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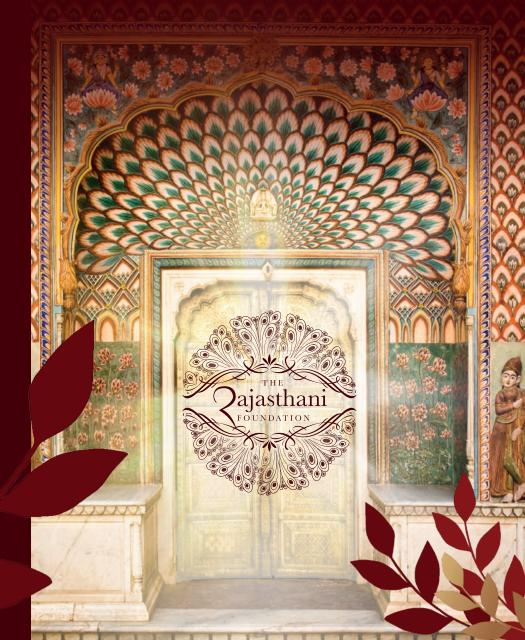
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Diwali Message from the TRF Board













Dear members, friends, family, and our well wishers.

Hope you had good Diwali celebrations and may they continue tonight!

We always strive to bring new concepts, ideas and this evening is no exception.

From suave Bond last year we have gone to rustic, soulful melodies this time from "apno des."

Coming right from the heart of Rajasthan TRF presents to you "Tunes from the Dunes" featuring Mame Khan. He comes from the age old artistic Manganiar community with a wide repertoire of folk, sufi songs with a dash of Bollywood.

The fabric of every charity is woven by the principles of its basis and we are no different. Community & charity are at the core of all our events, and all endeavours are made to uphold the TRF pillars.

On the charity front we are still supporting the special needs schools in Rajasthan, which we aim to carry on this year.

Thank you for your generosity time wise to attend the event, and donation wise to make these events happen. Charities exist for a purpose, but without your support they would be mere skeletons.

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Warm Regards,

Team TRF

TRF Board 2022

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Programme

18.00	Champagne Reception and Canapés
19.00	Ballroom Greetings and Welcome Address
19.30	Starters
20.00	Mame Khan Performance
22.00	Main Course and Dessert
22.45	Tea and Coffee
23.00	Let's Dance — DJ and Music
01.00	Carriages









MAME KHAN MANGANIYAR

SINGER | SONGWRITER | COMPOSER

WE ARE RAJASTHAN

BIO

Mame Khan is one of the most renowned Folk, Sufi and playback singers from the Manganiyar community in Rajasthan, Western India. His mystical and powerful signature voice has taken him around the globe and into the hearts of his audience. He is a celebrated live performer and is known for his unique and vibrant stage performances. He has also lent his voice to multiple Bollywood productions and has often been described as the ambassador of Rajasthani Folk music -an ancient and dying art-, taking 15 generations of oral musical heritage on new platforms and creating a niche for his music and legacy. Mame Khan is considered one of the pioneering musicians from his community in protecting ancient oral tradition by mixing traditional songs with a modern twist, managing the fine balance between safeguarding the heritage of his community and discovering new listeners with modern sounds. He has played concerts around the world from Europe to America, from the Gulf countries to Africa and most recently he has been awarded with the GiMA award for the best Folk single of the year...

THE MANGANIYARS

They are professional folk musicians of the golden Thar Desert in Western Rajasthan. They are a caste of hereditary musicians, performing a rare oral tradition since more than 15 generations. These splendid virtuoso musicians combine since centuries the popular mystical and secular traditions of the desert with those of the courts of the maharajas

THE MUSIC AND VISION

Mame Khan's music brings you a great selection of many special songs, straight from the heart of Rajasthan including Rajasthani Folk, Sufi & Krishna Bhajans. These songs create a universe of colors and emotions -talking about love, mischief and hope. Mame Khan hopes that the listener will sense the smell of mud -"mitti ki khushboo" in his songs, while at the same time taking his audience on a journey from ancient to modern times. His music is meant to be a medium not only to spread joy, but also to reach out to the world, showing the potential and beauty of Rajasthani Folk and Sufi music.

ARCHIEVEMENTS

GiMA Award, Music Diamond of Rajasthan Award, Coke Studio Hits, numerous Bollywood hits, played in 50+ countries, showcase at WOMEX&Womad, ICCR Junior scholar, opening culture event for PM Shri Narendra Modi, UN-Volunteer associate partner, first crowdfunded Folk album in India

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A DREAM IS BORN

A dream is born: Mame Khan was born in a a small medieval village of Rajasthan called Satto. Being the son a very well respected singer - late Sri Rana Khan- his childhood was filled with music. His passion was born at a very young age and as far back as Mame Khan can recollect, music has been part of his journey.

FROM THE VILLAGE TO THE WORLD

At the age of 19 Mame Khan embarked on is first world tour as a member of a Rajasthani artist troupe. He performed for the first time in the USA where he had his first intercultural experience.

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REALIZING DREAMS

Ever since, live concerts are the passion of Mame Khan. Yet, as folk music in India is not part of the mainstream, he and his team had to convince organizers and producers to create spaces for this genre. Today Mame Khan stands for a new age of Folk music revival and appreciation in India as well as internationally.



BACK TO THE ROOTS

Not only is he known as the orginal shining star of the world famous Manganiyar Seduction by Roysten Abel, but he is equally acclaimed for his own music productions. His award winning album "Desert Sessions" was the first crowd funded Folk album of its kind in India. Mame Khan has managed to reach out to a new generation of listeners via multiple media platforms and also through the festival stages of his country.

BOLLYWOOD AND COKE STUDIO

Over the years Mame Khan has also earned great recognition as a playback singer for Bollywood productions, and his super hit Chaudhary on Coke Studio India has become a symbol of how Rajasthani Folk tunes can actually change the music perception of an entire industry. These days, an increasing number of music producers are realising the potential in these rare and authentic Folk voices. Rajasthani Folk has become a celebrated part of live music culture more than ever before.

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THE MUSICIANS

Mame Khan has a wonderful collection of virtuoso musicians in his band. Masters of their art, they play the almost forgotten instruments of the Desert from string to percussion, a feast for the ears and eyes.

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LINKS

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TRF Diwali 2021

'Licence to Thrill' a glittering James Bond themed evening was hosted by the The Rajasthani Foundation on 13th of November at The Grand Connaught Rooms.

It truly was an evening full of exuberance, thrill and magic. A lot of attention to details was given to experience the glamourous world of Bond! Each table had a fancy name of the stars or names of Bond movies, there was a casino which was enjoyed by all and of-course Martini was served too.

The evening kick started with a desi touch of a Bollywood dance routine by the famous Britain's Got Talent semi finalist dance group, The London School of Bollywood. They set the stage on fire with their high octane performances.

The evening continued by some electrifying acts of Aerial performers, contortionist and LED light dances who left the guests asking for more.





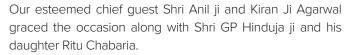












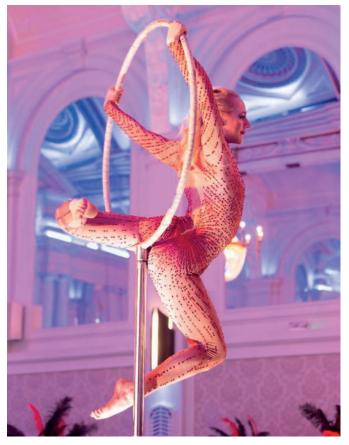
While we were honoured to hear Shri Anil Ji's speech about his journey to success which has always been very inspiring to our youth especially. Hinduja Ji delighted our audience by singing his favourite songs which was one of the highlights of the evening.

Every year Board members of TRF work relentlessly to bring the community together and promote its culture and work towards its charitably commitments , this is only possible by the continuous support of our well wishers , donors and members.

A big thank you to you all who attended and volunteered to make the event an outstanding success. A truly delightful evening was once again enjoyed by our guests.









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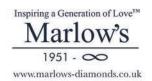


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TRF Holi 2022

The vibrant colours of Holi throw out all negativity and bring in positivity. Traditionally, Holi marks the change of seasons and the ushering in of new crops which bring prosperity. Holi 2022 dawned warm and lovely at the Swaminarayan Temple, Stanmore. It was an unseasonably warm day in March and the shrubs and trees already shone green and glorious.

The huge white marquee set amid the rolling landscape was a lovely and unique location for this year's celebration.

The TRF Holi event is always more about community, the simple yet family based celebration has a way of bringing the Rajasthani community together. It is heart warming to see little children in their cute kurtas and ghagharas yelling and running around.











One big difference this year was that all the food was served by the members of TRF including children. This was a lovely way to meet and chat with almost every person who attended the event. Seeing children scrambling this way and that, carrying platters of steaming food and offering them to people made the afternoon extra special.

The wonderful Bollywood choreographer Nina Darmeci along with the DJs Kunal and Kunal (yes, they had the same name!) set fire to the dance floor. The awesome atmosphere and the beat of the dhol had the whole room dancing.

The afternoon sun was low and warm on the horizon and the kids were screaming for gulaal.

Soon the entire grassy knoll was splashed in the colours of the rainbow, as were all the people. "Rang barse bheege chunarwali" resounded out of the DJ's boombox, causing a wild mass of multicoloured people to dance in glee with the smells of hot chai and warm weather filling the air.

TRF Holi 2022 was even more special as this was the first time a lot of people met in almost 2 years. Even though everybody has been through so much heartbreak and trauma during Covid, it was amazing to see the spirit of celebration was in full fire.

I truly believe that we humans will always find a way to persevere through the darkness and find our way into the Sun.









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Structure:

The Rajasthani Foundation (TRF) is registered with Charity Commission of England and Wales and listed as company by guarantee without share capital at Companies House England and Wales.

Objectives:

- Relief of poverty, hardship and distress among members of Rajasthani Community.
- To educate and promote the Rajasthani culture within UK, including its history, language, literature, art, music and dance forms.
- Financial assistance to schools or educational establishment in Rajasthan which are in need of essential educational supplies or facilities.

Vision:

TRF aims to be a premier and prestigious organisation with a strong brand equity to be led by a team of diligent, selfless and enterprising volunteers who will nurture the objective of TRF's ambitious vision and take it to further heights. In addition it aims to support various communities in UK from various regions of Rajasthan and integrate them to support and promote Rajasthani art, music, culture, history and language.

To foster charity within the Rajasthani community and help raise funds and assist indigent schools, educational establishments and contribute to society.

Achievements

Community:

- Since 2005, TRF has increased its awareness across UK and increased its membership base to over one thousand members.
- TRF has been organising annual events such as Holi, Diwali and summer cricket.
- TRF has organised various other cultural events in last eleven years to generate community camaraderie.
- TRF is deeply rooted in the soils of UK as board members and volunteers work tirelessly for social integration of the members, which reflects in its growing membership numbers.
- TRF organized first of its kind Youth Talk at London Business School in September 2017 for our youth and young ones and that was house full. It was very inspirational and everyone is looking forward to the next Youth Talk in the series.

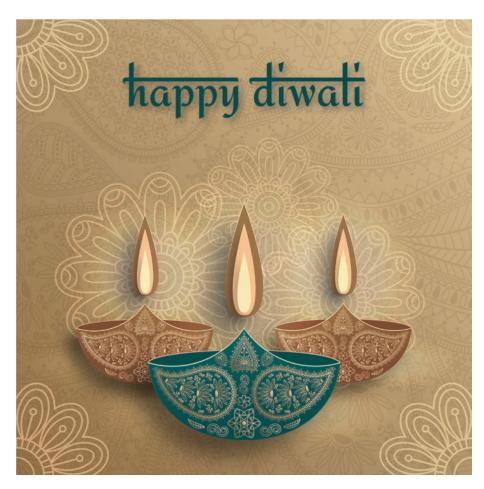
Culture:

TRF organised a successful Youth trip to Jodhpur and Jaipur in 2016 for our Youths to learn more about the culture and history of Rajasthan.

Charity:

- TRF has been working since its inception to promote charity and organising flagship charity fund-raisers every year to support causes in Rajasthan.
- Since day one, the organisation has been working with zero administrative costs, with unconditional support from the board of directors and volunteers.
- TRF has supported Navjyoti Manovikas Kendra (NMK), Jodhpur with funds to construct new buildings, improve its infrastructure and facilities. NMK is a Jodhpur based educational charity that provides specialist education to children and young adults with special mental, physical and behavioural needs.
- TRF supported Jagriti, a charity based in Jaipur to rebuilt a derelict and abandoned school in slum area of the city to provide education for the local children.
- TRF has organised 'nearly used' clothes collection in UK amongst members for distribution to needy children via chosen charities.
- TRF board is always looking for opportunities to support various causes and charities in Rajasthan or helping the needy directly where possible and for this it invites its members to come-up with innovative ideas to help.





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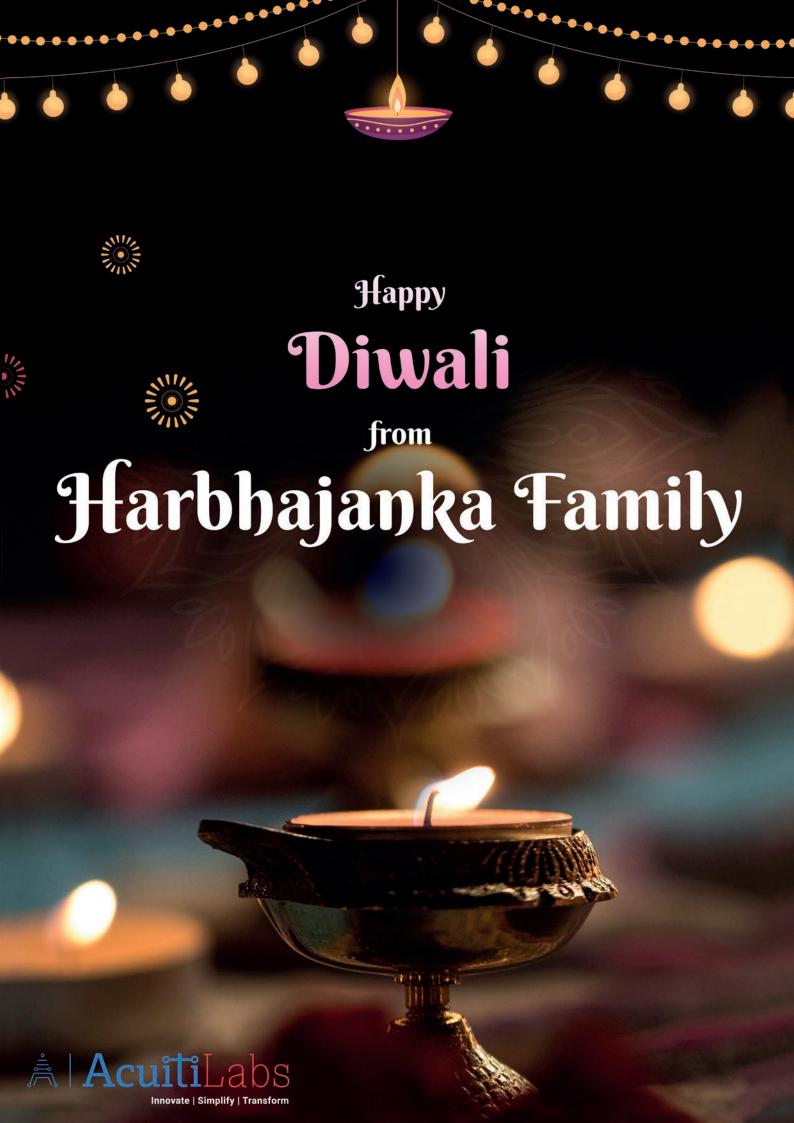
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Flamenco (Spanish dance) developed from Rajasthani dance

Rajasthan...the land of Kings...better known for the valiant & chivalrous Rajputs is equally notable for its colourful cultural heritage. The folk dances and music of this desert state have crossed borders and reached far corners of the World. Music from Rajasthan has made its way into mainstream World music and one can see an amalgamation with many mainstream musical styles like house music, electro music, Opera etc.

Music and dance forms of Rajasthan are deeply ingrained in the history of the World, there is also popular belief that roots of the famous dance form from Spain, Flamenco lie in the Roma migration from Rajasthan to Spain between the 9th and 14th centuries.

Folk dances of Rajasthan

Rajasthani folk dances have mainly emerged from the tribal communities. The dances and accompanying music are ballad-like & tell epic stories of eternal love & devotion. Dances are performed on numerous auspicious occasions with the purpose of expressing happiness among themselves, as well as telling stories in a unique and enticing style. The emergence of princely states during medieval times also led to the evolution of folk dances, since the monarchs patronised different art and crafts. Each region has its own type and style of folk entertainment with diverse dances and songs since rulers from several cultures ruled the Rajasthan. Well known forms include Ghoomar, Kachhi Ghodi, Kalbelia, Bhavai, Gair, Chakri, Chhari, amongst others.



Kachhi Ghodi



Gair



Ghoomar



Bhavai

Music of Rajasthan

The music of Rajasthan weaves together folk tales, songs of heroes, and a celebration of nature, festivals and life. Maand raag, a folk style of singing is synonymous with Rajasthan. Immortalised by the voices of famous singers Allah Jilai Bai and Goura Devi. The famous folk song, Kesariya Baalam has travelled from the humble homes of the folk singers to the

studios of Bollywood. The most famous classes of musicians from Rajasthan are the Langas and the Manganiars amongst Mirasis and Jogis of Mewat, Kanjars, Banjaras and Dholies. The Langas and the Manganiars are a beautiful representation of national integration, Muslim singers who sing bhajans devoted to Lord Ram and Krishna!



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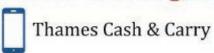




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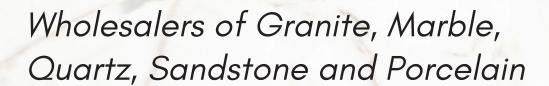






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TRF Charity School Update

TRF has, like previous years continued to support two very special schools for differently abled children, Navjyoti Manovikas Kendra (NMK) in Jodhpur and Sona Manovikas Kendra in Bhilwara.

Both these schools provide free education , transport , vocational training , physiotherapy and speech therapy for all their students . In addition they also provide "Home Based" programmes for those children who are unable to travel or leave their homes due to unavoidable circumstances.

The main objective of NMK & SMK is to provide care to these special need children , support them and their aspirations and offer them some choice and independence to be a part of the society .

Furthermore the students have benefitted by the provision of computers and projectors to make learning easier and also many students receive prevocational training.

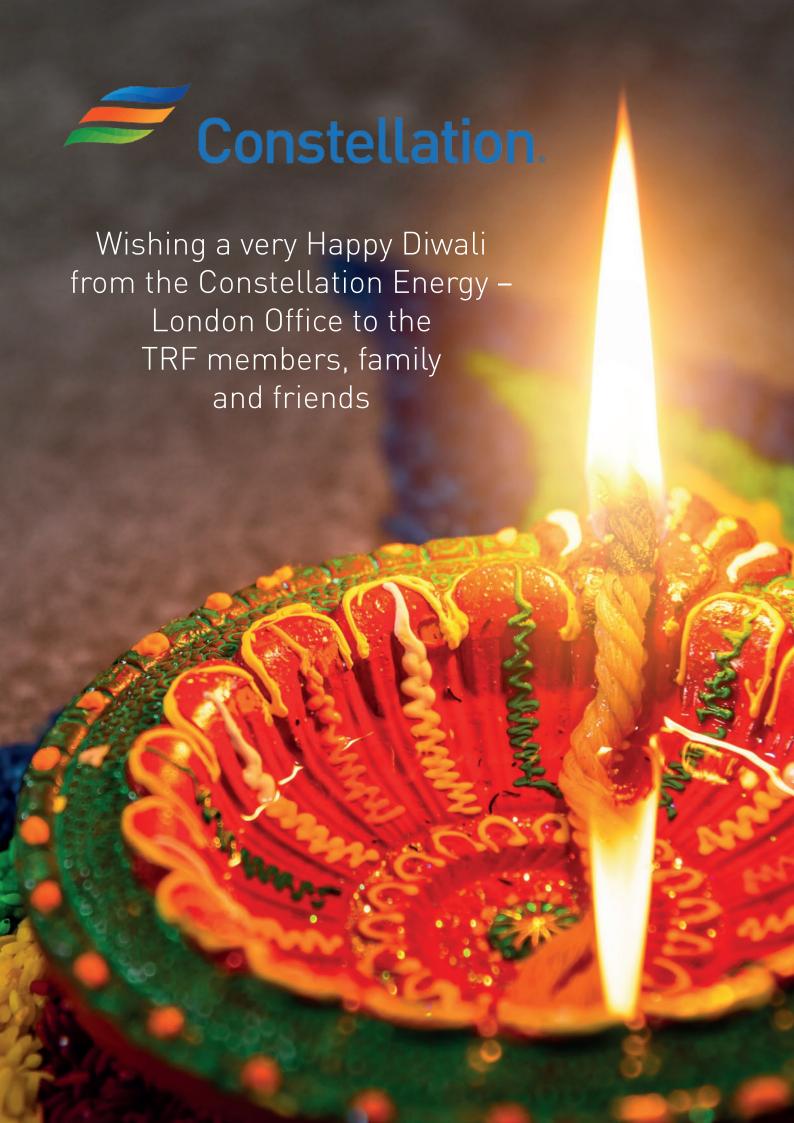
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