



Under the Banyan Tree on a Full Moon Night celebrates the sounds and styles of Folk

- *This full moon, join us for an evening of music that is rooted, passionate and timeless - Folk - at your favourite concert series on Saturday, 20th April, at 1AQ, opposite the Qutub Minar in Mehrauli*
- *Enjoy performances by Neeraj Arya's Kabir Café presenting their own unique genre - Kabir Rock, which is a blend of rock, pop, reggae and Carnatic music set to Kabir's verse and Moorlala Marwada, a Kaafi-style singer from the Kutch region of Gujarat who specialises in the poetry of Kabir, Mirabai, Ravidas and others*
- *The March Edition celebrated the spirit of Holi, as women took centre stage with performances by fusion band Tritha & Friends, Hindustani classical Vocalist Sawani and spoken word poet Sabika Abbas Naqvi.*

New Delhi, 10th April 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 20th April to celebrate Folk Music.

Delhi's iconic music club, 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, Friends of Music, a Teamwork Arts initiative, brings together musicians and discerning audiences in a community to explore, create and enjoy new sounds.

Under the Banyan Tree on a Full Moon Night brings together dynamic and diverse styles of music. Audiences get the chance to witness performances by musicians under the tranquil repose of a banyan tree with minarets of the iconic Qutub Minar as the backdrop. The *Baithak*-style evenings, where moonlight and music blend to recreate the poetic charm of traditional musical gatherings, offer audiences an intimate experience with the like-minded and an opportunity to engage with the musicians.

The April leg of this series will celebrate the sounds and styles of Folk. The music of a people, of a place or a culture, folk is a style of music which is deeply connected to the places from where it comes. Signa-

ture melodies, instruments and concepts form the basis of this rustic genre. From small groups gathering around the proverbial fire to sing about topics intrinsic to their experience, folk music has grown into the heart of every community's shared history. In a way, all music finds its roots in folk.

The first performer of the evening, Moorlala Marwada, is a Sufi folk singer from the Janana village of the Kutch District in Gujarat who comes from a long line of Meghwal singers. He sings the poetry of Kabir, Mirabai, Ravidas and others in the Kaafi-style which has evolved and been adopted by the Hindu singers of Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai. He has also been featured on the Kabir Project.

The second performance of the evening is by Neeraj Arya's Kabir Café, a neo-folk fusion band that plays the poetry of 15th-century Indian mystic Kabir in a substrate of Indian folk music, mixed with Rock, Reggae, Pop and Carnatic music. The band has performed over 700 shows in India and across the world. Their songs appear in the Bollywood movies *Hindi Medium* and *Badshaho*. The band members are Neeraj Arya on lead vocals and guitar, Mukund Ramaswamy on violin, Viren Solanki on percussion and Poubuanpou Britto KC on bass.

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, April 20, 7 PM onwards

Where: 1AQ, Opposite Qutub Minar, Mehrauli

Entry: Tickets starting at INR 1500 (all inclusive)

Available at - <https://www.twagateway.com/friendsofmusic/underthebanyantree/>

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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 Arts produces over 25 highly acclaimed performing arts, visual arts, and literary festivals across more than 40 cities. Teamwork Arts produces 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 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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