

Australian Festival of South Asian Arts

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THE WORLD COMES TO PARRAMATTA
31 OCT TO 6 NOV 2011

A PARRAMASLA ITINERARY FOR FAMILY FUN SEEKERS

Do you have a young tribe to entertain? Do you like a day out with no hassles where there is something to please everyone? Do you look for exciting new ways to entertain the family on a budget?

Here are some suggestions to help you enjoy your week at Parramasala.

SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER

12pm to 9pm – everybody is welcome at Deepavali Fair at Parramatta Stadium, the annual Hindu festival of the lights.

MONDAY 31 OCTOBER

5.30pm – after work, bring the family down to Town Hall Square for a free performance by one of India's most acclaimed traditional Kathak dance ensembles, **Madhumita Roy & Company**. The bright colours and fast-paced dance moves will have all ages mesmerised. And grab some delicious snacks from the Masala Market food stalls while you are there.

6.30pm – nearby Church Street is packed with great value restaurants, or take a 15 minute walk to fascinating Harris Park for even more family friendly dining options.

TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

1pm – something different for lunch. Drop into Riverside Theatres for a free **Lunch Hour Documentary** screening. *Afghan Girls Can Kick* is about some inspiring teenage girls in Afghanistan who break down barriers to pursue their love of football. There are fascinating free documentaries screening each day at 1pm, Tuesday to Friday.

5pm – **Madhumita Roy & Company** appear again on the Outdoor Stage.

WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Early – if you are up early every morning, drop in for the free Yoga and Music session each day this week.

6pm – **Baul Shilpi** is one of Bangladesh's rare touring ensembles of Baul musicians. They will give a free performance on the Outdoor Stage showcasing their colourful costumes, energetic music and infectious high spirits.

THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER

12.30pm – if you haven't seen them yet, **Baul Shilpi** perform a free lunchtime concert on the Outdoor Stage. Grab a chai tea while you are there.

8.30pm – for families with older children who can cope with the English subtitles, a delightful movie treat is screening at Riverside Theatres. **Bollywood Dream** is a fun new film from Brazil about three actresses taking a life-changing journey across India in their quest to become Bollywood stars. Tickets are only \$10 each.

FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER

12.30pm – **Baul Shilpi** performs a free lunchtime concert on the Outdoor Stage.

5pm – Town Hall Square will be a great place to relax after the working week with free entertainment and market stalls for an easy Friday night dinner. Don't miss **Rasa Duende** performing free on the Outdoor Stage at 6pm. This uplifting band features Bobby Singh's infectious tabla percussion and the fiery passion of flamenco guitar.

7.30pm - if you can hand the kids over to the babysitter for the night, treat yourself to a beautifully relaxing concert of soul-lifting and meditative music by the acclaimed **David Hykes & The Harmonic Choir** at St John's Cathedral.

SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER

11am – at the **Parramatta Artists' Studios** all ages will enjoy the free visual art exhibitions featuring artists from India, Australia and USA, open until 6pm. *Pattern-ship* is a stunning and incredibly colourful textile exhibition which combines the work of two artist collectives from Kachchh in India with two local Western Sydney artists. *Fold* uses video and performance to explore the daily routine of folding fabric. Sound familiar?

12.30pm – grab a cheap lunch of delicious South Asian treats at the **Masala Market** in Town Hall Square, and get lost amongst the wide range of fascinating stalls. The kids can get a henna tattoo on their hands while mum shops for a sari. And on the **Outdoor Stage** there will be a full afternoon of free live entertainment by local and international musicians and dancers.

2pm – discover some of the fascinating history of Parramatta while you are here. It's only a short walk to beautiful Parramatta Park where you can visit **Old Government House**.

SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER

11am – there is plenty happening all day at Town Hall Square, with market stalls and back to back free performances. **Sekaa Gong Tirta Sinar** takes to the stage at 11am. They are the spectacular Sydney University Gamelan Orchestra, playing on instruments you may never have seen before. And catch the last day of the free visual art exhibitions at **Parramatta Artists' Studios**.

4pm – make sure you are back at the Outdoor Stage to catch the final performance of **Baul Shilpi**, one of Bangladesh's rare touring ensembles of Baul musicians.

7.30pm – at sunset, Town Hall Square is the location for our free, fun, closing night outdoor concert for all ages, with headliners **The Bombay Royale** – a crazy band from Melbourne who will have everyone dancing to vintage Indian cinema classics and surf-adelic grooves.

For more information and to book tickets visit www.parramasala.com



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