



iGALA

2012

PROGRAMME

Friday 9 March 2012 | 7:30pm - 10:30pm



The University of Surrey
Students' Union



WELCOME!

Hi all, and thank you for coming to our annual iGala celebration.

This year's event has seen hundreds of students get involved, some of which you'll see on stage tonight. However, many hours of work have gone in behind the scenes to ensure that tonight goes smoothly, and a huge thank you must go to them all.

Stage Crew and MADTV have once again done an outstanding job, and without them, none of this would have been possible. Thanks must also go to Em Bollon, Mike Frazer, Ian Lipp, Tom Dyer, Mark Baruch, Ben Rochlin, Dan Bishop, Lisa Lynch, all the Societies and all the volunteers involved, for their work on the event – which can be clearly seen in action tonight.

Lastly, a massive thank you must go to Helena Vardy for the countless hours put in over the last few weeks – without her iFestival would not have been as much of a success as it has been!

Once again, thank you to you all for coming tonight.

Jake Willis

Vice-President of Societies & Individual Development



iFESTIVAL



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Gospel Choir:

The University of Surrey Gospel Choir have been working hard all year performing at events all over the county and beyond. We've performed at the cathedral, in a school, a prison, town centre, and been involved with so many other events that we thought it was about time we showed everyone else here at Uni what we've been up to!

As a society at the University of Surrey we welcome new members. We're not only for students, we have members who live and work in our local community as well. If you're interested in joining us then we'd love to hear from you!

Tonight we are performing "Unashamed" a song written by our very own Musical Director, Em Bollon and "Again I Say Rejoice" by Israel and New Breed.

As well as performing at the iGala tonight, we will be performing in our own showcase on the 18th March at the Ivy Arts centre on campus. Get in touch or visit us on Facebook or YouTube to find out more! www.facebook.com/gospelchoir www.youtube.com/surreyunigospelchoir

iGot Talent Winner:

Tat Supreme is a young & talented rapper, producer, songwriter & dancer. He is eclectic and diverse in his rapping abilities. He also known for his ability to freestyle during live performances.

In 2008 he had begun to associate with chart topping artist David Jordan from London & he has also shared stages with other artists such as Busta Rhymes, Nizlopi (UK number 1 selling artists), N-Dubz, Tine Tempah Beverly Knight, Dj Ironik, David Banner, DJ Luck 'n' MC Neat, Killa Kela, & Fun*dmental, MZ Bratt and Frixion just to name a few.

Iranian:

We are an international society that tries to introduce Iranian culture to students from other nations by celebrating traditional events. We also arrange sports events and other activities, such as games nights and music nights.

Students can become members without any charge just by adding our group page on Facebook or by clicking on Facebook link in our website (www.iraniansociety.co.uk), and we will inform you about upcoming events via Facebook, our website calendar and email.



Sri Lankan:

The Sri Lankan Society was founded in 2011 with the aim of providing a common forum and a place of support for all Sri Lankan students, irrespective of their cast, religion or race. As a newly founded society, we also seek to promote our rich and unique culture, within the University of Surrey.

This year will mark the first time a Sri Lankan Society has taken part in the iGala. As such, our aim will not only be to entertain, but also to introduce our motherland and its culture which we are so proud of.

Our performance will start off with an introductory video that shows our heritage, festivities, the many races and religions as well as the beauty of this fascinating island. We will then move onto a cultural pageant which displays the richness of our culture followed by an instrumental performance by our very own students.

The evening's performance for our society will be rounded off by a traditional dance, rarely seen in this part of the world.

Palestinian:

'Story of Palestine' - Poetry Reading.

Hellenic and Cypriot:

Cyprus, an island in the far Mediterranean sea and Greece is one of the few countries in the world where folk dances are as alive today as they were in ancient times.

Dance has always played an important role in the life of a Greek/Cypriot. It is an expression of human feelings and everyday life. The most popular dances are the syrtos, hasapiko, sirtaki, men's and women's Kartsilamadhes, Zeimbekiko, Dacha, Sousta and Greek cinema/musicals where you will have the opportunity to watch live, tonight, dedicated to one of the most popular and successful actresses Aliki Vougiouklaki.

Nepalese:

Our performance includes a video and 3 dances. Our video shows clips of different Himalayan ranges, religious temples and some famous Nepalese personalities. The other attractions include hawking, sky diving and other adventurous activities that tourists can do in our country.

The first song will be performed by 3 ladies, which is to give a taste of Nepali music.

The second dance is couple dance that is a faster pace and shows different tradition costumes. Finally there is a boys only performance in different cultural dresses.



Asian Society:

The Asian Society we will be presenting to you a Bhangra performance which is a fusion of music and dance which originates from the Punjab region of India and Pakistan. In its earliest form it was a celebratory folk dance, which welcomed the coming of spring or Vaisakhi.

We are also hosting a fashion show with clothing from all over southern Asia, representing the diversity and colourful vibrancy of the many Asian cultures. You can contact us on ussu.asian@surrey.ac.uk

Act 2

Dance Squad:

The piece we are performing tonight is our circus-themed, jazz entry for our Open Dance Championships at Nottingham's Capital FM Arena! We are currently rehearsing twice a week for this competition, which is in a couple of weeks' time.

The 'Surrey Sapphires Dance Squad' is new sports club which is open to students from all years and all courses.

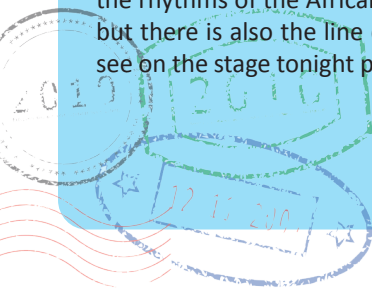
The squad members had to get through an audition, but anyone who didn't get through to the 'Competition squad' can still join in and take part in the sessions and the other performances we do. We are doing our first performance at Rubix tonight so look out for us!

Pakistani:

The Pakistani Student Association will be showcasing their culture in the following way: First there will be a short video of 3 to 4 minutes that have the Pakistani flag and a video of the parade that takes place at the Wagah Border, the border between Pakistan and India. Then traditional dances of each province will take place, followed by a south-eastern classical dance, ending with a group dance.

Ballroom and Latin:

Salsa is a Latin dance which originated in Cuba around the 1920's. The music involves the rhythms of the African drum and Spanish guitar. Salsa is normally a partner dance but there is also the line dance form, known as 'Salsa Shines' which you are going to see on the stage tonight performed by BLDC – Ballroom and Latin Dance Club.



Paso Doble is a typical dance from Spain and it is danced to march-like music that is typically played in bullfights during the bullfighter's entrance to the ring or just before the kill.

It is modelled after the sound, drama, and movement of the Spanish and Portuguese bullfight. The leader of this dance plays the part of the matador. The follower generally plays the part of the matador's cape. We hope you will enjoy it!

Islamic Society:

Our performance explores what it really means to be a Muslim. We aim to challenge stereotypes about Muslims; we aim to show that real 'Jihad' is about struggling against hatred and greed and finally, we want to show off the diversity of Muslims on campus.

Everyone is welcome to join the Islamic Society. Be a part of it!

Indian:

ISA proudly presents to you various dances originating from across India.

Classical dance - where we have put together a mixture of a different classical styles.

Bhangra - current and folk dances originating from the land of Punjab.

Bollywood - modern dances incorporating moves from the cinematic style of Bollywood.

South Indian - lively folk dance originating from the South of India.

The finale is a Garba fusion dance, with style originating from the land of Gujarat.

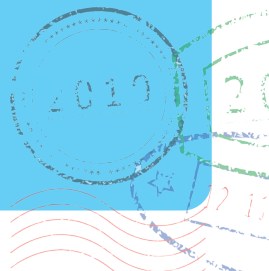
We hope you enjoy the show.

Musical Theatre:

Musical Theatre Society presents 'Marry The Man Today' from their upcoming production of 'Guys & Dolls', taking place in the Main Hall from the 18th - 20th March.

With a cast of over 30 and a live orchestra of 15, it promises to be one of the most ambitious shows ever to be put on at the University of Surrey. Tickets are available from the cast, Union Shop and online at www.eventelephant.com/guysdolls -

If you would like to get involved with the society for the show next year, or the other smaller events, socials and trips to the West End that they do, email them at USSU.MusicalTheatre@surrey.ac.uk.



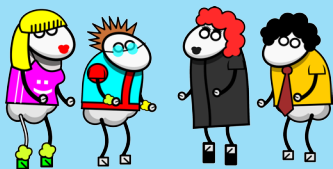
Coming Soon...



Nominations are NOW OPEN for the annual Student Awards.

Nominate your favourite Club, Society and/or Individuals you think deserve an award for their outstanding contribution to life at Surrey. Visit www.ussu.co.uk/yourvoice and select '**Student Awards**' from the menu, to nominate either yourself or someone else, by **March 23rd**. Who knows? It may be *you* collecting an award at the ceremony in May!





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