



The March Edition of Under the Banyan Tree on a Full Moon Night celebrates the spirit of Holi

Celebrate India's favourite festival at your favourite concert series *on Saturday 16th March, at 1AQ, opposite the Qutub Minar in Mehrauli, with performances by edgy punk band Tritha & Friends, Hindustani classical vocalist Sawani Mudgal and spoken word poet Sabika Abbas Naqvi.*

New Delhi, 8th March 2019: Under the Banyan Tree on A Full Moon Night, produced by [Teamwork Arts](#): a pioneering entertainment company, renowned for curating innovative and experiential events, returns on 16 March with the spirit of holi.

Delhi is usually too hot or too cold to do anything fun outside. But, for a short period of time, the weather gods allow the city to enjoy near-perfect temperatures. The festival signals the end of winter and the coming of spring. And what better place to do this than at your favourite concert series.

Started in 2018, these monthly evenings are a celebration of the finest music and musicians to have come out of India. Covering everything from classical to folk to contemporary styles, these musical soirées are the perfect place to discover new artistes and experience the ancient musical traditions of India. Made for music lovers by music lovers, this is the perfect place to bring friends, family, colleagues and kids for an evening of music.

At this month's Under the Banyan Tree on a Full Moon Night, women take centre stage. With poetry readings, music performances and more, the March edition of the full moon concert series will forefront women artistes and their art.

The first performer of the evening will be Sawani Mudgal, a Hindustani classical vocalist who was trained by her father, Pt. Madhup Mudgal at the acclaimed Gandharva Mahavidyalaya in Delhi. She was an integral part of Samwaad and has sung on two of the group's albums. As the main vocalist for classical Odissi performances, Sawani has toured across France, Greece, and the United States. In 2008, for the unique presentation 'Famille Mudgal', Sawani performed in

Germany, Spain, Belgium, with a capstone performance at the Theatre de la Ville in Paris, France. Sawani specialises in devotional music, having an expansive repertoire that involves texts of saint poets such as Kabir, Tulsi, Meera, Surdas, Rajjab Ali, Nanak (Shabads) and others. Sawani has performed in Japan, China and India with Padma Shri awardee Leela Samson's Spanda. Currently, Sawani teaches at the Gandharva Mahavidyalaya. She also voluntarily practiced music therapy at Sanjivani, an NGO for schizophrenics, for two years.

For the second performance, the audience will enjoy some unique poetry with Sabika Abbas Naqvi, a spoken word poet who creates pieces focusing on India's growing feminist movement, farming concerns, resistance movements, and the rights of minorities. She has given a TEDx talk entitled, 'Challenging the Order of Patriarchy', describes her style as protest poetry, and loves to perform her unique brand of poetry on the street. She is founder of Sar-e-Raghuzar or Poetry on the streets. She is a translator, story-teller, theatre artiste and alternative educator.

The final performance will be by Tritha and Friends, an edgy punk band spiced with Hindustani flavours, a testament to the diverse influences of its members. Tritha Sinha is known not only as a performer but also as a strong and modern Indian woman fighting for women's freedom and independence. In Tritha and Friends, she is joined by Paul Schneider on drums and Mathias Durand on guitar. Tritha has 8 albums to her credit with her different projects ranging from her rock band Tritha and Friends, sound healing project Tritha & Martin, and women empowerment collective SPACE. She has also worked with Sivamani, Mallika Sarabhai and Muzaffar Ali on collaborative projects.

This bespoke concert series is the perfect place to enjoy fantastic performances in a stunning venue in the company of a discerning group of music aficionados. Under the Banyan Tree on a Full Moon Night is set in the beautifully lush and serene 1AQ; an inspiring venue, conceptualised by Anubhav Nath, which offers stunning views of the Qutab Minar.

To make this celebration more comfortable, delicious food and delectable drinks will also be available through the evening. Also, a pop-up market filled with eclectic goodies will be open for those looking to do a little shopping.

EVENT DETAILS

When: Saturday, March 16, 7 PM onwards

Where: 1AQ, Opposite Qutub Minar, Mehrauli

Entry: Tickets starting at INR 1500 (all inclusive)

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About Teamwork Arts: For over 25 years, Teamwork Arts has taken India to the world and brought the world to India. In countries such as Australia, Canada, Egypt, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Israel, Korea, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, UK and USA, Teamwork produces over 25 highly acclaimed performing arts, visual arts, and literary festivals across more than 40 cities. Teamwork Arts produces one of the world's largest free literary gatherings; the annual [ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival](#), the [Ishara International Puppet Festival](#) and the annual [Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards \(META\) and Festival](#) in New Delhi, as well as international festivals; [Shared History](#) in South Africa, [Eye on India](#) in the United States of America, [India by the Bay](#) in Hong Kong, [Confluence- Festival of India](#) in Australia, [India@70 2017: Year of Culture in the United Kingdom](#), and many others.

Website: www.teamworkarts.com

About the Friends of Music: Delhi's iconic music club, FOM (Friends of Music) set up in 1994, has continued to create a thriving language of live music. Carrying forward the feel-good tradition of celebrating and enjoying music with friends and family in an intimate setting, FOM will share the light, love, and joy that it brought to you years ago, with renewed vigour and excitement. FOM, a Teamwork Arts initiative, brings together musicians and discerning audiences in a community to explore, create and enjoy new sounds.

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