri dance by Roshni Mallick, 3.30 - 4.15pm

Roshni Mallick presents one of the most beautiful classical dances from North East India.

Surbahar performance by Baluji Shrivastav, 4.30 - 5pm

Experience the beauty of the rarely heard Surbahar (bass-sitar), performed by Baluji Shrivastava, accompanied on the Pakhawaj by Naseem Irfan and on the Tanpura by Linda Shanovitch.

FREE
Temporary Exhibition Gallery



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SATURDAY 18 JULY

Kaviraj Singh on the Santoor and Upneet Singh on the Tabla, 2 – 2.30pm

Roopa Panesar on the Sitar and Upneet Singh on the Tabla, 3 – 3.45pm

Tarun Jasani on the Sarod and Surdarsham Chhana on the Jori Pakhawaj, 4 – 5pm

Talented young musicians give elegant performances on a variety of Indian instruments.

CLOSING CEREMONY FRIDAY 31 JULY, 7 – 9.30PM

Sanjay Guha (Sitar), Tunde Jegede (Kora), James Barallet (Cello), 7 – 8.15pm

A cross cultural collaboration between different genres of musicians showing the journey of Indian music in multicultural Britain. Sanjay Guha, Tunde Jegede and James Barallet blend Indian improvisations with vibrant rhythms of West African and Western Classical music. Also featuring the London Sitar Ensemble.

**Croydon Community Dance Groups,
8.30 – 9.30pm**

Croydon Community Dance Groups present traditional and contemporary dance items.

FREE EVENT but please book seats in advance from the Ticket Office
Braithwaite Hall



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Museum of Croydon,
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TRAIN

East Croydon Station (10 mins)*
West Croydon Station (15 mins)
* East Croydon is 16 minutes from both
London Victoria and London Bridge

TRAM

George Street (3 mins), Reeves Corner (12 mins)

BUS

Katharine Street (2 mins), High Street (5 mins),
Park Lane (5 mins), Park Street (6 mins)

BUS NUMBERS SERVING THESE STOPS

50, 60, 75, 109, 119, 154, 155, 166, 197, 250,
264, 312, 403, 405, 407, 412, 466, 468

PARKING

Fairfield (10 mins), Surrey Street (10 mins),
Centrale (12 mins)

BOOKING

Please contact the Clocktower ticket office
to reserve tickets for all events.

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Please note: The exhibitions in the Café
Gallery and Space C will finish on 1 June
and 8 June respectively. Croydon NOW
will finish on 1 August.