

FREE OUTDOOR EVENT!

MANDALA



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EVENT PROGRAMME

Friday 7 September 2012 – Birmingham

Sunday 9 September 2012 – Nottingham

MANDALA is a dazzling free outdoor performance fusing international and British Asian music and dance with spectacular 3D digital projections. Town Hall, Birmingham and Nottingham Council House will be magically illuminated with colour and light to tell a story that connects the past, present and future through stunning digital projections and visual effects triggered by the live dance and music.

MANDALA (Sanskrit for 'circle') will unite exciting British Asian dancers AAKASH ODEDRA and DEVIKA RAO with BBOY'S ATTIC and a company of artists, merging the beautiful forms of classical Asian dance with edgy, urban attitude. With a powerful soundtrack, featuring the music of world-class artists ANOUSHKA SHANKAR and ZAKIR HUSSAIN, and a special live appearance by multi award-winning tabla artist, TALVIN SINGH, Mandala will be the free outdoor multimedia spectacle not to miss!

MANDALA is a bold, new collaboration between sampad and leading arts & technology company, seeper. The production is directed by Kully Thiarai, with choreography by Aakash Odedra and artistic direction by Piali Ray. The performances will provide a dramatic celebration for the final weekend of the London 2012 Festival, the spectacular nationwide celebration running 21 June- 9 September 2012 bringing together leading artists from across the world with the very best from the UK.

FRIDAY 7 SEPTEMBER, CHAMBERLAIN SQUARE, BIRMINGHAM
PERFORMANCE AT 8.30PM, REPEAT PERFORMANCE AT 9.30PM

MANDALA in Birmingham starts with a swing with a free live outdoor set at 6.30pm by seriously hot dhol'n'brass band Red Baraat presented by Town Hall, Birmingham (UK tour produced by Asian Arts Agency).

The evening also kicks off artsfest, the UK's biggest free arts festival.

SUNDAY 9 SEPTEMBER, OLD MARKET SQUARE, NOTTINGHAM
PERFORMANCE AT 8.30PM

MANDALA in Nottingham marks the opening weekend for World Event Young Artists as part of its Sunday Fiesta and the final weekend of MelaFest 2012, presented by New Art Exchange and Nottingham Asian Arts Council.

Creative team

Producer and Artistic Direction Piali Ray
Narrative and Direction Kully Thiarai
Choreography Aakash Odedra
Choreography Bboy's Attic Marso Riviere
Sound Design Ben Harrison
Costume Katherine Gordon
Lighting Chris Cuthbert
Seeper Technical Director Evan Grant
Seeper Producer Alex Tennyson

Artists/Performers

Talvin Singh Nehemiah 'Nene' Smith
Aakash Odedra Shan Bansil
Devika Rao Josh Ray
Subhash Viman Laura Brown
Leena Patel Chandni Premgi
Jyoti Parwana Dhyani Modessa
Samyukta Aryasomayajula Aarti Lodhia
Prem Rai Kesha Raithatha
Marius Mates Bhavin Bhatt
Andrei Roman

Production Team

Producer Urmala Jassal
Production Manager Chris Cuthbert
Assistant Production Manager Merv Pearson
Production Co-ordinator Kavita Walia
Production Assistant Anne Cockitt
Finance & Operations Clayton Shaw/Jan Bessent
Project support Buzby Bywater
Marketing Officer Simi Obra
Marketing Assistant Katy Wade
Marketing Support Larissa Früchten
Nadine Großkreuz
Mini-Mandala Rabiya K Latif
Stage Manager Dharmesh Rajput
WEYA Production Manager Graham Elstone
Staging company On Event Production Co Ltd
Sound Equipment Stage Sound

Music/compositions

Talvin Singh
Anoushka Shankar
Zakir Hussain
Moody Boy *courtesy of Red Sea Dance Records*
Praveen D Rao
Maula Maula, singers: Ustad Faiyaz Khan & Varijashree

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Mandala Advisory Team

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Volunteers

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