

# Ramayana

Following shows in Epping, Harwich and Colchester over the summer, Ramayana is coming to Chelmsford CITYdiversions.

Performed by a cast of 4 stilt-walkers from FIPA (Foundation for Indian Performing Arts), and accompanied by dhol drummers from DEA (Dhol Enforcement Agency) this unique show is the only version of the story told on stilts in the world.

One of the greatest epics of Hindi culture, Ramayana tells the story of Prince Rama's journey to rescue his wife Sita from the evil clutches of Ravan, the demon King of Lanka.

After being banished to the forest, Rama and Sita live a humble life until Ravan, the demon king fools Sita into abandoning her home. Now Rama, with the help of monkey god Hanuman, must search for Sita and prepare for battle against the demon army of Lanka.

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All the schools and the young people who took part in the workshops and events for the Ramayana project over the Summer 2014.

## Ramayana Touring Production Team

Felicity Alwell – Producer • Indi Sandhu – SportArts4All Ltd • Hi Ching – Fipa Cultural Events Team – Chelmsford City Events • Kinetika – Edwina Rigby Dhol Drummers • Shazad Sheikh – Eventmaster International

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**SATURDAY  
27 SEPTEMBER 2014**



**Bell Meadow Park, Chelmsford**





## CITY Diversions Festival

Chelmsford City Centre and Anglia Ruskin University host the annual festival of outdoor art and street diversions, CITYdiversions, the new name for an event that's been unique to Essex for 12 years.

From 10.30am, a family day of activities at Chelmsford's Anglia Ruskin University includes vintage fun fair rides, free live music, comedy, children's shows, arts and crafts, storytelling, international street food, Bobby's Girl Vintage Fair and more. All of this leads up to a mesmerising and energetic performance from Spark! Worldbeaters at 8.30pm featuring high-impact choreographed drumming and lights in a 40 minute show not to be missed.

Meanwhile, from 12noon until 5pm, Chelmsford High Street enjoys a variety of free shows from street bands and theatre companies from the UK and Europe. Companies such as Les Grooms (France), Mimbire (UK), Imperial Kikiristan (France), Folk Dance Remixed (UK), Les Cubitenistes (France) and Mr Wilson's Second Liners (UK) will also pass through High Chelmer and Meadows Shopping Centres and shows from Essex-based FIPA and Buffalo Tank can be found in Bell Meadow.

After 5pm the party continues at the University. It's a short 10 minute walk and there's also a vintage bus providing transport between the top of the High Street and the campus.



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## Ramayana Programme

- 12.30pm: Walkabout DEA Dhol Drummers
- 1.00pm: Walkabout by Foundation for Indian Performing Arts
- 2.00pm: Ramayana Performance by Foundation of Indian Performing Arts accompanied by DEA Dhol Drummers
- 3.00pm: Walkabouts DEA Dhol Drummers
- 4.30pm: Ramayana Performance by Foundation of Indian Performing Arts accompanied by DEA Dhol Drummers
- 6.30pm: DEA Dhol Drummers performance at Anglia Ruskin University



## Procession to Sparks will Fly

Jugnu Bhangra Group

Maharaja Brass Band/Kawa Circus

Dhol Enforcment Agency



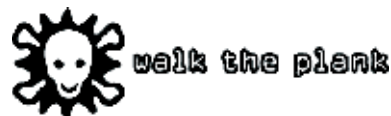
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# GLOBAL VILLAGE



## Feast, Drink & Play

Part of the Sparks will Fly Finale Event

### Friday 6th July 2012

Hylands Park, Chelmsford, Essex



## Global Village

The Global Village at Feast, Drink and Play will showcase cultural diverse local and international artists in three tents from world music to arts, crafts, food and workshops. A varied programme for the whole family to enjoy and participate with a finale procession leading to the Sparks will Fly performance.

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## Bollywood Bling Tent

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by NGDA - 7.30pm - 8.00pm

Local diverse talent from Chelmsford singing and dancing as part of the Bollywood Bling



Bollywood Revive - 8.00 - 8.30

Live upbeat Bollywood Songs with Jazz and Nichelle



Kawa Circus from Rajasthan - 8.30 - 9.00

Circus skills with performance of Music and dance



Bollywood Academy Dancers - 9.00 - 9.30

Learn and watch bollywood dance sequences

## World Music Tent

Jha Roots - Roots Community 1st - 7.30 - 7.45

Reggae, Soul and Bashment



Daholl Kurdish Ensemble - 7.45 - 8.20



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DrumKulture - 8.30 - 9.00

Jembe Drumming come and participate and join in



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## Community Tent

Ustad Ali Hafeez Khan - 7.30 - 8.30

Upbeat Folk Qwaali Songs with traditional instruments from Pakistan



Chakardar - 8.30 - 9.30

Tabla Master class