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### Mosaic Festival 2012 is Bigger and Better in its 7th Year

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Presented by No Frills this annual tradition of Mississauga is now a signature event for the South Asian Community of the GTA and surrounding cities. Produced by a volunteer based not-for-profit organization, Canadian Community Arts Initiative, Mosaic Festival has now become the largest such festival in North America.



This year the Mosaic Festival is packed with all kinds of artistic activities as it moves to become a **four daylong event (August 16 - 19, 2012)**. This completely **FREE and volunteer run festival** has been recognized as one of the fastest growing festivals of the GTA that has brought new standards of excellence in programming and production. Mosaic Festival attracted **over 60,000 visitors** last year including an increasing number from across the border.

The Festival takes place in **Mississauga Celebration Square** that has been recognized as a premiere festival venue of the GTA and boasts an upscale facility, top of the line proprietary stage and production facilities and easy access to thousands of

residents in the immediate neighbourhood, who literally walk to the venue.

This year the Festival also celebrates the occasions of **Chaand Raat** and **Eid** making it the largest **Chaand Raat** on Friday, August 17th or Saturday, August 18th. A **special Eid bazaar** and **vendors market** is set up for this occasion and **henna** and other traditional arts will be available on the grounds.

## Festival Programme



The Festival starts on the **9th of August** with a **Visual Arts show** exhibiting works by South Asian photographers at **Promenade Gallery, 943 B Lakeshore Road East Mississauga**. Curated by Ali Adil Khan and Asma Mahmood, this exhibition will feature twelve internationally recognized artists of South Asian origin presenting their work. Show **opening reception** is planned for **August 9th at 6:30pm** and is open to the public.

## *Fashion Show by INDIVA*

Outdoor festival starting from the **16th of August** brings to you the very best of South Asian entertainment and cultural experiences. Art Gallery of Mississauga is partner in programming with the festival and holds the **first ever trunk show and celebrity fashion show by**



**INDIVA**, the unique and exclusive designer fashion house in Yorkville. This fashion show will see personalities from media, entertainment, science and politics on the ramp. This show is unique in that it will present real women who are honoured and recognized for their work in their community. Entry to this event is by registration only and due to limited seating space it is booked on first come basis. You can register at [www.mosaicfest.com](http://www.mosaicfest.com).

## *Aazadi Mushaira*

The festival celebrates the independence days of India and Pakistan on the **16th of August** with a flare as it presents **Aazadi Mushaira** (Independence Day poetry recital). A well loved genre of South Asian culture, this recital will see the prominent poets of Urdu, Punjabi and Hindi languages present their works to keen audiences at the Amphitheatre in the **North Celebration Square (300 City Centre Drive) 8 – 11pm**. This event is produced by Halqa Arbab e Zauq and partner organizations.

## *ReLoad*

Canadian Community Arts Initiative has launched another ambitious project that will premiere at the Mosaic Festival on **Thursday, August 16th** at the large LED screens that flank the main stage. This project called "**ReLoad**" is a **documentary film making project** that was launched by CCAI where 12 seniors applied to get a crash course in documentary film making by a talented film maker **Arshad Khan** from Montreal. Arshad has been widely recognized for his film work including Mel Openhimer Award at Concordia University. Seniors were given video cameras and the final selections will make it to the large screen in the evening with introductions to the film makers and special recognition ceremony on Friday Gala evening.



## *Mississauga Talkies*

**Thursday evening** the festival will also screen its much loved Mississauga Talkies where a **bollywood film is** screened on the large outdoor screen. This year the Festival will feature **Partner** starring Salman Khan, Govinda, Katrina Kaif and Lara Dutta. The screening will take place from **8:30pm onwards until 11pm**.

## *Film Fest*

Canadian South Asian Film/Cinema will start at the Noel Ryan Theatre inside the Mississauga Central Library on Thursday at 6pm. This year the film festival is programmed by **Dinesh Sachdev of FILMI** and guest programmer is Arshad Khan. For complete program please visit the festival website [HERE](#).



## *Rock The Coliseum*

Friday, August 17, the Festival grounds will be abuzz with early sounds and activities at the Amphitheatre for the famous RTC or "**Rock The Coliseum**" Indie music Festival in its 7th year. Starting from early evening, RTC will feature **7 bands** from various genres. Accompanied by Underground Garage Sale, this youth forum is a complete festival experience in itself. RTC will continue on Saturday as a full day extravaganza as well. The details of the bands performing at RTC are up on the festival website.

## *More Highlights!*



Friday evening the festival stage will be busy with artists rehearsals and sound checks until **7:30pm** when a spot show is presented by our special guests from all the way from UK, **Shaheed Mani Singh Ji Bhai Gatka Akhara** team who will present the highlights of their performance slated for Sunday afternoon **Punjabi Dhamaka!**

Followed by VIP reception which is an opportunity for the festival organizers to recognize the contribution of the sponsors and other dignitaries for the festival, Mosaic Festival will present **Sunny Jain** and **Red Baraat** from Brooklyn, New York in a full concert performance on the main stage. A stunning performance by this jazz and Brassband with bollywood beats will be its first in Mississauga. Later, Mosaic Festival is pleased to present a light comedy film on outdoor screens. "Today's Special" is film by Asif Mandvi, (Daily Show with John Stewart).



**Saturday, August 18** is a full day of **over 100 artists** performing at the two festival stages and third event at the Noel Ryan theatre where film festival takes place. The highlights of the day include a full concert by Atul Ahuja and many more community artists during the day time, Fashion show with Shabi's as a special Eid treat and Nacchan Ge Saari Raat Dance Competition with special appearance by Stereo Nation. **The highlight of the evening is a full concert by hottest bollywood sensation, nominated for numerous bollywood awards for playback singing, Shafqat Amanat Ali Khan from Pakistan.**

Grand finale of the evening will as usual see a special half hour performance by the dancers of great bollywood choreographer, **Shiamak Davar** that brings the entire crowd to their feet! **Rock The Coliseum** and **Underground Garage Sale** will conclude at the Amphitheatre on Saturday with big bands performing the entire day from **3pm onwards.**



Sunday is dedicated to **Punjabi Dhamaka and theatre.** Theatre will be presented by YTGA a Mississauga based non profit youth theatre organization. Punjabi Dhamaka will include the local celebrity performer, **Tanveer Ubhi and Dhol and Bol.** The highlights of the star studded evening will include Shaheed Mani Bhai Ji Gatka Akhara team from UK with Punjabi Martial Arts and dance performance and will conclude with a **full concert by Stereo Nation and Taz.** The band will perform the much loved numbers from their past albums and will conclude at the high note as the dancers from NSR join them on stage for the grand finale.

**Desis Rock** will take place at the Amphitheatre and present 5 independent South Asian Rock bands, including the sensational Shabha Lee. The stage will close at **7pm**

Mosaic Festival will also have other performers from other communities and backgrounds making it a **complete entertainment experience** for all communities and age groups. Children arts workshops and midway rides are a part of the festival along with a variety of food booths and shopping fare.

The festival will give away two return tickets to India (courtesy of Aerosvit) and Trip for Eight to Ottawa (courtesy OTMPC and Porter Airlines). You can also register online for your chance to win free ticket to India. Click [HERE](#) for more information on the contest and the festival.

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