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Take part in the tote bag workshop

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ARTS UNIVERSITY BOURNEMOUTH

"We are tremendously excited to be working with Art Asia on Southampton Mela. Not only does this present opportunities for artists and producers to work on a project of a significant scale very early in their careers but provides Arts University Bournemouth with an opportunity to support Mela which has tremendous cultural significance not only in Southampton but across the region.

Kevin Chambers, Course Leader,  
BA (Hons) Events Management,  
Arts University Bournemouth

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MAST work with the best touring companies and local artists to present a diverse, vibrant, high-quality artistic programme including creating own productions and co-productions. MAST opened with and for the community during this past year and achieved an overwhelming amount of support, they continue to work hard to deliver creative opportunities for audiences, participants and theatre makers, that everyone can get involved in.



[www.mayflowerstudios.org.uk](http://www.mayflowerstudios.org.uk)

HAMPSHIRE  
CONSTABULARY

Hampshire Constabulary are pleased to continue their support for the Southampton Mela. Our Positive Action Recruitment Team will be in attendance all day to talk about the range of roles we have available in Policing and how we can support individuals through the process. You can find out more about policing and talk to our local officers and staff. We are always looking for individuals with the right skills and motivation from the widest range of our communities to join us and help be the difference. Please be sure to come and find us. We wish everyone attending and organising this brilliant community event a really successful day and we look forward to meeting as many people as possible.



Working for safer communities



Celebrating 40 years  
of South Asian Arts  
and Culture

Saturday 16th July 2022  
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## Around the site

Alice at Mela presented by AUB	Keep an eye out!
MAST Youth Theatre Percy Jackson Flash Mob	Keep an eye out!
The Old Thumper Jazz Band	2:00 – 4:00
Chinese Group Tai Chi	6:00
Lives of Clay — Vidya Thirunarayan	2:00 & 5:00
Rajastani Heritage Band	All day
Pantheatrix Walkabout Theatre	All day
Nutkhut's Bride and Groom	Keep an eye out!
Textile printing	12:30 – 5:30
Mask Making	12:30 – 5:30
Rangoli patterns	12:30 – 5:30
Creative Cross Currents	12 – 5:00
Weavers and Spinners	12 – 4:00
Pantheatrix Fire Show	7:15
Storytelling – African Activities	2:15–2:35 & 4:30–4:50

## Main Stage

Compares: CoCoP, Anjali Mavi, Adesh Joshi

12:00 noon	<b>Harmony Junction</b> — Creative Cross Currents Southampton Youth Wind Band Southampton Music Hub
12:45	<b>Indian Classical Music</b> Pandit Sanju Sahai — Tabla Debipriya Sircar — Sitar & Vocal Alice Baron — Violin
1:30	<b>Mela Opening</b> The Sheriff Of Southampton
2:00	<b>Kathak Dance</b> Rakhi Sood's TMC Dancers
2:30	<b>Indian Classical Music</b> Pandit Sanju Sahai — Tabla Jaymini Sahai — Kathak Debipriya Sircar — Sitar & Vocal Alice Baron — Violin
3:15	<b>Bollywood Dance</b> Rakhi Sood's TMC Dancers
3:45	<b>Bollywood Songs</b> Pooja Angra & Karan Rana accompanied by Mike Blatchford — Saxophone and Jero Ferec — Flamenco Guitarist
4:30	<b>Indian Dance Medley</b> Angika
5:00	<b>Rajasthani Folk Music</b> Rajasthani Heritage Brass Band
5:15	<b>Monsoon Rhythms Odissi, Bharatnatyam and Kathak Dance</b> Ipshita Roy; Abanti Chakrabarti; Sumaya Jamil
5:45	<b>Qawalli music</b> Hussain Brothers
7:00	<b>Bhangra Artists</b> Navin Kundra, Happe Singh and Nirmal Sidhu

## Music Workshop Tent

12:30	Flow Rap
1:00	Flow Rap
1:30	Flow Rap
2:15	Turban Making
2:45	African Drumming
3:30	Dhol Drumming
4:15	Indian Singing
5:00	African Drumming

## World Stage

Compares: Anjali Mavi, Frank Mangena

12:00 noon	<b>Rockband</b> Sherborne House School
12:45	<b>Indian Dance Medley</b> Angika
1:15	<b>African Dance and Music</b> African Activities
2:00	<b>Bangladeshi Folk Dance</b> Sumaya Jamil
2:30	<b>Chinese Music</b> Chinese Arts Southampton
3:15	<b>Indian Dance Medley</b> Angika
3:45	<b>African Dance and Music</b> African Activities
4:30	<b>Funky Fitness</b> Frank Mangena
5:00	<b>K.V Dance company</b>
5:15	<b>Bhangra Dance</b> South Coast Bhangra Group
5:45	<b>Flemenco Music and Dance</b> Jero Ferec Flamenco Company
6:45	<b>Music from Afganistan</b> Tamim Yousefi



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## Sports Zone Stage

Compares: Frank Mangena

12:00 noon	Mr FunkyFit Opening Motivation
12:20	Zumba with Marta
12:40	Mr FunkyFit Funkyfit Boxing
1:00	Southampton Bootcamp
1:20	Zumba with Marta
1:40	Neon Martial Arts
2:00	Southampton Bootcamp
2:20	Mr FunkyFit Motivation Talk
2:40	Zumba with Marta
3:00	Neon Martial Arts
3:20	Southampton Bootcamp
3:40	Mr FunkyFit Funkyfit Boxing
4:00	Zumba with Marta
4:20	Neon Martial Arts
4:40	Southampton Bootcamp
5:00	Mr FunkyFit Closing



Keep an eye out for your favourite  
characters throughout the day!

INCLUDING:  
ALICE AT THE MELA!  
NUTKHUTS BRIDE AND GROOM.  
PERCY JACKSON FLASH MOB PERFORMANCE  
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STAY UNTIL DUSK FOR OUR AMAZING PYROTECHNICS!

## Community Stage

Compares: Preeti Nayaar and Ranjan Patel

12:00 noon	<b>Bollywood Dance (London Thumakda)</b> by Great Oaks School's students
12:15	<b>Bollywood and Kathak Dance Workshop</b> Rakhi Sood
12:30	<b>Bollywood Dance Performance</b> Art Asia Students
1:00	<b>Indian Songs Performance</b> Art Asia Students of Pooja Angra
1:30	<b>Flamenco Dance Workshop</b> Jero Ferec Flamenco Company
2:00	<b>Oddissi and Bharata Natyam Classical Dance Workshop</b> Abanti Chakrabarti, Ipsita Roy
2:15	<b>Bhangra Dance Workshop</b> South Coast Bhangra Dance Group
2:30	<b>Belly Dancing Performance &amp; Workshop</b> Mystic Fusion
3:00	South of England Marathi Pariwar
3:30	<b>Bharata Natyam Dance</b> Shree Youth Group Art Asia, Students of Vidya Thirunarayan
3:45	ESAC Dancing Divas
3:52	Vedic Society Garba Group
4:00	<b>Bangali Music and Dance Performance</b> Hampshire Puja and Cultural Association
4:30	<b>Chinese Music and Dance Performance</b> Chinese Arts Southampton
5:00	<b>Bollywood Songs</b> Madan Vashisht
5:15	<b>BollyDance</b> Shreya Chugh
5:30	<b>Chinese dance</b> Guzheng instrumental performance Chinese Association of Southampton
5:45	<b>Bollywood Dance</b> Eastleigh Queens

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## ICAN'T DRAW

Humans learn to draw before they learn to speak and write. It's a creative instinct as old as humanity. So why then, do so many of us end up later in life feeling like we can't draw? That we don't have the skills?

I Can't Draw invites us to re-connect with our inbuilt ability to express ourselves and communicate through the making of marks. Drawing isn't a competition, and there's no wrong answers. It's a celebration of what it is to be human and our talent to express ourselves beyond words.

We can draw.



## Chinese Arts Southampton

Joyous / Storytelling / Dynamic



A talented group of dancers and musicians based in Southampton, they perform at a variety of concerts and events to promote Chinese arts and culture. These young people are talented and committed – a great performance.

**When?** 2:30 **Where?** Main Stage  
**When?** 4:30 **Where?** Community Stage

## Bhangra Acts

Jumping / Banging / Beats



We are delighted to welcome back to the Main Stage, Southampton's local artist Happe Singh, multi-talented artist Navin Kundra and international artist Nirmal Sidhu. Supported on stage by South Coast Bhangra dancers and hosted by Anjali Mavi.

**When?** 7:00 **Where?** Main Stage

## Flamenco Queer

Captivating / Energetic / Rhythmic



Experience the passion and energy of live flamenco with "Flamenco Queer", Barcelona's most talked about Flamenco project. Founded by dancer Rubén Heras, guitarist Jero Férec and featuring singer Lidia Mora, "Flamenco Queer" creates a space for young flamenco artists to express themselves freely regardless of background, gender identity or sexual orientation. A sensation in Barcelona's flamenco shows, cabarets, nightclubs and festivals, "Flamenco Queer" have also performed across Spain, in cities such as Madrid, Seville and Valencia to name but a few. Don't miss their first UK performance – expect dazzling footwork, heart-wrenching vocals, and fast paced rhythmic guitar, paired with a unique and daring aesthetic style.

**When?** 1:30 **Where?** Community Stage  
**When?** 5:45 **Where?** World Stage

## The Rajasthani Heritage Brass Band

Spectacular / Folk / Vibrancy



The Rajasthani Heritage Brass Band, a spectacular celebration of its vibrant and colourful lifestyle, their music and dance a heady, exciting and hypnotic reflection of this enchanting region. No strangers to Southampton Mela, RHBB return again, re-energised from their appearances at this year's Glastonbury festival. Watch out for Fakir!

**When?** 5:00 **Where?** Main Stage  
**When?** 2:15 **Where?** Workshop Tent  
**When?** 3:30 **Where?** Workshop Tent

## The Hussain Brothers

Captivating / Inspiring / Jigging!



A beautiful experience as we move from afternoon into the evening. Qawwali is a form of Sufi devotional music popular in South Asia. It is part of a musical tradition that stretches back for more than 700 years. Originally performed mainly at Sufi shrines or dargahs throughout South Asia, it has also gained mainstream popularity.

**When?** 5:45 **Where?** Main Stage

## Sanju Sahai

Rhythmic / World-class / Immersive



Tabla maestro Pandit Sanju Sahai is joined by Debipriya Sircar on Sitar and Vocal, Alice Baron on Violin and very talented Kathak dancer – Jaymini Sahai. Together they will be presenting North Indian Classical Music also known as Hindustani classical music and Kathak Dance; an art form which involves expressions, hand gestures and intricate foot work.

**When?** 12:45 **Where?** Main Stage

## Lives of Clay

Awe inspiring / Immersive / Expressive



If clay could talk, what would it say? Stories of women from ancient myth and modern life are brought vividly to life through thrilling classical Indian dance, live ceramics, original music and half a ton of clay.

Vidya Thirunaryan combines her expertise in Bharata Natyam dance with her skill as a potter in a unique theatrical event, directed by Tim Supple, choreographed by Debbie Fionn Barr, and with original text by Vayu Naidu.

**When?** 2:00 & 5:00 **Where?** Lives of Clay site

## Mela Partnership

The Mela Partnership is dedicated to commissioning, touring and presenting high quality outdoor work and supporting festivals and events that transform small towns and cities throughout the UK. The Mela Partnership is a national touring programme supported by Arts Council England.



## African Activities

Joyous / Storytelling / Dynamic



Ghanaian and Senegalese practitioners, African Activities perform and run workshops in West African drumming, singing, dance and storytelling. These guys love what they do and it shines through.

**When?** 1:45 **Where?** World Stage  
**When?** 2:45 **Where?** Workshop Tent  
**When?** 4:15 **Where?** World Stage  
**When?** 5:00 **Where?** Workshop Tent

## Bollywood Melodies by Dr. Pooja Angra and Karan Rana

Popular / Outstanding / Lively



Leading British Asian vocalists, Pooja Angra and Karan Rana, showcasing Bollywood and Sufi genres through a classical Indian repertoire, infused with modern compositions.

**When?** 3:45 **Where?** Main Stage  
**When?** 1:00 **Where?** Community Stage

## Rakhi Sood & TMC Dancers

Modern / Funky / Glamorous



Bollywood dance is a popular Indian dance form that developed in Indian cinema. Expect anything from Hip hop moves to traditional Indian dance. Kathak dance is a Northern Indian Classical dance. Rakhi Sood is a professional Dancer, choreographer and teaches the Art Asia Bollywood and Kathak dance classes.

**When?** 12:15 **Where?** Community Stage  
**When?** 12:30 **Where?** Community Stage  
**When?** 2:00 **Where?** Main Stage  
**When?** 3:15 **Where?** Main Stage

## NUTKHUT

Nutkhut's Bride and Groom, are two 4-metre –tall giant puppets which featured as part of the Platinum Jubilee Pageant celebrations in Central London. Seen by over a Billion people worldwide, the puppets are draped in the World's first Sustainable Sari fabric, as featured on the BBC and Sky News. The puppets have focused attention on Nutkhut's campaign for sustainability through the lens of fashion

[www.nutkhut.co.uk](http://www.nutkhut.co.uk)



Nutkhut's Giant Puppets – The Mall, London

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## Celebrating 40 years of South Asian Arts & Culture

Art Asia has reached a monumental milestone in the past year; 40 years of celebrating South Asian culture, encouraging greater involvement within the community through creative activities and providing numerous opportunities for increased understanding and enjoyment of South Asian arts in the city of Southampton.

The Southampton Mela Festival is the celebration showcase of this year-round activity through Art Asia.

"We are delighted to make a return to Hoglands Park this summer with a packed programme of phenomenal live performance, workshops for all ages, a huge array of delicious cuisine from all over the world, and many new additions and surprises to the programme throughout the day. The Mela truly is a celebration of togetherness, and after the pandemic we are excited to be back presenting Southampton's favourite festival with you once more."  
– Dahlia Jamil, Chief Executive at Art Asia.

Please share all your Southampton Mela photos, videos and selfies with us by using the hashtag #SouthamptonMela throughout the day!



## School & Community Workshops

Would you like to experience the magic of South Asian Arts in your own school or venue?

Art Asia's experienced tutors will deliver lively workshops in music, dance and visual arts to motivate learners of all ages. We offer workshops all over the South region and have worked with Pre-School groups to over 80's community groups and all in between.

"SUCH a brilliant experience for the students (and, if I'm honest, for me too!) So a huge thank you to you guys, also for lending us the Tabla – as predicted the students are beside themselves that they'll get to practice what they learnt yesterday."

"I just wanted to say a massive thank you to Rakhi for leading the Bollywood workshop today, the children and everyone else involved had a great time and it was brilliant to see how much they learnt in such a small amount of time!"

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## Art Asia Classes

Art Asia runs a thriving programme of weekly music and dance classes in Southampton. Classes run across 10 lessons, are very reasonably priced, and cater for adults and children. Fancy giving any of these a try...?

**Dhol Drumming / Kathak Dance / Tabla Drumming Bollywood Dance / Bharata Natyam Dance Indian Classical and Bollywood Singing**



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## Winning flag designs from Arts University Bournemouth

This year, to celebrate the return to a live Mela setting, Art Asia has collaborated with the BA (Hons) Textiles department and the BA (Hons) Events Management department at Arts University Bournemouth (AUB) by inviting first year textile students an opportunity to design flags that would be displayed at the festival. Out of 12 entries 4 final designs were chosen; the winners are Anita Scudamore, Abbie Bradley, Mae Thompson and Hannah Elliott. You can view the 4 winning designs in front of the Main Stage at Mela.