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ISF 12th Anniversary

INNER / OUTER CLIMATES

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From the ISF Founders

We founded the Indian Summer Arts Society twelve years ago because we saw the need for a gathering place, a long-table feast of ideas and culture that nurtures and surprises in equal measure. We thought we were building a small bridge that represented our own cross-cultural curiosities. But that's the surprising thing about bridges — they can bring vast worlds together, and that's what the festival has done. We're immensely proud of what we've built, and after this, our 12th edition, we will be passing the baton to new leadership. The organization is in a stronger position than ever, with a fabulous team, a caring board, robust finances, caring supporters and an incredible ecosystem of artists who give it a national and international reputation.

This festival edition is meaningful to us not only because it is our last, bittersweet hurrah, the theme of **Inner / Outer Climates** speaks to our deepest concerns – personally and as a society. This year we present some of the world's most powerful thinkers on climate change and social justice, a 2022 Grammy Award-winning musician, a boundary-pushing dance performance, a science-meets-art experience that brings you music from mushrooms, doctors and healers forging new pathways in the complex art of healing, award-winning filmmakers, sitar maestros, tabla wizards, brass bands, human-animal hip hop collaborations, outdoor art installations, Indigenous and South Asian DJs reclaiming their languages while making new ones. There will be food for thought and for the stomach, celebration and provocation. We're honoured to present a galaxy of artists who lead us to examine and dream new ways of living our lives, and to healing our inner and outer climates.

Come join us – in person again – for a season of dreams and resurgence.

SIRISH RAO
CO-FOUNDER AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

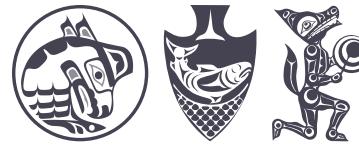
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Indian Summer Festival takes place on the unsurrendered territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səl̓ílwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

As a festival amplifying diverse and necessary South Asian perspectives, Indian Summer Festival stands in solidarity with Host Nations as they continue to steward and defend these lands and waters.

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Messages From Our Supporters



British Columbians thrive on cultural expression, and with an exciting range of events featuring an array of artists, ISF2022 is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy thought-provoking entertainment from around the world!

THE HONOURABLE JOHN HORGAN
PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



On behalf of the citizens of Vancouver and my colleagues on City Council, I want to send my sincere best wishes for the Indian Summer Festival, and particular congratulations on its 12th Anniversary.

Indian Summer Festival presents provocative multi-disciplinary events in Vancouver and surrounding areas that feature some of the finest artists and visionaries from Canada, South Asia and beyond. From award-winning novelists to innovative social entrepreneurs to world-renowned musicians, Indian Summer Festival has presented emerging artists as well as Nobel, Booker, Grammy and Oscar prize nominees on its stages.

Vancouver is proud of its vibrant multicultural community, one which Indian Summer Festival both promotes and advances. Indian Summer Festival offers multi-arts experiences of exceptional caliber, thoughtfully curated through a South Asian lens. Our city is enriched by the incredible dialogues, performances and collaborations.

I want to thank everyone who works so hard to make this event a great success. Have a wonderful season.

KENNEDY STEWART
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER



Welcome to the Indian Summer Arts Society's annual Indian Summer Festival! I am enthusiastic about the Society's inspiring work and pleased that Vancouver will be able to experience the provocative, experimental, and thought-provoking programming that this year's Indian Summer Festival brings us.

We are so fortunate to have a diversity of culture here in Vancouver that enriches our experience daily. But Festivals like this one showcases the depth, innovation and nuances of fusion that makes them unique.

Enjoy!

THE HONOURABLE HEDY FRY
MP VANCOUVER CENTRE



It is my pleasure to join the Indian Summer Arts Society in welcoming you to this annual celebration of arts, culture and creative ideas.

SFU is a proud founding partner and long-time supporter of the Indian Summer Festival. As we come back together in person again, I am excited for the opportunity to be inspired by artists and thought leaders from here in B.C. and around the globe.

Thank you to the festival organizers and participating artists for all you do to help us connect, engage and imagine a better world, and best wishes for a successful celebration.

JOY JOHNSON
PRESIDENT AND VICE CHANCELLOR, SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

Accessible Indian Summer

Indian Summer Festival is committed to providing accessible experiences in person and online. Please see our website for access info by event. If you have any access requests, please get in touch with our team at info@indiansummerfest.ca, or by phone at +1 604 283 9172 ext. 1.

COVID PROTOCOLS

ISF2022 will adhere to the pandemic guidelines of the Provincial Health Office and the rules of the venues in which we operate. Use of masks indoors is strongly recommended.

MOBILITY ACCESS

Both of our indoor venues are accessible to people using mobility aids, including wide and flat entrances, access to ramps and elevators, wheelchair and scooter accessible washrooms, and appropriate seating.

PRIORITY & ASSIGNED SEATING

We offer early entry and/or assigned priority seating for people with invisible disabilities, low vision, or chronic pain. Please contact us to plan in advance.

COMPANION TICKETING

A complimentary ticket will be provided on request (subject to availability) to anyone requiring a companion for access.

LOW-VISION FRIENDLY

Some festival events are “low-vision friendly” and accessible for people who are blind or partially sighted without the need for a visual description. Please check website for details.

ASL

We recognize that surface-level English to ASL translations are insufficient for the poetics of Sign Language. As a result, we do not offer ASL translations by default at our events. However, if Sign Language will make an event accessible for you, we are happy to organize ASL or Deaf interpretation, or both.

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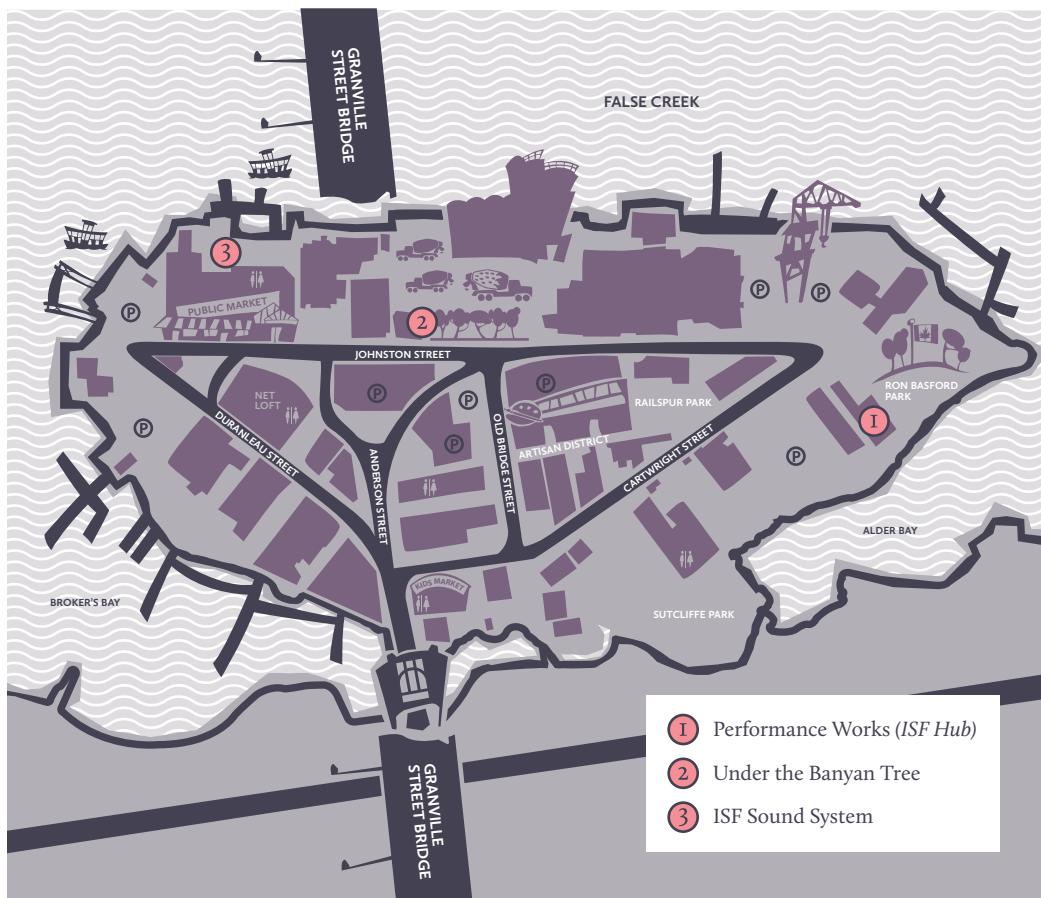
Indian Summer Festival emails all ticket holders requesting that attendees refrain from wearing scented products at all of our events.

COMMUNITY TICKETING

All ISF2022 events offer subsidized tickets for individuals facing financial barriers in accessing arts programming.

Granville Island Hub

We are thrilled to share that ISF2022 will return to in-person events (indoors and outdoors) centered around our new Festival Hub: Performance Works on Granville Island. As an organization, we love partnering with Granville Island and are committed to reclaiming South Asian presence alongside other displaced communities, including and with respect toward the Skwxwú7mesh Nation for whom this area was a historic village site, on which the island now stands. This was also once the heart of Vancouver's South Asian community, before the gentrification and displacement of South Asian people from this area of the city. Did you know that the first-ever Gurdwara in North America was just around the corner, on West 2nd Avenue? Bringing South Asian culture and presence back into this area - loud, proud and joyful - is special, and we are excited to celebrate that with you.



Opening Party

INNER / OUTER CLIMATES

Our legendary art-filled party always signals the start of ISF season, and we're back in person for the first time in two years! Speaking to our festival theme of Inner / Outer Climates are a roster of musical and culinary magicians.

The soulful summer sound of rising musical stars **Laydy Jams** will begin the evening, and as the sun sets, **DJ Paisley Eva** and **DJ Shao** honour their Sḵwxwú7mesh and South Asian roots, with dashes of pop, house and hip-hop.

Chef Vikram Vij leads a gathering of culinary artists who express culture and connection through food. Featuring Vij's, Indian Pantry, Medina, Tayybeh and Kalyna Catering - they cover India, parts of South Asia, Syria, Ukraine, and the Mediterranean regions.

"There's not another event like it on the summer calendar in Vancouver."

— The Georgia Straight



WHEN

July 7, 7:00pm

WHERE

Performance Works,
1218 Cartwright St, Vancouver

TICKETS

By invitation only

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Catering**



The O Show

THE MANY WORLDS OF ORENE ASKEW

Orene Askew aka DJ O Show has many identities – a sought after DJ, vibrant motivational speaker, a two-spirited Afro-Indigenous person, a former Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) councillor and a pillar of Vancouver's 2SLGBTQIA+ community. Join us for an intimate evening with Orene that gives an insight into her varied worlds, intersections and identities.

The evening starts with a screening of 'The O Show', an award-winning documentary film directed by Sharad Kharé on Orene's life and work that is making waves around the world. Then dig deeper and listen to Orene and Sharad live in conversation.

But an evening with Orene would not be complete without music (Orene's motto is 'diversity makes beautiful music'), and so we'll get the chairs out of the way, roll the shutters up to let the air in, and turn Performance Works into a dance floor with Orene behind the console.

WHEN

July 8, 8:00pm

WHERE

Performance Works,
1218 Cartwright St, Vancouver

TICKETS

\$5 — \$45

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"Orene has stepped up to the plate to represent her communities, and her brilliance has not gone unnoticed."

— Stir Vancouver

Imaginarium

PARABLES FOR A PLANET IN CRISIS

Imaginarium is an electric evening of ideas, conversation and music hosted by award-winning Indigenous broadcaster and curator Jarrett Martineau, and visionary artistic director Sirish Rao. Together, they invoke a long continuum of storytelling to weave present and past into intimate interviews with globally-renowned writers and thinkers **Naomi Klein, Amitav Ghosh, Robyn Maynard, and Leanne Betasamosake Simpson.**

Building on this year's festival theme of Inner / Outer Climates, these compelling voices will discuss the personal and political forces that shape our lives and the world around us.

Opening the evening with a story from these lands is Sun Dance Chief **Rueben George** of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation. The evening will also feature live musical performances and accompaniment by Juno award-winning jazz guitarist **Gordon Grdina** and sitar maestro **Mohamed Assani**.

PLEASE NOTE:

Amitav Ghosh and Naomi Klein will appear virtually. Leanne Betasamosake Simpson and Robyn Maynard will be present in person and will sign copies of their new book 'Rehearsals for Living'.

WHEN

July 9, 7:00pm

WHERE

Performance Works,
1218 Cartwright St, Vancouver

TICKETS

\$10 — \$50

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“...his videos of mushrooms making calming ambient soundscapes, have already racked up more than half a million Tik Tok followers and 25 million views.”

— The Guardian, UK



Modern Biology

A SURPRISING MUSICAL EXPERIENCE THAT BRINGS US CLOSER TO NATURE

Modern Biology is the new project of veteran musician Tarun Nayar. Formally trained in Indian Classical music and educated as a biologist, Modern Biology sees Tarun turn a new leaf by bringing his passions together in an ambient project that is organismic, uplifting, and deeply contextual. He uses modular synthesis, home-built synthesizers and other analog equipment to improvise with the natural vibrations of a certain place and time - via plant bioelectricity, latent electromagnetic radiation, and even the earth's resonant hum.

Tarun will be joined by a special guest - sitar virtuoso Sharanjeet Singh Mand who is just back from playing his sitar at Everest Base Camp!

We've found the perfect spot to listen to this transcendental music - outdoors, in a natural amphitheatre facing the sea on Granville Island. What's more, we'll set you up with high quality wireless headphones so that you can remain fully immersed in the ambient world Tarun creates, even if you choose to take a short walk down to the edge of the water. This is part meditation, part concert. Bring a cushion, chair or blanket and appropriate attire for sitting outdoors on the grass.

WHEN

July 10, 4:00pm

WHERE

Performance Works,
1218 Cartwright St, Vancouver

TICKETS

\$10 — \$50

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“A luscious celebration of all things sensual and erotic, a full-throttled defiance of heteronormative clichés, and a loving embrace of self.”
— A.A. Cristi, Broadway World

OFF CENTRE AN EXPLORATION OF QUEER IDENTITY THROUGH DANCE

Created by award-winning dancer and choreographer Sujit Vaidya, OFF CENTRE is a stunning and provocative dance performance. Two dancers - Sujit Vaidya and Arun Mathai - work in marvellous harmony and tension as they mirror each other, draw closer and then are pulled apart, as if two parts of one being searching for itself. The dancers work with and around the live percussion of master drummer Curtis Andrews. This is a powerful, honest and vivid work that takes control of narratives around eroticism, intimacy, gender and the gaze on the queer body.

Sujit's work is deeply rooted in his training and experience as a classical Bharatanatyam dancer. As a queer artist of colour, his work questions the narrative and relevance of non-inclusive traditional texts. In OFF CENTRE, he asks the question: how can one express a queer identity within a traditional dance form?

WHEN

July 12, 8:00pm

WHERE

Performance Works,
1218 Cartwright St, Vancouver

TICKETS

\$5 — \$45



Arooj Aftab IN CONCERT

Fresh from a win at the 2022 Grammy Awards, Arooj Aftab, one of the rising stars of the music world performs for the first time ever in Vancouver.

Aftab's liminal sound floats between classical minimalism and new age, Sufi devotional poetry and electronic trance, jazz structures and states of pure being. While many liken Aftab's transcendent singing voice to that of the great Abida Parveen, Aftab's music is uniquely uncategorizable.

Aftab has been championed by NPR, who praised her composition as one of the “Greatest Songs By 21st Century Women+,” and her album Vulture Prince has been on every list of the best albums of the year, including Barack Obama's.

Backed by a team of renowned musicians, Aftab transports listeners to worlds once known, and as yet unknown. This is a rare chance to listen to one of the most exquisite artists of our time.

WHEN

July 13, 8:00pm

WHERE

The Chan Centre
for the Performing Arts,
6265 Crescent Road, Vancouver

TICKETS

\$30 — \$60

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“One of those nights where those of us in attendance might feel smugly compelled to say in years to come: ‘I was there.’”

— Graeme Thomson, *The Spectator*



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Song of the Breath

A CELEBRATION OF MINDFULNESS AND INNER AND OUTER HEALING

Yogacharini Maitreyi is both a trained filmmaker and a master yoga practitioner with a dedicated following in Vancouver and around the world. In this special event, she invites us to a space in which art, modern science and ancient wisdom meet. The evening is opened by revered Skwxwú7mesh elder and sculptor Robert Yelton whose iconic totem rises high in Stanley Park.

We then watch the screening of a short film by Maitreyi titled 'Karma: Song of the Breath', which introduces us to Karma, a remarkable woman who undertook an inner and outer healing journey after an accident left her paralyzed from the waist down.

After a short intermission, the second half of the evening will immerse you in a 45 minute musical, meditative mindful movement journey of pranayama, breath and soul song (kirtan) to heal the inner child in you. Expect your senses to be elevated. No special clothing or training is required to participate in the movement and song. Just come as you are.

Yogacharini Maitreyi is the inaugural healer at Indian Summer's 'Artist as Healer' project. This unique project creates the space and resources for artists to come up with remedies against despair and potions for joy.

WHEN

July 14, 7:00pm

WHERE

Performance Works,
1218 Cartwright St, Vancouver

TICKETS

\$5 — \$45

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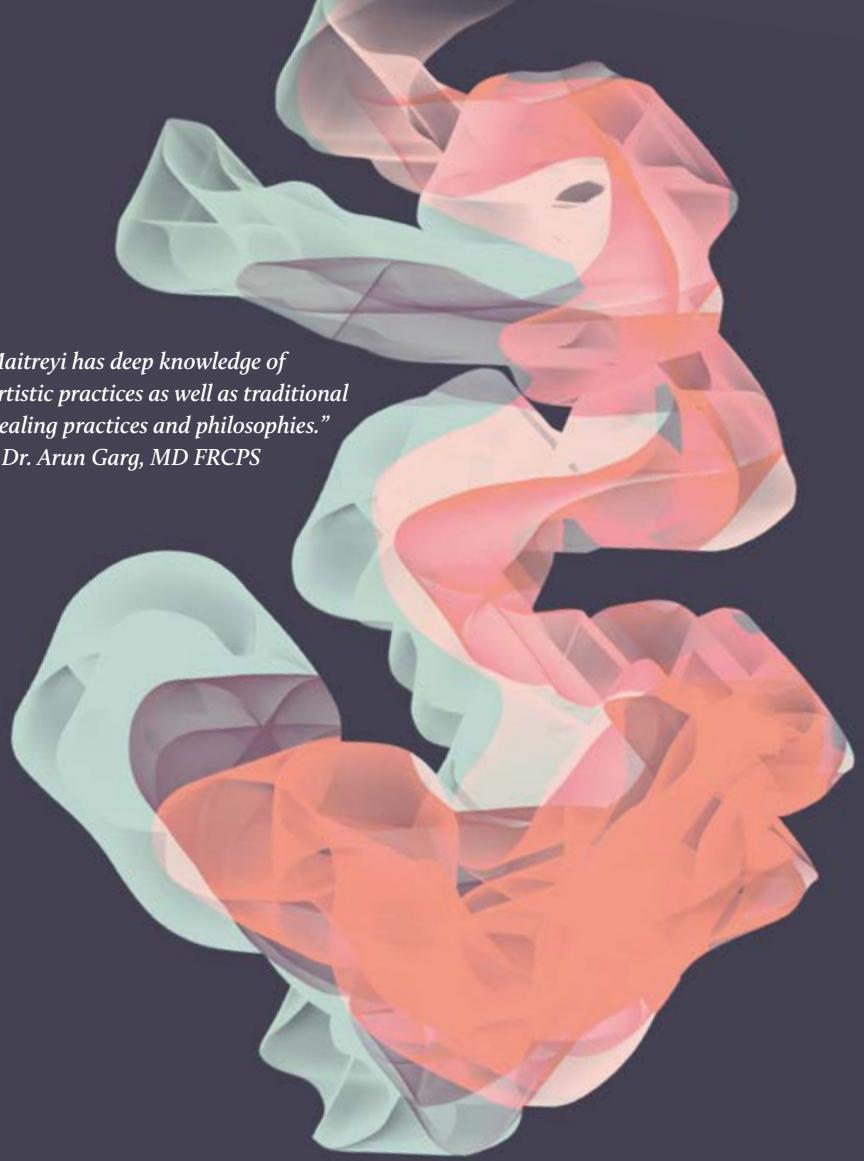


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"Maitreyi has deep knowledge of artistic practices as well as traditional healing practices and philosophies."

— Dr. Arun Garg, MD FRCPS



ISF CULTURE LAB Artist As Healer

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Culture Lab: Artist as Healer is a new multi-year initiative by Indian Summer Arts Society. The project invites and resources South Asian artists in Metro Vancouver to work collaboratively with other artists, mentors and members of the medical and wellness communities to develop healing methodologies through art.

5x15

THE ART OF THE WILD

5x15 is a global speakers series that has hosted some of the world's most highly regarded thinkers. Quite simply, it features five stellar speakers, speaking for fifteen minutes each on a topic they are deeply passionate about. The result is a heady, stimulating evening of mind-expanding perspectives. We present a stellar lineup of writers, musicians, filmmakers and activists to speak of our complex relationship with the wilderness in our inner and outer worlds. They are:

Award-winning actor, screenwriter and director **Agam Darshi**.

Merlin Sheldrake, New York Times Bestselling author of 'Entangled Life: How Fungi Make our Worlds, Change our Minds, and Shape our Futures.

Environmental advocate **Anjali Appadurai**.

Multi-dimensional musician **Ruby Singh**.

Oscar-nominated filmmaker **Deepa Mehta** and Booker Prize nominated writer **Avni Doshi**.

Hosted by comedian **Kamal Pandya**.

WHEN

July 15, 8:00pm

WHERE

Performance Works,
1218 Cartwright St, Vancouver

TICKETS

\$10 — \$50

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Closing Party feat. Madison McFerrin

RUBY SINGH/kraKIN, DJ KOOKUM, DJ LIL INDIA

Our 12th festival edition wraps its indoor programming with a fabulous, celebratory musical finale. Headlining the evening is the transcendental Madison McFerrin, who comes in from Brooklyn. Her critically acclaimed a cappella EP series, Finding Foundations, led **Questlove** to dub her sound "soul-cappella." After making her debut at **SXSW**, she has mesmerized crowds on her US and European tours. This summer, she is also the curator and host of Summer Fridays at Brooklyn Bridge Park, bringing people together to "release, restore, and rejoice." She brings that spirit to ISF with her powerful one-woman show.

Opening for Madison (and co-curator of this night of music) is long-time festival favourite **Ruby Singh** with his kraKIN project, a 'More-Than-Human Hip Hop Collaboration' featuring birds, frogs, and the marine soundscapes of Desolation Sound.

The night closes out with a proper dance party featuring the one and only **DJ Kookum** joining forces with ISF favourite **DJ LIL India**. All of this is enhanced by the visual sorcery of the digital magicians at the Chimerik Collective. This will be a party to be at, and to remember!

"This is Soul-capella!"

— Questlove
(about Madison McFerrin)

WHEN

July 16, 8:00pm

WHERE

Performance Works,
1218 Cartwright St, Vancouver

TICKETS

\$10 — \$30

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ISF Sound System

FREE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

ISF Sound System is our free music stage in the heart of Granville Island's Public Market courtyard. Over two Sunday afternoons (July 10 and July 17), we bring the sounds of classical and contemporary South Asia to the island. Featuring singer/songwriters, sitar virtuosos, tabla gurus and even a brass band, this is a musical Thali meal with something for every taste.

Come on down, no tickets or reservations required. Grab lunch or a chai from the market, and listen to some of the most talented musicians in our midst.

SUNDAY July 10

11:30am:

Poly queer powerhouses **Glow Motive** feat. **Anjalica Solomon** and **Oceaan Pendharkar**

1:00:

Sitar virtuoso **Sharanjeet Singh Mand**

2:30pm :

The high octane 10 member **Surya Brass Band**

SUNDAY July 17

11:30am:

Classical maestros **Baljit Singh** (dilruba) + **Amarjeet Singh** (tabla) + **Rishi Ranjan** (sarod)

1:00:

The cross-cultural sounds of the **Mohamed Assani Trio** (sitar) + **JeanSe Le Doujet** (bass) + **Liam MacDonald** (drums)

2:30pm:

A Surprise Finale

WHEN

July 10 & 17, 11:30am

WHERE

Granville Island Public Market
Courtyard, 1689 Johnston St

TICKETS

FREE

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 **Granville Island**



Under the Banyan Tree

ART INSTALLATION BY
ISF FEATURE ARTIST KIMIRA REDDY

The Banyan Tree (*ficus benghalensis*) with its aerial roots, and ever-spreading canopy is a hugely important tree in India. Not only is it India's national tree, it is also often at the heart of many Indian villages. It is the place where the village parliament takes place, but also where friends gossip, stories are told, occasions are celebrated. It serves at once as a public square, a courthouse, a tavern and a stage. Set designer Kimira Reddy uses her skills honed in theatre design to recreate a Banyan tree in the middle of Ocean Artworks on Granville Island. Reddy invites people to stop, sit, interact and experience what it might be like to rest for a moment in the middle of a village in India.

WHEN

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WHERE

Ocean Art Works Pavilion,
1531 Johnston St, Vancouver

TICKETS

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Trees clean our air and water, create habitats for biodiversity, contribute to our health and wellbeing, and create jobs for social impact. We're honored to have reforestation through One Tree Planted as an integral part of our festival.



Kimira Reddy

Kimira is an accomplished Artist gratefully creating and practicing her art on the unceded Coast Salish Territories. Growing up as a third-generation Indian in South Africa, her love for art began as she performed Indian classical dances on stages and in temples in her hometown. She is currently the Communications Director of Raven Spirit Dance and has worked with companies such as the Canadian Wild Arts Society, The Arts Club, UBC and Touchstone

Theatre. As a Set and Props Designer, you can see her work on theatre stages around BC. By combining her creative imagination and technical expertise, Kimira brings artists' visions into the innovative world of virtual reality. As a multidisciplinary artist, Kimira continues to push the boundaries as she contributes her artistry and uniqueness to the theatre, film, dance and mixed reality industries.

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We are proud to be a patron-powered festival, made possible largely because of the generosity and support of a community of individuals who share our vision for a diverse, inclusive and culturally-rich society. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to this visionary group:

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East India Carpets

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Join our circle at indiansummerfest.ca

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- Breaking stereotypes and silos, and instigating social change
- Offering a lovingly curated program of events through a South Asian lens
- Enabling this content to be shared accessibly to the widest audience
- Fairly remunerating artists, contractors, and crew

Every gift makes a difference. As a thank you, we offer our supporters lots of great benefits.

FROM TOP LEFT: AKSHARA SUSAN
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ANYA RAWLA, ROB ECCLES, DIMPLE T.
/ NHYLAR, MIREILLE ST. PIERRE, LAURA
BYSPALKO, MELISSA RATCLIFF

Our Team

Indian Summer Arts Society is a Vancouver-based charitable, not-for-profit secular arts organization. Our mandate is to offer daring multi-arts events that catalyze and inspire audiences and artists in a spirit of dialogue and global citizenship. To achieve our mandate, in 2011 we founded the annual Indian Summer Festival.

Our curatorial practice is to center and amplify South Asian voices in conversation with other artistic communities. Each year, the festival presents provocative arts events that feature some of the best artists and visionaries from Canada, South Asia and beyond. From novelists to DJs, social entrepreneurs to Bollywood stars, Indian Summer Festival has presented emerging artists as well as Nobel, Booker, Grammy and Oscar prize nominees on its stages.



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