

Warrington 2024

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Outdoor Festival

Celebrating Diversity and Developing Community Cohesion

**STREET THEATRE • DANCE • MUSIC • FOOD
WELLBEING • ARTS AND CRAFTS**

SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

Queens Gardens, Palmyra Square / Time Square, Warrington

11am - 5pm



Programme of Events - Time Square

11:00	Welcome and opening of Warrington Mela 2024	Warrington Mela 2024 will be opened by Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mo Hussain who is also Secretary of Warrington Ethnic Communities Association (WECA).
11:20	Warrington Mela Parade, led by Rhythm of Warrington a traditional Dhol drumming group.	Rhythm of Warrington have been performing as a group for 10 years throughout the UK. They meet to practice regularly in Warrington.
11:25	Batida Rio	Warrington's own Samba Band brings you Afro-Brazilian inspired rhythms mixed with contemporary new styles.
12:05	Ancient Giants by Inspirate	Giant puppets bring to life the struggle between good and evil in an epic display of honour and loyalty as the monkey god battles with the demon king to rescue Sita and reunite her with Rama.
12:45	The Elephant and the Drummer by Sonia Sabri Company	Join Elnaz the Elephant and Dholli the Drummer in a vibrant and interactive performance for all the family.
13:05	Hong Kong Community Procession presented by Culture Warrington	Commissioned by Culture Warrington, the piece will see two groups showcase a creative response to Hong Kong culture and explore the experiences of what it's like to be a Warrington resident while giving homage to their community roots.
13:30	Ancient Giants by Inspirate	
14:10	The Elephant and the Drummer by Sonia Sabri Company	
14:30	Radist – a Ukrainian Folk Ensemble from Liverpool	Performance of a mix of Contemporary and Folk dances from the Central Ukraine and Karpathian region with stunning costumes.
14:45	Ukrainian Instrumentalist	
15:00	Radist	
15:10	Join in a traditional Ukrainian circle dance, led by Radist .	
15:40	The Elephant and the Drummer	
16:15	The Sonaash Sisters perform a classical fusion dance from India, from Bollywood to Bhangra.	Aashana and Sonalia known as SonAash, sisters fused in dance, are classically trained dancers having learnt bharatanyam and kathak from the ages of 5 and 6. They also learnt bollywood, hip hop and ballet. Now at 27 and 28 they are known for their impeccable sync and for fusing all the dance styles they have learnt into one unique dance form. They have performed for Bollywood icons ShahRuKhan, Bipasha Basu and Amir Khan and have over the years taken the industry by storm.
16:25	Join in an energetic Bhangra Dance led by The Sonaash Sisters	
17:00	CLOSE – We ask that all visitors kindly leave the site quietly and respectfully.	

Programme of Events - Queens Gardens

11:40	Warrington Mela Parade arrives in Queens gardens	
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12:30	Kit and Caboodle by Thingumajig Theatre	Miniature puppet shows inside a big, rolling mule puppet opens to reveal stories and songs of remarkable journeys of people past and present who set out in search of a better life.
13:15	Warrington's Malayali Association presents traditional dances from South India: - Bollywood Dance - Thiruvathira Dance - Cinematic Dance	Warrington Malayali Association began in 2014 in Warrington and are celebrating their 10th year this year. They are originally from a South Indian state called Kerala.
13:50	Warrington's Igbo Women's Group perform a traditional Igbo Dance from Nigeria.	The Igbo tribe is one of the major ethnic groups in Nigeria. This group of women have been working with choreographer Callista Odidika to create this performance.
14:00	Punjabi Mascots	
14:15	Kit and Caboodle by Thingumajig Theatre	
15:00	Ranbir Daskai	Bhangra Singer
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