

SPARK

South Asian Arts Festival

24 November - 9 December 2017

All events are FREE!

The Muath Trust presents

Yemeni Arts & Culture Festival
The Muath Trust, The Bordesley Trust,
Stratford Road, Camp Hill,
Birmingham B11 1AR



Friday 24 November, 7pm
Exhibition Opening and Yemeni History, Culture & Coffee
An introduction to Yemeni history by Haifa Fadl Alkhanshali to accompany the launch of the Yemeni Arts & Culture Exhibition. Traditional Yemeni Food and Coffee will be served.

Friday 24 – Thursday 30 November, 6 – 9pm
Yemeni Arts & Culture Exhibition

Sunday 26th November, 6pm
Nasheed and Poetry
By Saleem Al-Shayei, Abdullah Saif, Aminah Alsawad and others.
Arabic and English.

Friday 1 December, 7pm
Traditional Song & Dance
By The Yemeni Musical Entertainment Group, Yemeni Bara'a Group & Jafer.

Sunday 3 December, 6pm
Theatre and Drama
By Hana & Umar, Children from Amanah Arabic School & others.

Ort Gallery is pleased to present the **SPARK South Asian Art Festival**, two weeks of FREE films, music, arts, crafts, street art, theatre, poetry, food and more. Six Birmingham community arts organisations either based in and/or working with a range of communities from Sparkhill or Sparkbrook are offering you a number of events designed with and by local people. **SPARK** gives a flavour of the rich diversity of arts activities influenced by South Asian Arts in this bustling part of Birmingham. All events are free but some require booking. See website for details: www.ortgallery.co.uk. **SPARK** is part of Utsav - Birmingham City Council's Year of South Asian Arts. We look forward to seeing you at **SPARK!**

Saturday 25 November, 1-3pm

SPARK Launch

Ort Gallery, 500-504 Moseley Rd, Balsall Heath, Birmingham B12 9AH.
An opportunity to meet the arts organisations and communities part of **SPARK** festival. Free activities for families. Ort Café will be selling low cost South Asian treats.

Art Works presents

Saturday 2 December, 2 - 4pm

The Spice of Life

The Springfield Centre, Springfield Rd,
Birmingham B13 9NY



Over ten weeks groups from the Springfield Project, Creative and Welcome groups, Friends of Sparkhill Park, The Forest School, Azadi Glue and St John's School have all contributed to create a piece of processional art in the shape of a beautiful spice cart. Using South Asian art forms encompassing stories, music, performances and crafts, supported by 10 artists from diverse backgrounds, the project will culminate in this celebratory event **The Spice of Life**. There will be an opportunity to have your five senses tantalised by music, food, performance and colour, workshops and more.

Soul City Arts presents

25th November - 8th December
Unveiling event: 9th December, 2pm
Ladypool Road Interactive Mural
Corner of Ladypool Rd & Leamington Rd,
B12 8JT



Soul City Arts present a new, interactive, public artwork that celebrates the sights, sounds and stories of Birmingham's iconic Ladypool Rd. A select team, led by internationally renowned artist Mohammed Ali MBE, are bringing together the worlds of street-art and mind-boggling 21st Century technical wizardry. When viewed using the camera of your smartphone or tablet, sections of the mural will spring to life!

The piece will introduce you to the world of augmented reality - an emergent technology that enables novel, playful interaction with real life objects. To take full advantage of the augmented reality features, make sure you download the AURASMA app (available FREE on the App Store and Android Play Store), then search for and follow the 'LADYPOOLMURAL' channel.

The mural can be viewed throughout the 2 weeks of Spark Festival. You, your family and friends are also invited to meet the artists at the official unveiling event - on Saturday 9th December at 2pm.

Follow Soul City Arts online for updates: twitter.com/soulcityarts or facebook.com/soulcityarts

Ashiana Community Project presents

Sunday 26 November, 6 - 8pm
Under the Tree

Local Talent performance with music and poetry. Sparkbrook Health Centre, 34 Grantham Rd, Birmingham B11 1LU

To reserve your place contact: Mamoona: 07583086987
Mamoona@acpgroup.org.uk



Sunday 3 December, 6 - 10pm

Street Beat

Bollywood and Sufi music event. Featuring popular sufi music singer Sohail Salamat alongside additional local artists. Food stalls will be available. Regents Park Banqueting Hall, Regent Park Rd, Birmingham B10. To reserve your place contact: Mamoona: 07583086987
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Beatfrees presents

Thursday 16 November (time TBC)
Spark 11

Women's Enterprise Hub, Ladypool Rd.

Spark 11 second performance TBC

The Springfield Centre, Springfield Rd, Birmingham B13 9NY.

See www.ortgallery.co.uk for updates.

Join us for a free celebration of Sparkhill, Sparkbrook and Balsall Heath. We are highlighting the people behind the places with a night of theatre and dining. Take your seats in the delightful Venues (TBC) for a meal, and enjoy a menu of fabulous food interspersed with a series of brand new performances inspired by the dreams of local people. The evening also includes a new photography exhibition that inspired the making of the show. Plus, there will be opportunities to add your own dreams or ambitions to the project. Whether you're already following your dream or are still finding your way to it, this evening is for you. More about the project: www.amerahsaleh.co.uk/spark11stories



The Gap Arts Project presents

South Asian Film Festival

The GAP, 500 Moseley Road, Balsall Heath, Birmingham, B12 9AH.

Join us and watch 8 films from South Asia, featuring films from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The films engage with a wide range of themes, covering partition, identity, family, environmentalism, asylum, education and more. Food from the respective country will be provided at each event! All screenings are free! For more info: www.thegapartsproject.co.uk



Sunday 26 November, 7pm

5 in the Afternoon In a devastated Afghanistan post-Taliban, Nogreh is a woman that goes to school without the knowledge of her conservative father who sees blasphemy everywhere. Ultimately, she wants to become the first female President of Afghanistan.

Monday 27 November, 7pm

Bol A religious Muslim family facing financial difficulties caused by too many children and changing times. A film about gender, social life and family.

Friday 1 December, 7pm

A River Called Titas A film about the life of fishermen on the bank of the Titas River in Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh. The film captures songs, speech, rituals, and rhythms of a once self-sufficient community and culture swept away.

Sunday 3 December, 5pm

Milarepa A film about the life of the most famous Tibetan tantric yogi, eponymous Milarepa.

Sunday 3 December, 7pm

Aligarh Based on the real life incident of Dr. Shrinivas Ramchandra Siras, a university professor at Aligarh Muslim University, who was suspended from his job because of his sexual orientation.

Monday 4 December, 7pm

Taxi Tehran Taxi passengers express their views and opinions as filmmaker Jafar Panahi drives through the streets of Tehran, Iran.

Friday 8 December, 7pm

Dheepan The story of a Sri Lankan Tamil warrior who flees to France and ends up working as a caretaker outside Paris.

Saturday 9 December, 5pm

Manakamana A visually stunning documentary about a group of pilgrims who travel to Nepal to worship at the legendary Manakamana temple.



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