



Essex Indians'

UTTORSURI - Generation Next

2023

15th July, 6pm



"Post Office"

Rabindranath Tagore

Translated work of William Radiche



মেঘ ও রাক্ষস

Manoj Mitra



"Amol's Diary"

Compilation of children's
experience of Covid pandemic

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, 4A Castletown Road, London W149HE

Ticket : £15, £20 £25

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Uttorsuri .. Generation Next Festival.

An unique initiative A festival by the children for the children led by the children.

A festival where we pladge to walk together with Tomorrow.

A journey together with leaders of the future.

A mission together for a better world with better vision.

5:30 PM



5:45 PM - Amol's Diary

6:00 PM - Daakghar

7:00 PM - Break

7:30 PM - Mesh O Rakkhash

PROGRAMME
LAYOUT



From the Chairman's desk



My dear Children, Sisters, and Brothers of Essex Indians (EI) and our guests,

Whether you are regular patron or a well-wisher or supporter, this is addressed to all of you.

Essex Indians, our beloved organisation, is now 11 years old. We survived and thrived during pandemic and have grown further since.

During pandemic, we remained extremely active, as we fulfilled our commitment to remain a community. We ensured we are not lonely. We huddled together, albeit virtually.

We did this, by organising more than 70 online concerts and discussion forums. This was over and above our regular language classes for children and fitness and Yoga sessions.

Using digital platforms to extend our reach, we grew by adding global members to our family from US, Netherlands, Australia, India and many other countries.

At the same time, we acquired invaluable new regular patrons. Furthermore, a whole new generation of children joined us to carry the baton forward. They became the engine for all activities.

We grew and transformed, while adhering to our mission and vision. My gratitude to those, who joined in last two years. I have been touched, inspired and humbled by your dedication.

I am also thankful for the teachers in Maitreya Bengali club who created a strong network of mothers and children. They published a magazine, aptly named Asha –the Hope!

This year we have turbocharged our work programme. We hosted Christmas party, Saraswatipuja, language day celebration, Holi and Baisakhi -to name just a few. We also hosted Durgapuja- a five day festival, as well as our regular concert "East Meets west".

We remained active in our commitment to diversity by collaborating with similar charities who work for community cohesion.

Every single event had an underlying theme of cultural education in a joyful way and celebration of diversity.

At Essex Indians we believe every one is strong and skilful and has something unique to offer. We provide you with psychological safety, to do what you wish to do without inhibition or hesitation.

The women of Essex Indians are the powerhouse that keep the organisation running.

Our finances are governed carefully and trustees have ambitious vision for the future. We have said good bye to Upal Banerjee after years of service as trustee. He remains an active patron.

We have welcomed Sujata Das as a new trustee. My co-trustees are true leaders, and I am privileged to work with them.

When I look at the young adults who were once little children of EI, my heart feels with pride and Joy. They have turned into great global citizens multicultural and multilingual – proudly connected to their roots and reaching to touch the sky above. They embody our success. They are role models for those that follow.

The children who follow them, are exploring new frontiers in their own life and shared dreams. They will go even further forward.

Tomorrow will be in safe hands. We welcome you to join us in our quest. Let us all continue to work together to fulfil the big dreams of our little organisation.

Love and best wishes

Dipankar Da (Uncle)

Mr Dipankar Mukherjee

Uttorsuri 2022

Celebrating 100 years of Viswabharati



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100 years of Viswabharati

Essex Indians 'Shantiniketan in London' Uttorsuri show

Wednesday 20th July 2022 14:42 EDT

Tagore is the national poet of India who was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1913. He founded Viswabharati global open university in Shantiniketan in 1921. Even after 100 years, this unique concept of educating 'in the greens' outside the four walls of the classroom is applicable globally. Essex Indians (EI) Uttorsuri festival has been founded in 2014 to educate our generation next regarding Indian rich culture and values. This year EI has paid a tribute to Shantiniketan's 100 years with a unique show 'satabarsho por e' on 2nd July at Bhavan, the prestigious London venue. This will explore Shantiniketan's 'Sekal o Ekal' prioritising the relevance of naturalistic

education globally. The musical concert is directed by renowned Indian vocalist Sounak Chattopadhyay and elocutionist Samya Karpha, coordinated and co-directed by Dr Arpita Ray, Trustee EI, choreographed by Monideepa Seal, renowned classical dancer, and choir envisaged by lead Dr Anirban Mandal, Trustee EI featuring eminent dancers Alana, Sanchita, Anupriya, Chitra, Olivia Sujata and Sourav and vocalists Ujjwal, Arya, Teerna, Tiya, Tanisha, Sayantini, Sutapa, Shreyashi, Basabdruta and Moumita and actors Bihaan, Hridya, Arena, Aric, Iman, Manan, Gunjita, Dipankar, Suman, Jayita and Suman. This is also featuring Child prodigy musician

Mayukhjit on flute and eminent musicians of London - Amirh, Sandyman, Milan and Douglas. The costumes and stage decor have arrived all the way from Shantiniketan to bring the authentic culture. This is the first concert of 'Shantiniketan lives on stage in London'. EI trustees have thanked the live audience (200) in Bhavan UK and the digital audience (250) who joined from all over the world, such as the USA, Canada, Australia, India, Bangladesh and Europe for supporting this unique post-pandemic show.

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Description of the event

Generation Next festival is flagship event of Essex Indians charity.

This year we are showcasing magnificent dramas curated by Essex Indians.

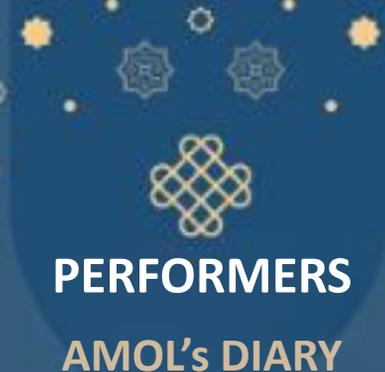
Show will start with Amal's diary, a collection of children memoir and their experience of going through COVID pandemic expressed with dance and drama.

This will be followed by Immortal creation of Rabindranath Tagore's Dakghar, English translation by William Radice.

Generation next of Essex Indians charity will stage this show. There will be third drama, showcased by thespians of Essex Indians charity, called Mesh O Rakhos, by Me **Manoj Mitra**.

Drama direction and conceptualisation by **Dr Arpita Ray**





PERFORMERS

AMOL's DIARY

Actors

Tista
Tiyas
Tavisha
Vaibhavi
Solan

Choreography

Ahana

Dancers

Ahana
Chitra
Antara
Adrita
Ayurda

Concept

Arpita

Script & Direction

Vaibhavi





PERFORMERS

POST OFFICE

Actors

Prachya as Madhav Dutta
Manan as Thakurda and Holy man
Iman as Kobiraj
Raisha as Curd seller
Agni as Watchman and Royal messenger
Aric as Headman
Tavisha as Royal Kobiraj
Tinni ,Tuktuk ,Solan and Miit as Children
Arina as Sudha
Bihan as Amal

Singers

Arya & Teerna

Light

Vaibhavi

Cyclorama

Raja & Tista

Music

Debabrata

Set & Props

Sumana, Jayita & Sanchita

Make up

Baishali, Tua, Sayantini &
Monidipa

Sound

Arya

Directed & Conceptualised by

Arpita

PERFORMERS

MESH O RAKHOS

Writer

Manoj Mitra

Actors

Mesh - Sourav, Manan

Rakhos - Anirban

Hiramon - Sourav

Kanka - Sushanta

Neel Kamal - Amit

Subarna - Suman

Chandralekha - Pooja

Benarasi/Praharī - Subho

Totapuri/Tapaswai - Santanu

Manchadgyakha/Grambasi - Dipankar

Nati/Grambasi - Sutapa

Bicharpati - Sayantini

Senapati - Biplab

Dhanpati - Arpita

Make up

Tua, Sujata, Monidipa

Sayantini, Sanchita, Baishali

Props

Sayantini, Pooja, Arpita

Set Planning

Arpita

Sound

Arpita, Sourav, Monidipa

Singers

Anirban, Ujjwal, Sayantini,

Papia

Light

Vaibhavi

Cyclorama

Arpita, Sourav and Tista

Light

Arpita, Tista & Baishali

Music

Debabrata

Set set up

Tua, Chitra, Raja, Baishali,

Arpita, Santanu, Amit, Sourav,

Anirban, Subho, Biplab

Lapel

Teerna, Dipankar, Arpita

Direction

Arpita

Special thanks to

Amit Roy

Kollol Banerjee

Ramesh Lawangare & Sapna Lawangare



Essex Indians Organisation Structure



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from
Champa & Bikash Biswas

From the desk of General Secretary



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Uttorsuri Generation next Festival of Essex Indians - 10 out of 10

The soul of a popular bengali song portrays

- 'with each babystep we can confidently reach the mountain of the moon'.
- Essex Indians has literally proven it right.

Essex Indians (EI) Uttorsuri festival has been founded in 2014 to educate our generation next regarding Indian rich culture and values.

This year EI is paying a tribute to 'group theatre' - the arterial line of bengali culture with 3 dramas - Amol's diary, Dakghar (Postoffice) and Mesh o Rakkhosh on 15th July at Bhavan, the prestigious London venue.

The concert theatres, William Radice's Post Office (adaptation of Tagore's Dakghar) and Manoj Mitra's iconic drama Mesh o Rakkhosh are directed by Dr Arpita Ray and amalgamated by plethora of generation next and patrons of Essex Indians.

Amol's Diary, a reflection of the pandemic times mimicking Dakghar philosophy is directed by Vaibhavi coordinating teens of EI.

I am sure 15th July evening will be memorable, educational, thought- provoking and at the same time filled with entertainment with more than thirty artists - epitome of bonding and togetherness.

EI trustees are cordially inviting everyone in the UK to enjoy this unique post pandemic show celebrating 10th glorious year of generation next festival.

Kind regards

Dr Anirban Mandal

Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon

Trustee and General Secretary

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Generation Next Festival 2023

Generation Next Festival is the flagship event of the Essex Indians charity, and this year's edition promises to be an extraordinary showcase of magnificent dramas curated by Essex Indians. The festival will commence with "Amol's Diary," a captivating collection of children's memoirs depicting their experiences during the COVID pandemic. The poignant stories will be expressed through a combination of dance and drama, offering a unique and emotive portrayal of their journey.

Following this, the spotlight will shift to the immortal creation of Rabindranath Tagore's "Dakghar," presented in English translation by William Radice. This classic play will be brought to life by the talented members of the Generation Next group from the Essex Indians charity. Audiences can expect a thought-provoking and enchanting performance that captures the essence of Tagore's profound storytelling.

Adding further depth and variety to the festival, the third drama featured is "Mesh o Rakhos" by Manoj Mitra. This production will be skillfully staged and performed by thespians associated with the Essex Indians charity. With the direction and conceptualization led by Dr. Arpita Ray, the drama promises to deliver a captivating narrative that explores themes of social dynamics and human relationships.

The Generation Next Festival curated by Essex Indians charity aims to provide a platform for budding talents and established artists alike. Through their selection of diverse and compelling dramas, the festival seeks to engage and entertain the audience while fostering a deeper appreciation for the performing arts.

Best wishes,

Sujata Das, on behalf of Trustee board

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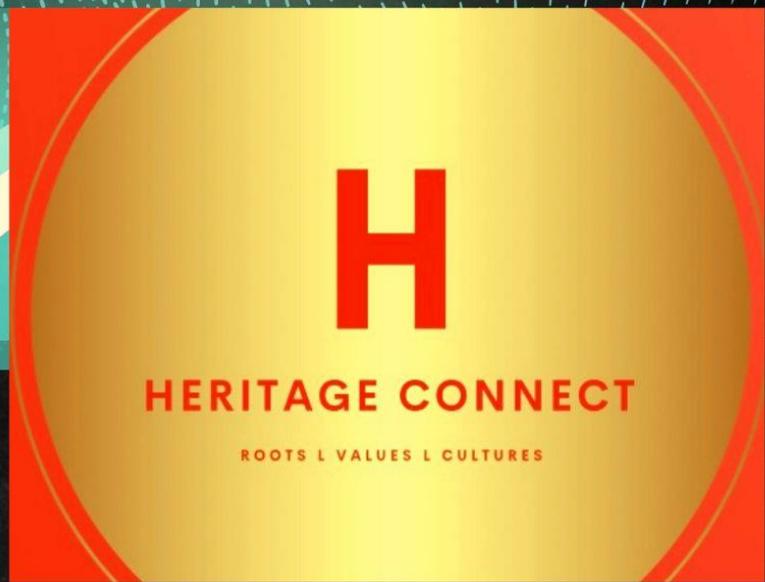
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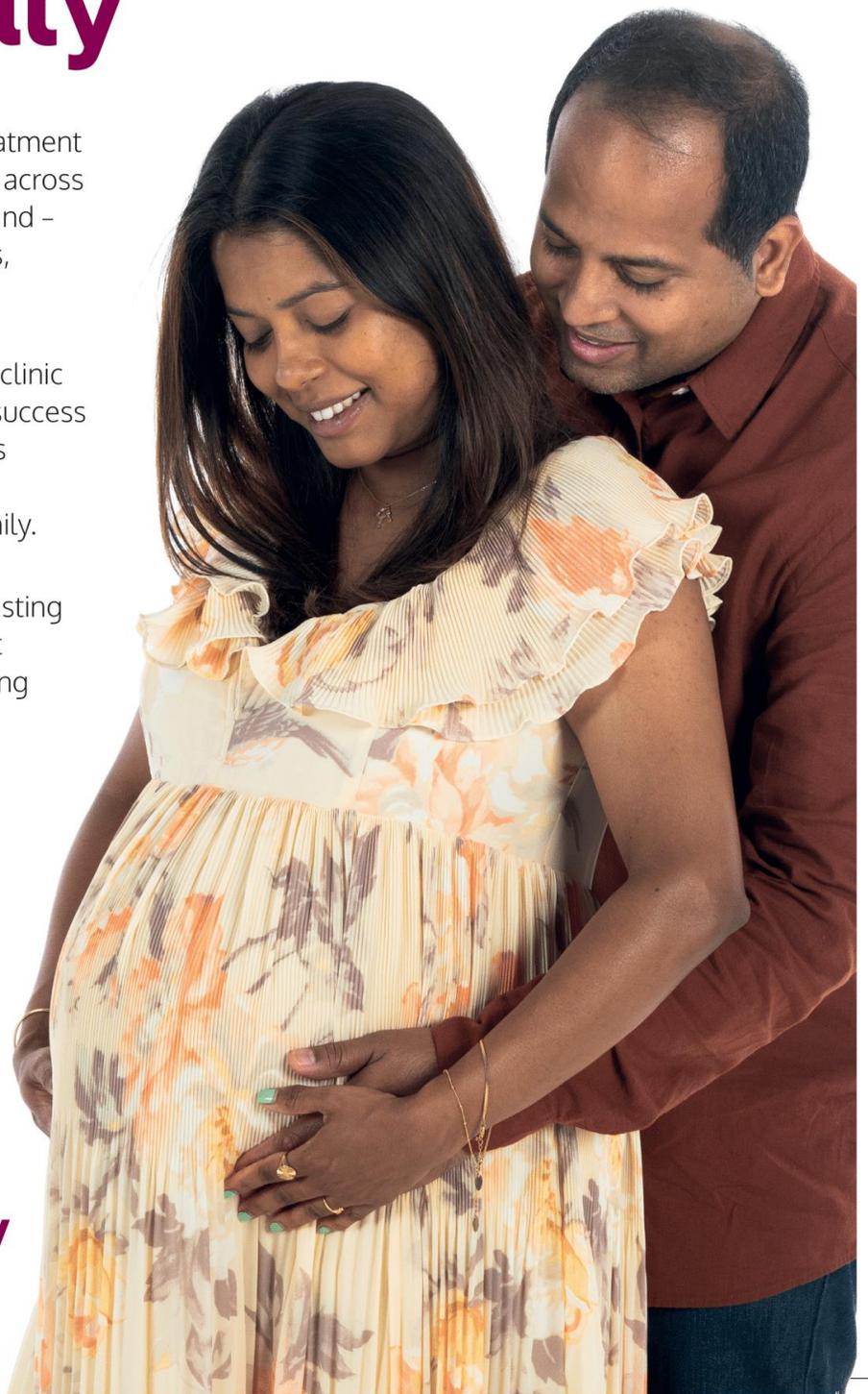
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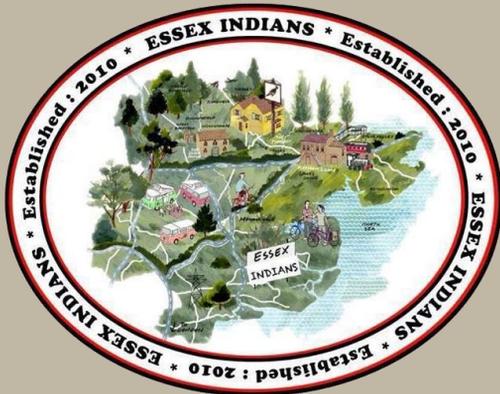
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