

Indian Spring Festival: Music, Dance and Colour

Sunday 25 February 11.00 – 17.00

Mark the arrival of spring and the Holi festival of colours by joining the V&A for a day of Indian music, dance, storytelling and craft workshops.

Events are free and drop-in



PERFORMANCES:

Indian Dance

25 minute performances at 12.00, 14.00 & 16.00

Raphael Gallery, Room 48a

Watch dancers from the Bhavan Centre of Indian Culture, Art and Heritage perform traditional dances from across India.

Pop-up Performances: Holi Stories

25 minute performances at 11.00, 13.00 & 15.00

The Lydia and Manfred Gorvy Lecture Theatre

Follow the adventures of brave Mohini, the girl who finds a brilliant way to get rid of a horned, hairy scary monster. Lively, interactive storytelling performed by Peter Chand.

Indian Classical and Folk Music

25 minute performances at 11.00, 13.00 & 15.00

Raphael Gallery, Room 48a

Listen to popular spring related music performed on a variety of instruments by musicians from the Bhavan Centre.

MAKING:

The Imagination Station: Festival Elephants

11.00 – 17.00

Raphael Gallery, Room 48a

Elephants are celebrated in Indian history and culture. During festivals they are often decorated with colourful paint, ornaments and embroideries. Make and add your decorations to the model elephants. Find out about traditional Indian motifs from objects in the V&A's collection to inspire you paper design.

Fabric Jewellery

11.00 – 17.00

Raphael Gallery, Room 48a

Join textile artist Tanvi Kant in a vibrant textiles workshop to create braided bracelets with colourful cottons and sari fabrics. You will learn how to interlace yarns and fabrics with simple plaiting and knotting techniques.

Drop-in-Design: Add a Splash of Colour

11.00 – 17.00

Art Studio, Sackler Centre

The day of Holi is a joyous celebration in which everyone taking part throws coloured water and powders at each other. Take inspiration from the V&A's collection and create your own picture using paint and paper.

Digital Kids: Painting with Light

11.00 – 17.00

Digital Studio, Sackler Centre

Come and play with colour and light in the Digital Studio to create paintings through movement. Put on our light-up accessories and all your twists and turns will be captured in a photograph that you can take away.

DEMONSTRATIONS:

Rangoli Demonstration

11.00 – 17.00

South Asia, Room 41

Come and see rangoli floor designs being created. These coloured drawings are traditionally made using coloured rice, flour or sand. They are drawn outside doorways and in courtyards to mark special occasions such as festivals.

Paintings Display

11.00 – 17.00

Sackler Centre Foyer

Look at the Gond paintings created by artist Shinjini Thakur. Create your own Gond design and learn about the the mesmerising patterns, colours and motifs from Central India.

Painting Demonstration

11.00 – 17.00

Sackler Centre Foyer

Meet artist Sunita Khedekar, watch her demonstrating some of her painting techniques, and see some of her work including her latest picture inspired by the Holi festival.

Films

11.00 – 15.00

Hochhauser Auditorium, Sackler Centre

Drop-in and see films of Holi Celebrations.

