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Kala THE ARTS

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25
YEARS
1998-
2023

SOUTH ASIAN DANCE AND MUSIC

WELCOME TO OUR SPRING NEWSLETTER 2024

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Music Competition

KTA got involved in two events in a music competition at Langley Academy Berkshire on the 6th of January. It was attended by 153 people in the audiences. Thanks to Bollywood events Varun and Pankhuri for the invitation.



Ayodhya Temple Celebrations

The Kala team performed at Ayodhya temple celebrations at Carnival Hall Basingstoke on the 21st of Jan, attended by an audience of over 250 people.



News

KTA has moved to new premises in January 24 and its new temporary administrative home is The Chute House Basingstoke. New staff member Julie Hayward has joined as the team as Admin and learning manager.

“We welcome Julie to the team.”



P.K Mahandia

Our artistic Director was excited to meet and catch up with her artist friend from 40 years, the author of the famous international book 'The Man who cycled from India to Europe for love' in London, with Charlotte his wife in London Mayfair, and was presented their signed book. They had made a special journey from Boras Sweden to shoot their film and will plan to come to see Kala's artist community in Summer 24 and share their green story.





UPCOMING ACTIVITIES!

Tribhang

Kala's excellent Odissi youth dancers 'Tribhang' piece 'Krishna' was selected by U dance to perform at their platform at Plymouth on 10th of March 24 but unfortunately due to staff illness the event was cancelled. We are trying to find alternative partners where our youth dancers could perform.

However, we are delighted to say that this excellent company of young dancers will be performing on the 17th February at Leeds University for Devika Rao company in Dances of India.



Online Materials

Artistic Director Sushmita Pati is working towards teaching material for online classes and website for Odissi community. An example is here below. Some of the online material will be created with other local and national artists.



Online Teaching Material

Online Talks with Odissi exponent Dr Rohini (Nee Doshi) Dandavate

Further work has begun with other national and international practitioners in the coming months. Online Talks with Odissi exponent Dr Rohini (Nee Doshi) Dandavate from Ohio state University USA in March 24, watch this space for dates. This will be a live online session on KTA's facebook page.

**Website**

We are excited to announce that Kala The Arts will be having a much awaited brand new website coming from early March 2024, here is a preview on what the front page will look like. It will reflect the new look of Kala after 25 years.



Classes

Classes have started from the 21st of January in Basingstoke and Reading and groups are preparing for a presentation at the end of March, linking with Holi festival of colour celebrations. Date and venue to be confirmed in the coming week.

HAF: Holiday activities and food programme workshops to take place from the 2nd – 5th of April at Vyne community school Basingstoke.

Volunteers for HAF: If you wish to volunteer for 4-5 hours please email us at admin@kalathearts.co.uk The deadline to apply is 8th of March.

A Home for Kala?

KTA and the team have started conversations for a home for Kala to develop local artists, communities and talent creating a diverse arts and cultural hub and for the KTA community to lay down its roots.

The proposal is for Families, students and communities to be able to come to space to

experience South Asian Arts where instruments, statues, films, archives, photos, books, artifacts, visual arts, masks, digital displays are available and music is played.

Visitors could also come to this space to have talks and engage in creating a festive environment. This could attract tourism to town and also make it a Hub for South Asian Arts bringing Basingstoke to the forefront on culturally diverse arts in this region.

This will help us put down roots and develop long term relationships with different users and increase our range and reach.

In 2024/25 we are looking forward to working with existing and new partners and projects and our work reaching more people, communities and artists.

Survey

Have your chance to shape the future of Kala the Arts within your community. Please complete our survey to let us know how we are doing, and what you'd like us to offer

Diwali light it up in Reading <https://www.illuminate-data.org.uk/survey/dcnfkp>

Diwali light it up in Basingstoke <https://www.illuminate-data.org.uk/survey/lbfwrn>

Participatory Workshop Chai Pey Charcha community Hub Carnival Hall <https://www.illuminate-data.org.uk/survey/wkwqpm>

Volunteer and Artist Award

Volunteers and artist award in March: KTA has always celebrated volunteers and artists every year and this year the date is planned in March 24 or April 24 with our Hampshire Cllr Arun Mummalaneni giving out the awards. Watch this space...

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