

Vibrant Brampton Festival Set For Summer Sizzle

Free Event Will See Sirens Of Shanti, Tony Singh, KARMA, Shiamak Dance & Many Others

BRAMPTON: Brampton's biggest two-day festival, Vibrant Brampton is returning for its third year on July 27 and 28. Organized by the non-profit group Arts and Culture Initiative of South Asia (ACISA), Vibrant Brampton is a free event taking place at Sheridan College Grounds, Davis Campus in Brampton.

This year we see bands such as, Sirens of Shanti, the brain-child of Juno-nominated fame, Tony Singh, KARMA, of Lost Again fame, an Indo-Jazz Bollywood dance show by Shiamak Dance Toronto, classical and fusion kathak by the talented Panwar Dance Group, award winning Indian classical dancer Enakshi Sinha, as well as Nriyadeep, a Bharatnatyam group blending East and West, to name a few.

Vibrant Brampton promises to bring an eclectic mix of programming from various ethnic backgrounds with headliners Harpreet Dhillon & Jassi Kaur, Punjabi pop duo from India on the 27th and Indo-Canadian Bollywood heartthrob Parichay and International multi-talented artist, Miraya Varma, performing on July 28th along with Saregama singing sensation Sumana Ganguly.

"The team at ACISA is doing an amazing job with 15 days of Visual and Performing Arts awesomeness! As the largest South Asian festival in Brampton, we're excited to bring a whirlwind of world-class entertainment to the GTA. Free concerts by Bollywood stars, cutting edge visual arts exhibition, fantastic food, free KidZone, spectacular dancers, VIP events and everything fun under the sun- that's Vibrant



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SIRENS OF SHANTI

Brampton in a nutshell," says festival president Ricky Bajaj.

In the past couple years, this festival was organized at the Garden Square. This year, the festival has grown and will be held in a new and bigger location- the Sheridan College, Davis Campus.

The festival is sponsored by RBC, Value Mobile, Downtown Brampton BIA and funded by the City of Brampton and Canadian Heritage. This event is also supported by Stop Diabetes Foundation and Beaux Arts, Brampton.

ACISA also presents a two-week long arts festival titled Visual Arts of South Asia (VASA) that runs from July 15 to 28. It will be held at Beaux Arts in Downtown Brampton and showcases new and established artists.

Both Vibrant Brampton and VASA will have several events including hands-on workshops, Q & A Panel discussions, a pre-event party and a Gala reception at the Brampton City Hall Conservatory on July 26.

Parichay, is an Indo-Canadian



Miraya

Bollywood Singer, Songwriter, Music Composer and Live Performer. With 3 independent albums under his belt, his biggest break came in 2016 when he became the first ever non-resident Indian to do 4 out of 5 songs in a mainstream Bollywood film for Tips including the mega hit 'Peene Ki Tamanna'.

Earlier this year, he collaborated with Bollywood actress, Nargis Fakhri and Canadian Rap legend, Kardinal Offishall on the hit Single 'Habtaan Vigaad Di' and most recently he collaborated with multi-platinum, Grammy nominated artist, Sean Kingston

on the Single 'Saare Mundeya Nu' which has already become a rage on dance floors worldwide.

Miraya is a Bahrain based Indian singer/model and actress. Trained in professional classical Bharatnatyam as well as Kathak, Miraya has performed in numerous stage shows, private functions in multiple international locations. She is versatile in her ability to sing in over six languages, English, Hindi, Arabic, Tamil, Malayalam and Punjabi and has performed for various Indian channels like Asianet, Jeevan TV, Kairali TV.

Miraya recently released her latest International Punjabi music video called "Yalla Yalla" featuring Dr Zeus and Fateh Doe through T-Series. The song is a combination of Punjabi with an Arabic twist which is Miraya's trademark and has previously done the same for the movie "Happy New Year" with the track "Lovely". She has also featured with UK famous bhangra producer Tigerstyle.

Sirens of Shanti is a highly energetic and addictive sound that is quite its own; they mix and blend cultures and styles to create a truly one-of-a-kind experience. The band is an intricate fusion of Bollywood dance beats and heavy "Ron Zombie" style guitar. The vocals are a mix of urban rap and traditional melody. Well known rap artist, Loonie Bones, provides his blistering vocal style while Tony commands the entire ensemble with melodies sung in English, Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu.

ABOUT ACISA

Arts and Culture Initiative of South Asia (ACISA) is a non-profit organization with a vision to promote cross cultural understanding in celebration of life, culture, art and tradition.

The Mission is to promote the diversity of South Asian art forms by showcasing local artists and providing them with an opportunity to present their work to a wide range of audience (Non South Asians & South Asians).

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