

Australian Festival of South Asian Arts

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31 OCT TO 6 NOV 2011

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Do you like to be ahead of the curve on the latest trends on the dance floors of the world? Do you like a laugh? Do you like to be able to lead your friends to your latest unusual entertainment discovery?

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 – rendezvous with your friends at Town Hall Square for a free, colourful and frenetic performance by one of India's best high-energy Kathak dance ensembles, **Madhumita Roy & Company**. And grab some hot and spicy snacks from the Masala Market food stalls while you're there.

7pm – head down Church Street to Riverside Theatres for the Opening Night of the **South Asian Film in Focus** series with the Australian premiere of the uber-cool new Hindi thriller, *That Girl in Yellow Boots*. Don't worry, there are English subtitles. Your ticket includes a post-film party in the Riverside Theatres courtyard where you can try to unravel the film's gripping portrayal of Mumbai's political underbelly.

TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

5pm – after work, unwind with a drink at the **Festival Lounge** at Parramatta Town Hall.

6.15pm – open your mind with a free performance by **Baul Shilpi** on the Outdoor Stage at Town Hall Square. The music of this traditional music ensemble from Bangladesh is based on religious adoration and mysticism, with their concerts starting out slowly and building to an anarchic climax. Baul music celebrates celestial love in a wonderfully earthy way. Some of their rituals are kept hidden from outsiders, as they might be thought to be too hedonistic!

7.30pm - grab dinner at one of the fantastic restaurants along Church Street, or Harris Park which is only a 15 minute walk away.

10pm - head to Riverside Theatres to join a late night session of **The Other Journey** by CuriousWorks, an immersive outdoor theatre experience about Sri Lankan migration which involves stories told on personal mp3 players headphones, beautiful outdoor projections, and even a boat ride up the river. Bookings essential.

WEDNESDAY 2 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.

7.30pm – after work, get back to Riverside Theatres in time for the Australian premiere performance of India's acclaimed Chandralekha Group. Their performance of **Sharira** is a very sexy, body-bending, mind-expanding blend of classic Indian dance, yoga and martial arts.

9.30pm – head to the **Festival Lounge** at Parramatta Town hall for an after-dinner drink and mix with some of the very friendly international stars of the festival.

THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER

8.30pm – Riverside Theatres is screening the Australian premiere of **Bollywood Dream**, a new film from Brazil about three actresses taking a life-changing journey across India in their quest to become Bollywood stars.

9.45pm – back to Town Hall Square. Drop into the free **Festival Lounge** at Parramatta Town Hall for a drink and to mingle with the stars of the festival.

FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER

6pm – after work, check out **Rasa Duende** performing free on the Outdoor Stage. Bobby Singh's infectious tabla percussion meets the fiery passion of flamenco guitar.

7pm – tonight is a hot triple bill of entertainment at Riverside Theatres starting with the Australian premiere screening of the new Zealand film, **Curry Munchers** about a guy in his twenties who moves from Delhi to Auckland to pursue girls, motor bikes and cooking competitions.

9pm – stay at Riverside for a 45 minute performance of **Mother India: 21st Century Remix**. The classic epic of Indian cinema is re-edited and given a new electronic and strings score performed live by the UK's master turntablist **DJ Tigerstyle** and musicians.

SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER

1pm – spend a laid back afternoon at Town Hall Square with a non-stop line-up of free entertainment on the Outdoor Stage by local and international musicians and dancers. Explore the Masala Market, get a henna tattoo on your hand and buy a sari or two.

8.30pm – tabla percussion virtuoso **Trilok Gurtu** is a legend on the European jazz scene. In this one-off Australian concert at Riverside Theatres he is joined by special guest, **Niladri Kumar**, a maverick superstar of the sitar.

10pm – back to Town Hall Square to drop into the free **Festival Lounge**, open until late.

SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER

11am – there is plenty happening all day at Town Hall Square, with market stalls and back to back free performances. And catch the last day of the free visual art exhibitions at Parramatta Artists' Studios.

6pm – if you are looking for a mind-expanding cultural experience to end the week, David Hykes and The Harmonic Choir from France and the US will join two of India's leading Sufi singers in a soul-lifting collaboration. **Sufi Music & Harmonic Spheres** is at Riverside.

7.30pm – rush back to Town Hall Square for a samosa and catch our free closing night outdoor concert, with musicians including **Tablatronics** and headliners **The Bombay Royale** – a crazy band from Melbourne who will have everyone dancing to vintage Indian cinema classics and surf-adelic grooves. Entry to the licensed Festival Lounge tonight is \$20 for an exclusive Closing Night Party with the festival artists.

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