

TEAMWORK ARTS

UNDER THE BANYAN TREE

ON A Full Moon Night

## Witness the Intermingling of Music and Dance at the September Edition of Under the Banyan Tree on a Full Moon Night

*- The September edition of Under the Banyan Tree on a Full Moon Night seeks to celebrate the rich Indian tradition of dance and music synergy.*

*- On Saturday, the 22nd of September, at 1AQ, opposite the Qutub Minar in Mehrauli, Indira Naik will perform Thumri, a semi-classical celebration of love and joy; the Gangani family, an institution in the Kathak tradition will perform a percussive set; and the evening will conclude with a performance by the Kutle Khan Project.*

*- The premiere of Season 2 last month featured Hindustani vocalist Pavithra Chari, Atul Shankar and his flute ensemble, and the extraordinary ensemble of 4 talented women - Women of the World - from the famous Berklee College of Music.*

**New Delhi. 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018.** Season two of the concert series, **Under the Banyan Tree on A Full Moon Night**, produced by [Teamwork Arts](#); a pioneering entertainment company, renowned for curating innovative and experiential events, kicked off last month. The series, which will run from August to November, will forefront music that is contemporary, evolving and connected with global musical influences, yet Indian at its core.

With countless dance and music styles, which celebrate romantic, mythological or devotional themes emerging from all over the sub-continent, India has been blessed with a rich tradition of dance and music synergy. The September edition of Under the Banyan Tree on a Full Moon Night - filled with delightful elements that make for a memorable evening; stunning ambience, delectable food, a selective audience and the magical full moon - seeks to celebrate three art traditions which emerge from North India.

A culinary experience will be specially curated by Paprika Kitchen in synthesis with the musical theme. The brainchild of Praveen Gandhi, Paprika Kitchen is a unique F&B initiative that brings

together thematic menus in collaboration with renowned master chefs. For this edition of Under the Banyan Tree on a Full Moon Night, Paprika Kitchen has enlisted Chef Meraj Ul Haque, the kebab extraordinaire, to design a menu exploring the several Kebab traditions of the subcontinent.

The first artist for the evening, **Indira Naik** is an institution in Hindustani Classical music. She has trained under Pt. Satyanarayan Singh, Pt. Mohinderjeet Singh, Pt. Dayal Thakur and Pt. Vithal Rao, all stalwarts in the field. She has performed extensively, and is regularly invited to perform at events organised by various Indian cultural foundations. Indira has collaborated with a diverse set of musicians, and has also released four studio albums. She composes most of her own songs and performs *Ghazals*, *Bhajans* and *Sufi*. For Under the Banyan Tree on a Full Moon Night, Indira Naik will perform *Thumri*, a semi-classical celebration of love and joy, such as the Radha-Krishna love saga.

The second set of performers, **The Ganganis**, represent a unique art tradition of a family filled with expert Kathak dancers and percussionists, trained at home by family members who have passed down traditions, skills and styles over decades of dedicated practice. They are expert performers and master practitioners of the Kathak art form and are an institution in themselves. The Ganganis will present a percussion centred set which will celebrate the rhythms and beats of the Kathak tradition. They will also showcase a dance performance, which will be a glimpse of the Kathak dance form.

The final performance of the evening will feature **The Kutle Khan Project**; Rajasthani folk performers, who celebrate the Kaalbeliya dance form; an energetic celebration of the Kalbelia tribe. A testament to Kutle Khan's voyage into a world of music 'beyond boundaries', music played by The Kutle Khan Project is a perfectly distilled blend of musical styles, while still retaining a strong Rajasthani folk sensibility. Kutle Khan, the leader of the group, bases his music on his traditional roots, but draws inspiration from his own musical experiences and his collaborations with musicians from different cultures. He received the GIMA AWARD in 2015 for his composition 'Moomal', and was famously featured in season 3 of the Coke Studio, with Amit Trivedi.

Under the Banyan Tree on a Full Moon Night is set in an beautiful space, 1AQ; an inspiring venue, conceptualised by Anubhav Nath, which offers stunning views of the Qutab Minar. Add to that, the company of a select community and a rain-washed full moon, and you have all the elements necessary for an unforgettable musical soirée.

#### **EVENT DETAILS**

When: September 22, 2018, 7 PM onwards

Where: 1AQ, Opposite Qutub Minar, Mehrauli

Entry: Tickets starting at INR 1000 (+ 28% GST), available at -

<https://www.twagateway.com/friendsofmusic/underthebanyantree/>

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## **SEASON 2 CALENDAR**

August 25, 2018

September 22, 2018

October 21, 2018

November 24, 2018

## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

**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](http://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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