

ArtReach  
**NIGHT OF  
FESTIVALS**  
**SOUTH ASIA**

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artistic innovation



In Association with An Indian Summer

**CELEBRATE THE  
SPIRIT OF SOUTH ASIA**

**14 - 19 August 2017**

**Leicester City Centre**  
various locations

**FREE EVENT**

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Night of Festivals South Asia is presented in association with an Indian Summer, produced by Inspirate.

An Indian Summer explores Indian culture and heritage, past, present and future.

This year the two festivals are collaborating to produce the ultimate celebration of South Asia cultures in Leicester City Centre, with An Indian Summer running from August to October, and Night of Festivals South Asia marking India and Pakistan independence from 14-19 August

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ArtReach is thrilled to be curating and collating a special version of our popular Night of Festivals event as part of the 2017 Leicester City Festival. Night of Festivals South Asia celebrates the vibrant spirit of South Asian cultures in a spectacular festival, taking place across Leicester city centre from 14th - 19th August 2017.

The festival helps mark the 70th Anniversary of independence for India and Pakistan and represents a collaboration between many different South Asian organisations that are based here in the city. We have been delighted to have such fantastic support, enthusiasm and commitment from colleagues at Inspirate, the Gujarat Hindu Association, the Hindu Festival Council, the Pakistan Youth and Community Association PYCA, Indus Festivals, the Sikh Museum Initiative, SWAR Music, CICD, Nupur Arts and Shiamak all of whom have contributed to programme development and delivery. This support has been ably focused through a special Festival Advisory Group and I'd like to thank all members including Councillors Manjula Sood and Mustafa Malik for their valued expertise and support.

We all hope you enjoy a programme of exciting events that brings a flavour of the arts and culture of South Asia.

### **David Hill**

ArtReach Director



## **Fireworks: Fun for All**

Indus UK in partnership with Pakistan Youth & Community Association and South Asian Women's Association

Spinney Hill Park, Mere Rd  
Leicester LE5 5AY

**Monday 14 August:**  
**9.30pm Onwards**

A spectacular display of fireworks to mark Pakistan's 70th independence anniversary. All welcome.



Mark Sewell

## **Stage event with the Gujarat Hindu Association**

Main stage, Humberstone Gate

**Tuesday 15 August:**  
**5.30pm - 7pm**

The Gujarat Hindu Association invites you to attend in Humberstone Gate to officially mark the 70th anniversary of Indian independence.



# Chai Walla Café

16th - 19th August

ISKCON Building

**FREE EVENT**



## Chai Walla Café

ISKCON Building

31 Granby St LE1 6EP

**Wed 16 August: 2pm - 5.30pm**

**Thurs 17 - Sat 19 August:**

**11am - 5.30pm**

Enjoy a free cup of masala tea, traditional South Asian snacks, board games and arts and craft workshops suitable for all age ranges. The space provides a reflective area for those with experience of independence (or family stories) to share and record their memories.

The Café will also host an exhibition presentation from the Sikh Museum Initiative, and a "Street Food of Pakistan" exhibition from the Pakistan Youth and Community Association (PYCA)



## Painting

with Mufaza Asrar

**Weds 16th: 2pm - 4pm**

## Memory Books

with Lois Sabat-Gardner

**Thurs 17th:**

**11am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm**

## Urdu Calligraphy

with Asma Mirza

**Fri 18th:**

**11am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm**

## Block Printing

with Khyati Koria-Green

**Sat 19th:**

**11am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm**

Workshop places can be booked in advance via Eventbrite link [nightoffestivals.eventbrite.com](https://nightoffestivals.eventbrite.com)

## Art Exhibitions

14th - 19th August

ISKCON Building / LCB Depot

FREE EVENT

Maroon



### Maroon

By Nayan Kulkarni

The Bank Vaults, ISKCON Building  
31 Granby St LE1 6EP

**Wed 16 August: 2pm - 5.30pm**

**Thurs 17 - Sat 19 August: 11am - 5.30pm**

An exceptional new visual and sonic commission from acclaimed international artist Nayan Kulkarni, inspired by the multiple implications created in the moment of Indian and Pakistan independence. The installation has developed from personal and family memories of migration, return and tradition.

### Artist Talk

**Wed 16 August: 4pm-5pm**

Book at [nightoffestivals.eventbrite.com](https://nightoffestivals.eventbrite.com)

**Please note:** Accessibility to the exhibition space is via stairs. There will be a digital display of the exhibition in the ISKCON Building main hall for those that cannot access the vaults.



### Sehra

By Kashif Nadim Chaudry

In partnership with  
An Indian Summer

The Lightbox Gallery LCB Depot  
Rutland St LE1 1RE

**14th - 19th August: 10am - 5pm**

Nadim Chaudry's new installation acknowledges the challenges of Independence and Partition and pays homage to the quagmire of this unprecedented event.



# The Outdoor Cinema

Friday 18th August

In partnership with Inspirate

**FREE EVENT**



## **Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge**

Jubilee Square  
St. Nicholas Place LE1 4LD

**Friday 18th August:  
8.45pm (running time 3 hours)**

Night of Festivals South Asia presents the ultimate Bollywood rom-com. Bring the family, a picnic and settle down for the evening to enjoy this great classic cinema on the Big Screen on a balmy August evening!



## **The International Kite Project**

Jubilee Square  
St. Nicholas Place LE1 4LD

**Friday 18th August: 8.45 - 11pm**

For the first time digital kite flying will be possible on an outdoor Big Screen! Children can take a break from the film, or families are invited to come to just enjoy the experience of flying a kite digitally over the projected landscapes of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Design your own digital kite in advance of the evening - visit

[internationalkiteproject.com/design-studio](http://internationalkiteproject.com/design-studio) and then retrieve your own digital kite to fly on 18th August!

## **Project Workshops**

Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre  
Rothley St LE4 6LF

**8th August 2pm - 4pm**

Highfields Library  
98 Melbourne Rd LE1 0DS

**10th August 2pm - 4pm**



## Live Music & Dance

15th - 19th August

Humberstone Gate

**FREE EVENT**

### Live Music and Dance

Humberstone Gate  
Leicester LE1 1WB

**Tues 15th - Sat 19th August**

The finest line up of internationally acclaimed musicians, dancers and DJ's programmed alongside local Leicester talent.

Every evening from 5pm to 11pm  
15th - 18th August and all day on  
Saturday 19th (11am - 11.30pm).

**Tuesday 15th August**

**5pm - 11pm**

### Dhol Enforcement Agency

**5pm - 5.30pm**

Leicester's original innovators of live Punjabi folk music

### Gujarat Hindu Association

**5.30pm - 7pm**

With a special flag ceremony, VIP guest speakers and a programme of community performance, GHA marks the 70th Anniversary of Indian Independence.

### Bollywood Brass Band

with special guest violinist  
Jyotsna Srikanth

**7.15pm - 8.15pm**

### Wondergupta

(The Satellite State Disko)

**8.30pm - 9pm**

DJ set with current and vintage global tunes.

### Tigerstyle

**9.15pm - 11pm**

Pioneering their own fusion sound named Digi-Bhang, Tigerstyle is a Scottish bhangra DJ duo.



Tiger Style

# Live Music & Dance

15th - 19th August

Humberstone Gate

FREE EVENT

Aki Nawaz

Wednesday 16th August  
5pm - 11pm

**Dhol Players Band Baja**  
5pm - 5.30pm

**Shabnam Khan**  
5.45pm - 7.15pm

**Mohamad Raza**  
7.30pm - 8.30pm

**Bapi Das Baul**  
8.45pm - 9.45pm

Internationally renowned 8th generation Baul performer of Bengali mystical folk music.

**DJ Frenzy**  
10pm - 11pm

Mixing bhangra beats with contemporary pop to give tracks a classic Frenzy twist.

Thursday 17th August  
5pm - 11pm

**Dhol Enforcment Agency**  
5pm - 5.30pm



Iffi-K

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5.45pm - 7pm

Pakistan born, Leicester based Iffi-k fuses urban pop, R'n'B, hip hop and reggaeton.

**Centre for Indian Classical Dance**  
7.15pm - 8.30pm

CICD presents a wide range of Leicester's local and up-and-coming talent.

**Samia Malik**  
8.45pm - 10pm

World class British-Pakistani singer presenting *Azaadi* (Freedom) .

**Aki Nawaz**  
10.15pm - 11pm

The Fun-Da-Mental frontman provides an eclectic DJ Set.





Reggae Rajahs

**Live Music & Dance**

**15th - 19th August**

**Humberstone Gate**

**FREE EVENT**

**Friday 18th August**

**5pm - 11.30pm**

### **Eternal Taal**

**5pm - 5.45pm**

All female Bhangra with a modern twist!

### **SWAR Music**

**6pm - 7.30pm**

A traditional Raas Garba programme featuring guest artist from India, Rajesh Majithiya.



Circus Raj

### **Circus Raj**

**7.45pm - 8.45pm**

Rajasthan's elite street circus performers take the ancient circus format to new mystical heights.

### **Dr Das**

**9pm - 9.45pm**

Asian Dub Foundation founding member with his special solo project.



Bobby Friction

### **Reggae Rajahs and Bobby Friction**

**10pm - 11.30pm**

India's first reggae and bass music sound system based in New Delhi, joined by international DJ Bobby Friction.



# Live Music

15th - 19th August

Humberstone Gate

FREE EVENT

Sandeep Raval

Saturday 19th August

10.45am - 11.30pm

**Bhangra  
Punjabian Da**

10.45am - 11.30am

**SWAR Music**

11.30am - 1pm

**The Sonia Sabri  
Company**

1.15pm - 2pm

A vibrant programme of folk, classical and funky dance styles.

**Pakistan Youth  
and Community  
Association**

2.15pm - 3.30pm

A range of dynamic community performances coordinated by Leicester's Pakistan Youth and Community Association, in partnership with South Asian Women's Association (SAWAL)



Sonia Sabri

**Sandeep Raval and  
Waqas Choudhary**

3.45pm - 4.30pm

Indian percussionist meets Pakistani musician Waqas Choudhary.

**Tamil Foundation**

4.45pm - 5pm

Traditional Tamil Folk Dances.

**Nupur Arts**

5.15pm - 6.30pm

A range of Leicester's local and up-and-coming talent.

**Hamid Ali  
Naqeebi Qawaal**

6.45pm - 7.30pm

Award-winning Bangladeshi sitarist, composer and singer.

**Shama Rahman**

7.45pm - 9pm

Singer-songwriter and sitar artist from Bangladesh

**Wondergupta**

(The Satellite State Disko)

9.15pm - 9.45pm

**Bandish Projekt**

10pm - 11.30pm

Bandish Projekt merges Indian classical composition with experimental music.





Meet Harminster

**Little India**

**Saturday 19th August**

**City Centre**

**FREE EVENT**



## Little India

New Market Square,  
Humberstone Gate and  
the Clock Tower

**11am - 5pm**

Colourful street arts with performances and workshops taking place throughout the day from 11am

## Meet Harminster

Leicester City Centre

**11am - 5pm**

Meet Harminster, the cycle powered Indian elephant that will parade from Clock Tower along the High Street and to Market Square.

## Holi Festival of Colour Flash Mobs

The Clock Tower  
Leicester City Centre LE1

**1pm, 2pm and 3pm**

Special Festival of Colours performances, produced by Nupur Arts. If you're brave you can join in the colour throwing ceremony!



Colour Flash Mobs



Rangoli - Tented Village

## The Tented Village

New Market Square,  
Rear of the Corn  
Exchange LE1 5HB

**11am - 5pm**

Traditional South Asian craft activities at the Tented Village, to a backdrop of performances by traditional South Asia musicians and dancers.

Drop in and take part in a craft workshop throughout the day.

## Rangoli

with Amrit Bhamra

## Kite Making Workshops

by Harish Mandalia

## Calligraphy

by Samir Malik

## Traditional Storytelling

by Paul Gobey





# Venues

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The Outdoor Cinema  
Jubilee Square  
St Nicholas Place  
LE1 3LY



The Chai Walla Café  
ISKCON Building  
31 Granby Street  
LE1 6EP



Live Music Stage  
Humberstone Gate  
High Street  
LE1



The Tented Village  
New Market Square  
Rear of the Corn Exchange  
LE1 5AW



Little India  
The Clock Tower  
and City Centre  
Leicester LE1 5YA



Khasif Nadim Chaudry Exhibition  
The Lightbox Gallery  
LCB Depot  
Rutland St LE1 1RE



Nayan Kulkarni Exhibition  
ISKCON Building  
31 Granby Street  
LE1 6EP

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