



# Art

## Art & Culture Events

### South Asian Heritage Month Alphabet

Throughout South Asian Heritage Month we showcased the talented creativity of Our Shared Cultural Heritage group @osch.youngpeople.

Illustrated by Natasha Ahmed (@natashahmedx @illustratedwardrobe), her A to Z interpretations of the [SAHM Alphabet](#) show the many meanings of South Asian identities & belongings.

### Muslim Arts and Culture Festival (MACFESTUK) presents A Mini Festival: South Asian Art and Culture Bonanza - Celebrating South Asian Heritage

Saturday 15th August 2020  
2-3.30pm

Hosted by Abdullah Afzal (actor and comedian of sitcom 'Citizen Khan') and Qaisra Shahraz MACFEST Executive Director & Novelist.

Chief Guest to launch the event: Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, Paul Griffiths.

- Bengali Cultural Heritage: with Saki Chowdhury, community activist, showcasing cultural artefacts.
- Literature
  - Poetry performance with music, 'From Waris to Waltz' with Dr Aziz Ibrahim, Guitarist and poet.
  - Short reading from, 'The Journey' about the partition of India & Pakistan by Qaisra Shahraz, author of 'The Concubine & The Slave Catcher.'
- Painting and poetry with Sundar Kanta Walker, celebrated Indian artist and author.

- The Mughal monuments of subcontinent of India, and Pakistan with Sara Adio, British Muslim and a researcher.
- Cake Artwork; celebrating cultural cake decorating with Roshan Ahmed, teacher and cake artist
- Music & Dance by Soulbeats  
Medley of Indian Bollywood and Banghra dances with Sonia Sharma, poet, painter & dancer and Khattak dance with Malika Kapasi. They represent India's magnificent, diverse, multi-cultural forms of dance. Soul Beats aspires to translate creative art into community spirit, by integrating varied and diverse communities within Manchester.
- Music with Tahir Qawwal from the USA  
Tahir is leader of the Qawwali Ensemble Fanna-Fi-Allah & producer of the film series Music of the Mystics. music from the famous group live from USA.

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## **Architecture for the British Asian - Sanaa Shaikh & Jahba Anan**

The importance of autobiographical work within the arts in order to accurately represent and document our history and experiences.

Saturday 8th August 2020

4-6

This workshop led by architect Sanna and Jahba aims to encourage and develop an appreciation for how we look at Architecture and space. Through a series of presentations, discussion and some brief drawing exercises, they hope to work with and develop participants' understanding of the unique way those with two or more rich cultures are able to see and experience the world around them.

## **Anjali Mya Chadha in conversation Renu Arora in conversation**

The importance of autobiographical work within the arts in order to accurately represent and document our history and experiences.

19th July 2020

6.30pm

Anjali and Renu will discuss the importance of autobiographical work within the arts in order to accurately represent and document our history and experiences, referencing their work within the context of wider arts industry.

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## **Anjali Mya Chadha in conversation Renu Arora in conversation**

Using trauma within autobiographical work; a discussion.

20th July 2020

6.30pm

Anjali and Renu will talk in detail about the role of trauma within the arts, how to know an artist is ready to create, and their own experiences as artists/writers.

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## **'In Conversation' Event: Ruby Bukhari in conversation with Alia Romagnoli**

Tuesday 28th July 2020

5pm

Alia Romagnoli is leading the next generation of photographers. Ruby and Alia discuss imposter syndrome, inclusivity, representation and queer identity. In this honest and open conversation, we meet the photographer behind the images captivating audiences everywhere.

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## **Panel Discussion on Art and Dance**

29th July 2020

An exploration of identity and heritage through creative mediums such as art and dance

## **Lunchtime Ink Spills**

Monday 10th- Saturday 16th August 2020

1pm

This week there will be a series of live illustrations by Architect Athiba Balasubramanian from Inkinglight. Each illustration will take you through how to draw a particular site that is culturally and historically relevant to South Asia. Each illustration will use sketching (pen or pencil on paper) and some digital illustration.

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## **Storytelling through the Body - Khatak**

Thursday 13th August 2020  
5pm

Nayantara Parpia introduces Khatak, a traditional classical dance form from India used to tell stories. She will take you through some of the history, the context and some basic moves.

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## **'In Conversation' Event: Ruby Bukhari in conversation with Anisa Topan**

Friday 14th August 2020

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## **Macfest Event (Qaisra Shahraz)**

Saturday 15th August 2020  
2-3:30pm

## **Women defenders of the earth - Silambam**

Sunday 16th August 2020  
1pm

This workshop/ tutorial aims to allow the audience to get an insight into the history and evolution of Silambam, a 3000 year old ancient traditional indian martial art form. Since the primary weapon of this martial art is a staff, it will be easy for people across the world to find an object in their household such as a pipe, stick, pole, etc and try out some of the basic movements.

## **Ruthless Magazine, Photography Exhibition**

Sunday 16th August 2020  
1pm

## **#HeritageInk**

Recurring every Saturday 2020

For South Asian Heritage Month we are running the Heritage Ink challenge. An opportunity for you to send in your submissions of poetry or illustrations responding to the theme of the week. Every Sunday we will release a new theme.

## **East Meets West – Maryam Basharat (online art exhibition)**

Recurring every Saturday 2020

Join art student Maryam Basharat as she shares an online exhibition of a fusion of eastern and western artistic heritage including truck art, Gypsy Romany Caravans and henna patterns.

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