



**HUM SUB**  
Bringing Communities Together

&

Town of Cary

Present

# Hum Sub Diwali 2023



## SHAGUN

AN AUSPICIOUS START



Live in  
Concert

Abby V  
&  
Band



**Date:** October 14, 2023

**Venue:** Koka Booth Amphitheatre,  
8003 Regency Parkway, Cary NC 27511

**Gates Open**

10.00 am

**Admission**

Free

**Parking**

\$10

Join us for a daylong cultural immersion as we transport you on a free voyage to the Indian subcontinent filled with entertainment from local dance schools, lots of shopping and a wide variety of scrumptious food.

**First-time ever: Live band at evening performance!!**

Primetime Entertainment

6:30 pm



Hum Sub is supported by United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County as well as the N.C. Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

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for any questions Please visit: [www.humsub.org](http://www.humsub.org) for more details and information



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# Creating vibrant communities

When we come together to build stronger communities, we give our time, energy, and ideas to help influence positive change. And as we watch progress take root, we grow as well.

**Hum Sub, it's an honor to recognize your commitment and service to the community.**

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## About Hum Sub

Hum Sub Inc. turned 23 this year! We are a non-profit Indian-American cultural organization registered in the Town of Cary, North Carolina. Our mission is to share the social and cultural traditions of India with residents of the North Carolina Triangle area and beyond. We do this by promoting, supporting, and organizing family-oriented cultural events which are geared toward diversity awareness while helping to build a stronger foundation for our youth. By targeting the entire community with our events and by partnering with local agencies as well as town government, we support the town's mission of enriching the lives of its citizens.

The Hindi phrase "Hum Sub" simply means "All of us." Hum Sub, Inc. was founded in 2001 by a group of Indian-Americans living in the Triangle area of NC. Our first successful sold-out event was Basant Bahar, or spring festival, held at Green Hope High School. This enthusiastic response paved the way for the first Cary Diwali at the Herb C. Young Community Center, which pulled in over twenty five hundred (2500) people. The group realized they would need a bigger venue and the new Koka Booth Amphitheater was a natural choice. Both Basant Bahar (held in February each year at the Cary Arts Center) and Cary Diwali ("Festival of Lights" held in October each year) have since grown in quality and popularity.

Last year, we rebranded our flagship event from Cary Diwali to Hum Sub Diwali to signal the inclusion of communities from nearby cities even as the event venue still remains in Cary. The tagline, "Bringing Communities Together", underscores our commitment to welcome people from all ethnicities and backgrounds. Our current board includes a Nepali-American and our Board of Advisors includes two Caucasians and we are looking to strengthen this diversity in the years ahead.

Hum Sub Diwali is now the Triangle's signature event and the biggest free-to-attend event in the southeastern United States. Our attendance has grown leaps and bounds over the years to more than fifteen thousand (15,000) during the course of the day. We have over one thousand (1000) performers on stage during the day of the event and this includes kids, seniors and local town council members.

We continue to solicit, and act on, audience feedback to remain relevant and to invest in various youth leadership initiatives so that our youth can become effective cultural flag-bearers in the future. The success of Hum Sub and its events rests on its strong volunteer base, community participation, and the high standards upheld by the organization.



## Welcome to Hum Sub Diwali 2023

Our theme for Hum Sub Diwali 2023 is Shagun: An Auspicious Start. This October 14, when the Koka Booth Amphitheatre once again reverberates to the sound of the Diwali fireworks, we will reiterate our continued commitment to the arts, to entertainment, and to the cultural rejuvenation of the communities we serve. Our sincere gratitude to all our choreographers and musicians - whether freelancers or with dance and music schools - who have continued to keep alive the interest in Indian cultural artforms and to our youth who have shown the same enthusiasm to remain engaged. This year, we will bring to our audiences all the old favorites, just bigger and better.

Shagun signifies an auspicious beginning. The stage back panels will showcase the myriad ways in which Indians celebrate festivals, weddings, etc. and the rituals associated with them. We will be leveraging the exhibition stall to take our audience on a journey depicting how weddings are conducted across different religions and communities in India. We have partnered with regional associations and local volunteers who have graciously devoted their time to tell their stories.

From a selection of the tastiest offerings from some of the Triangle's best restaurants to the finest in clothing and home and accessories from our carefully chosen vendors, besides non-stop entertainment, we have it all covered. In addition, we promise our patrons a rare treat with our Celebrity Dance segment. First-time ever!! Our primetime entertainment will feature a live band - Abby V. and the band will be performing live! Come, join us for a daylong cultural immersion and a free sojourn into the Indian sub-continent.

We wish you all a very Happy Diwali! May the light of this festival bring you and your loved ones joy, success, and prosperity!

Sincerely,

The Hum Sub Team



## Meet the Team

### Hum Sub Executive Board

Vijay Jagannath, President  
Sangeetha Ramanand, Vice President  
Usha Sankar, Secretary  
VS Jeyakumar Menon, Treasurer

### Board of Directors

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Pratishrut Kamal  
Sanjana Raman  
Purvi Patil



# Program Schedule

**Saturday, October 14, 2023**

- 10am - Gates open
- 10:30 am - Cultural Programs begin
- 12pm - Inauguration and Address by Mayor of Cary and announcement of the proclamation
- 12:20pm - Cultural programs continue
- 4:15 - Assembly time for Hum Sub BoDs, dignitaries, sponsors & partners
- 4:30pm - Sponsors, partners, VIPs occupy their seats upfront
- 4:45pm - Daytime cultural program ends.
- 5-5:45pm - Mayor's speech, Sponsor/partner recognition, HSNC Senior Dance, Youth Achievement Award recognition
- 6:30pm - Primetime entertainment starts
- 9pm - Primetime entertainment ends
- 9:15pm - Fireworks
- 9:30pm - Venue closes

Welcome to Shagun - An Auspicious Start. We are excited to invite you all back to our annual Diwali event this year. It will be a daylong cultural immersion experience with a variety of sumptuous food, entertainment, and shopping.



Office of the Mayor

# PROCLAMATION

*DESIGNATING OCTOBER 14, 2023 AS THE  
TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL DIWALI CELEBRATION IN CARY*

*WHEREAS*, Diwali, an Indian cultural holiday celebrating light and the victory of good over evil, is a festive occasion in many regions of India and is looked upon as the beginning of the New Year.

*WHEREAS*, the theme of Hum Sub Diwali 2023 is “Shagun—An Auspicious Start” and recognizes the leadership of Hum Sub in North Carolina’s Indian community.

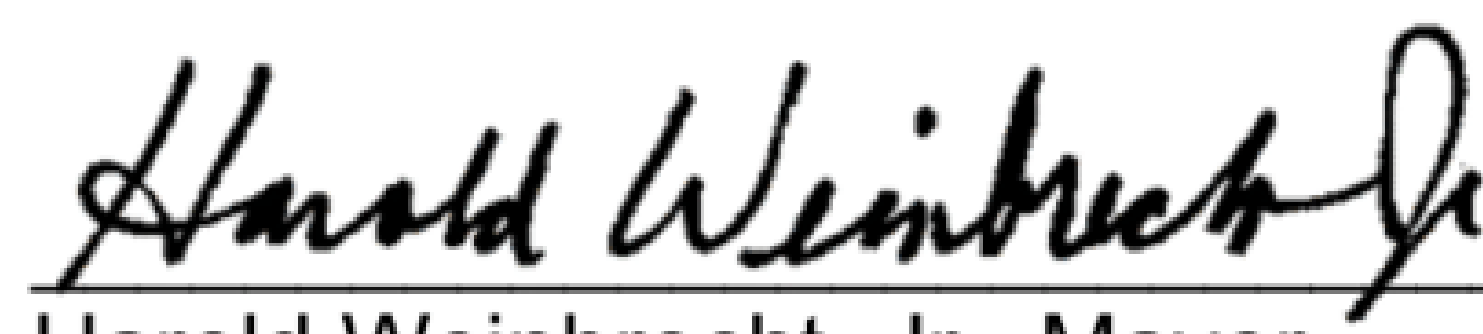
*WHEREAS*, Diwali celebrates Indian customs and traditions, and is a time when people and their communities join together to observe a unique cultural heritage.

*WHEREAS*, Hum Sub Diwali recognizes the long partnership of Hum Sub, Inc. and Cary in celebrating Indian culture.

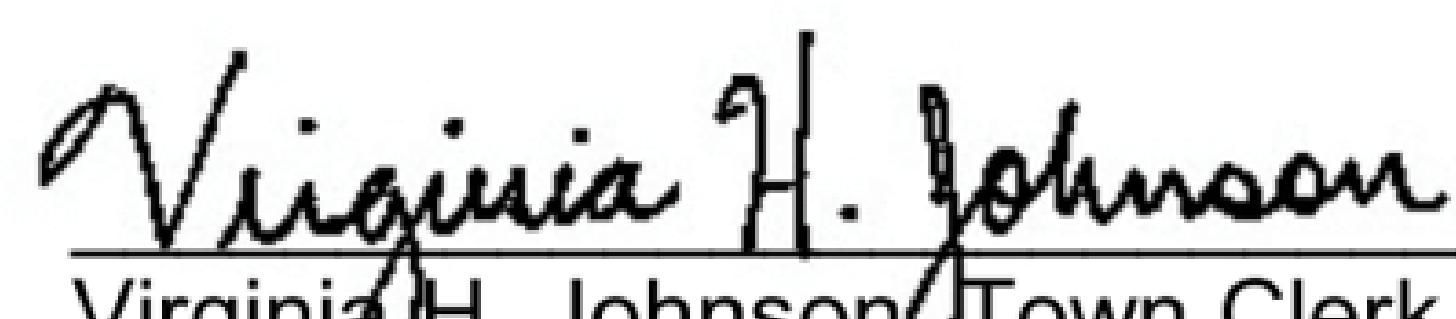
*WHEREAS*, Hum Sub Diwali at Cary’s Koka Booth Amphitheatre is a daylong cultural immersion into the Indian subcontinent filled with entertainment, shopping, sumptuous food, and breathtaking fireworks.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Harold Weinbrecht, Jr., Mayor of Cary, North Carolina, on behalf of the Cary Council, do hereby proclaim October 14, 2023 as the Twenty-Third Annual Diwali Celebration in Cary, and I urge all of the citizens of Cary to join in the festivities during this special time.

*PROCLAIMED* this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

  
Harold Weinbrecht, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

  
Virginia H. Johnson, Town Clerk







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# CULTURAL PROGRAM

The cultural committee is the heart of Hum Sub ensuring our programs on display always have the highest quality keeping audience entertainment in mind besides the organization's charter itself. Daytime program planning and coordination takes months starting from the year's theme, applications, auditions, rehearsals just to name a few. Lots of interactions transpire with local choreographers and coordinators from dance schools and it culminates in a final list of items as seen below.

**Emcees: Paridhi Dhakal, Devmanyu Singh, Pratyansh Kumar, Saanvi Nagar, Sailee Joshi, Sanika Joshi, Aayush Nagar, Kavya Lamichene**

Title	Choreographer	Participants
Wicket takers	Palak Chauhan	Monisha Sagi, TANISHA SAGI, shilpac, Vijay Kumar, Palak C, kalyani Yeruva, Atharva Chauhan, Surendra Chauhan
Dancing Starz	Tejal Pandya	Aarna Pandya, Rianshi Sahu, Arya Patel, Sidrah Siddiqui, Sharvari Ramteke, Aahana kumar, Avani Paradkar, Avani Deodhar, Lavanya Nagpure, Palvi Nagpure, Myra Jain, Deetya Singh, Ekisha Sinha, Thanvi Doppalapudi, Tisha Dharod, Aryahi Sinha
Jhoom! Bollywood Beats	Shradha Mishra	Disha Mishra, Isla Wiseman, Catherine Bridge, Anaya Joshi, Jia Modh, Aadrika Vinoth, Reyansh Kumar, Aleesha Choudhary, Karman Behniwal, Divya Chaudhary, Suhaas Challapalli, Miraaya Gupta, Anjali Garg
Shagun	Rachana Joshi	Bhavi Patel, Riya Karandikar, Anika Jaggia, Akshaya kommineni, Shreya Yadav, Sanvi Agrawal, Pia Kshatriya, Varnika Selvaraj, Veera Patel, Aarna Vishwakarma, Raaga Devineni, Ashwika Saraswatula, Siyani Kalaria, Varnika Jeyaraman, Swara Galgate
Desi girls	Lawlin Singh	Krishi Dwivedi, Ashraya Meher Kaky, Rasika Bodavula, Anika Bodavula, Maya Radhakrishnan, Akshita Peddy, Anvika Cheruku, Samanvi Tiyyagura, Shiva Tiyyagura, Ruhi Khapali, Sandhya Nishad, Rishvi Gupta, Kinjal Pandey, Rithya Pichika, Varunya Singh, Omna Sinha
Folk Stars	Nafisa Shaikh	Avika Tandon, Vedan Malik, Sargi Virk, Aleena Malhotra, Ajooni Dhillon, Suhaila Bagga, Vihaan Narang, Trisha Jha, Anay Ahuja, Amaya Hira, Yuvraj Maan, Sahibjot Dhindsa, Bhavisha Dewett, Kabeer Kheterpal, Jeevan Singh, Lavith Farmah, Kshitij Kambo, Arjun Maan, Viraj Singh, Jiya Malhotra, Naman kaur, Aria Bhatia, Avi Bhatia, Mischa Kheterpal
Bollywood Chattisgarh	Sravani Ankatha	Aarini Varahala, Disha Rajanikanth, Keona Castelino, Naira Alla, Aditri Vishwakarma, Raavya Patel, Kashvi Bonda, Diya Gala, Nina Priyolkar, Meera Mamgain, Ahana Prashanth, Sannidhi Shandilya
Nikita's bda jai Maharashtra group !	Nikita Rao	Krishna Samyukta Bhaskara, Aadya Dhama, Samantha krish Akshika Sivakumar, Prisha Shah, Nidhi Patil, Ananya Pabbati, Anika Singh, Sai Vaishnavi Vegesana, Imeya Harish, Ishika Harish, Medhashree Reddy Garlapatey, Vanshika Saini, krithi kanmanthareddy, Anika Rajshekar, Nayra Singh, Maanvitha Paduri
Sweetie Tera Drama	Saanvi Singh	Saina Singh, Manasvi Manvi, Atharv Sharma, Adyant Goswami, Riaan Dechaudhari, Aashi Dash, Talya Dash, Smithyansh Rout, Anika Nayak
Bollywood Divas	Vishal Shetti	Ishanya Shetti, Anwita Jindham, Sahasra Paladugu, Riva Patel, Neyra Vijay, Niharika Nagendran, Keerthana Karthikeyan, Keerthana kamuni
Bollywood through the Decades	Daizy Raisinghani	Ronit Nimesh, Arham Singhvi, Aanvi Iyer, Nesara Makkithaya, Saanvi Varu, Nirvi Mehrotra, Smaran Alampally, Atharva Konduru, Anik Kollavajjala, Samanvi Bandaru, Orko Basu, Krithika Sukumar, Varshika Tulasukumar, Mayukhi Chandra, Akshainie Lagisetty, Sajani Satish, Navya Rao, Mridini Thallapally, Om Joshi, Akshara Pandey, Akshaj Bachanaj, Shreyan Sharma, Laksha Augustin
Stylish Divas	Vaishnavi Narayanan	Venpashri Ganesan, Rakshitha Gururaj, Ananya Anand, kritika Ramini, Sanaya Dharavath, Aaradhya Velu, Darshikaa Dinesh Raj, Jalajasree Mididoddi, Ruthvika Voruganti
Bollywood in Rajasthan	Hetal Shingvi	Aashvi Shenoy, Vaanya Singh, Sriya Timmapuram, Soha Shingvi, Mishika Pradhan, Mishka Bakshi, Aadhya Anil, Sanya Singh, Sharvi Mane, Aarya Hosmani, Tara Arunkumar, Shreya Saravanan, Irsa Nagar, Anaira Sharma, Tiya Bhatia, Aliya Maheshwari, Rishika Roy, Aanvi Prasad
Dancing in Devotion of Lord Shiva	Rohini Thakkar	Jina Ashik, Kash Kadapure, Kimaya Bansal, Anika Kesh, Anushka Gautam, Raahi Desai, Asmi Banerjee, Swara Shah, Avni Thakkar, Aanya Grover, Ira Modi, Samiksha Logesh, Sanjana Sudhakar, Shreshtha Sachin, Kushi Gottimukkala, Prisha Jindham, Meghna Rajesh, Avika Yadav
Rangtaari	Shradha Nagar	Aanya Pancholi, Saanvi Kichambare, Suhridi Bhattacharjee, Charvi Badve, Seerat Arora, Suhani Tomar, Aaryan Syamala, Ariana Abraham, Aaryahee Khadake, Riya Pandit, Vivaan Thakur, Rishvanth Kalaivendan, Kashvi Goral Vaidya, Prisha Acharya, Prisha Patel, Bavanya Santhakumar, Srijoni Dey, Soham Rane, Vanya Gopalan
Desi moves	Vasudha Mor	Viaan Mangla, Viaan Singh, Kabir Mehta, Aarav Rabari, Aryan Saravanaganesh, Vyom shashank, Aahil Mastan Shaik, Akshaj Singh, Advik Singh, Purab Narayani, Ethan Neel, Rikhil Pichika, Kush Modi
Nikitasbda Masti group	Nikita Rao	Riaan Jonnala, Advik Mahesh, Parth Jaiswal, Saakshara Reddy, Aarna Rao, Aakansa Chaudhari, Nihira Nachane, Kavya Thakur, Aishwarya Yalamanchili, Krishnasai Yalamanchili, Smaran Alampally, Havisha Reddy Meda, Goutham Pamidala, Aditya Shroff, Mayra Sharma, Mayukh Kothagundla, Vishwak Panga, Shreyan Kanchanapalli, Ameya Vujjeni, Reyansh Chavan, Ameya Mariah Eldhose, Manasvi Mudhale, Avanish Mudhale, Sonika Bodu, Sritan Pandhi, Naimisha Pandhi
Bollywood fusion	Gayatri Harne	Sanvi Harne, Kavya Mirajkar, Vidhee Shikhare, Bavanya Balamurugan, Asmi Pandit, Ojas Deshpande, Aarav Shinde, Riti Dhanapune, Aditi Shingade, Tanaya Korade
Bollywood in Maharashtra	Sanskriti Inamdar	Mia Patel, Aishani Abhilash, Khushi Patel, Aarna Bhatnagar, Sanvi Singh, Shonali Chutkay, Aditi Rajee, Aria Bhatia, Advika Hari, Sahana Saravanan, Aria Gala, Rishaya Inamdar, Nia Rajee, Aanya Singh, Ayana Amrishi, Rishaya Inamdar, Feya Mathew, Ridhi Kale, Amrita Velchur
Odissi Dance	Sunita Rout	Prayushi Khuntia, Devanshi Sahoo, Tanushka Mohapatra, Aditi Lokanath, Tamanna Adhikari, Aarushi Kumar, Pratiksha Rayarathil, Siya Tripathy, Sanshi mohanty, Advika Goswami
Vijayostaav	Dipti Chavan Ishita Chavan	Ovee Pimpalwadkar, Aarnavi Syamala, Mahi Vachhani, Rishi Nair, Trishna Balan, Ayush Nair, Genelia Gonsalves, Sneha Sawant, Bansri Kalaria, Atharv Kaliga, Atharva Rawle, Anvi Bhat, Dhruv Rao, Durva Chaudhary, Kaviya Parmar, Aarushi Jain, Vibha Gopalan, Sarthak Tiwari, Devina Dinu, Yalini Tamil
Celebrate Lord Shiva	Priya Vemuganti	Yashaswini Charabuddi, Keerthi Chekuri, Raja Sekhar Kara, Priya Vemuganti, Keerthana Buddha, Ramya Rajashekar
Folk Belles	Julia Joy	Rhea Paulson, Maya Paulson Abhirami Shelly, Merlyn Johnson, Gracelyn Johnson, Medha Bijith, Mithra Vishnukanth, Amy Anup, Evelyn Mozart
Zankar Rockstars	Swapna Shah	Deep Adhikari, Nihira Mandala, Jeshesh Kota, AyushRam Reddy Keshidi, Srishti Jinka, Neeva Malineni, Naishika Tumati, Diya Kongara, saanvi thukral, sisira Kothapalli, Pooja Adhikari, Naisha Munshi, Deetya Manchikanti, Tanvi Medabalime, Shradha Ravulapati, Devansh Udeshi, Aashi Dhulipalla
Bollywood Marathi Medley	Bhavna Aneja	Ayuka Higa, Yagna karlapudi, Gaurav Karlapudi, Sujan Prashanth, Rushil Bharuka, Daarsh Chawla, Pranavi Guruprasad, Sofia Serrano
Kalakajal Girls Teen	Sandhya Vetrivel	Diyamika Subramani, Sandhya Vetrivel, Yeshwanthika Rajasekar, Anshika Maharajan, Nandana Ravikumar, Hasini Srie Gayathri Baskar, Nakshatra Senthilbabu, Akshara Aswin, Prathika Thoguluva
Nikitasbda dance moms and divas	Nikita Rao	Apeksha Sharma, Namrata Dhawan, Vritti Gautam, Pratima Singh, Mahek Khambhata, Nishtha Madan, Kokilavani Lakshminarayanan, Ruta Kapshikar, Anwita Parepalli, Surabhi Verma, Neha Mittal, Rithvika Chilkuri, Shovika Sharma, Siya Mahtani, Neelima Kamineni, Shikha Agnihotri, Nihira Pandey, Lakshmi Pandey, Tanushree Goturi
Zankar Fusion Semi classical/Hip hop	Swapna Shah	Aditi Jinka, Rashi Shah, Rakshika Birla, Virja Mehta, Aarna Patel, Daksha Ravva, Sonal Ravva, Rishita Jadhav, Pihu Khadkhad, Pragya Bansal, Maya Desai, Diya Macherla, Akshitha Reddy Keshidi, Ashika Negi, Shreeya Tolat, Rachel Joseph, Dhatri Kota, Ridhima Mahajan, Anisha Anivilla, Ashika Chhabra, Aarna Chauhan, Nevinka Lenora
Bollywood in Kashmir	Renu Pareek	Vasisht Sriram, Zara Narang, Maanya Kenneth, Shanaya Shrivastava, Vihaan Pasham, Srihaan Pasham, Ariana Stynes, Gautham Godthi, Saira Gupta, Myra Sagiraju, Ayra Khullar, Neysha Peruri, Sherlyn Raj, Jessica Tanvi Samuel, Shriya Vishwanath, Akira Pareek, Sai Kruthika Kara
Let's Jhoom	Priya Iyer	Akshara Koppolu, Aarini Ingle, Aarna Ingle, Aanya Perabattula, Dhanya Perabattula, Aadhya Gudipati, Aarika Gudipati, Nymisha Gotur, Lekhya Uppala, Neva Parathattal, Angel Louis, Sreetha Anchuri, Sanvi Maddoju, Avaapya Gautam, Dishita Ranjan, Shruthi Siripurapu
Aarambh Dance Group	Sweta Surana	Sweta Surana, Sushila Choudhary, Tanu Chaurasia, Ruhi Sanyukta, Bhavna Sharma, Swapna Khopkar, Shiny Mathew, Nivedita Singh, Anju Pillai, Ruchi Bhardwaj, Aarti Garg
BollyTollyKolly	Abhigna Polavarapu	Tanvi Gollapudi, Bhaavya Tiwari, Vachi Gupta, Idha Gautam, Aaradhya Prakash, Pallavi Singh, Mayera kommpalli, Surendra Munola
Taal Nrity - A Colorful Journey through Bollywood and Kathak Fusion	Shradha Mishra	Shradha Mishra, Vibha Gill, Ruhi Sanyukta, Vinita Chaudhary, Gayatri Jagdale, Ashwini Lone, Lori Watkins, Sreeva Srujana Pentareddy, Tarinder Kaur
Bollywood in Bengal	Sanskriti Inamdar	Aanya Arunkumar, Prachi Avaiya, Prisha Avaiya, Shaivi Lamichhane, Aahana Shroff, Rashi Menon, Akshita Panthi, Agrata Dahal, Adithi Reddy Mandala, Aarna Misra, Pratiti Chaubey, Snigdha Adelli, Advika Bongoni, Kiara Pattani, Adhya Bohra
Contemporary Bollywood Dance	Lawlin Singh	Prisha Sharma, Anvi Singh, Aarna Gupta, Riya Khapali, Sohana Shrivastava, Suhani Sharma, Arpita Saravanaganesh, Omisha Sinha, Sai Tiwari, Ritvi Shukla
Himalayan Beats	Seema Manchikalapati	Abhaya Bisht, Deepti Joshi, Shovika Sharma, Sunita Sharma, Seema Manchikalapati, Rashi Upadhyaya, Pooja Trivedi, Hemlata Tiwari, Neelam Pandey
Bhangra Warriors	Nafisa Shaikh	Shabad Grewal, Mahveen Kahlon, Rajbir Virk, Prateik Banger, Anahad Khangura, Anaya Sethi, Harnoor Kaur, Simran Malhotra, Armaan Dhaliwal



# CULTURAL PROGRAM

Garvi Gujarat	Irina Mohammed	Smruthi Nambiar, Poonam Mundada, Jennifer Antonyraj, Sanchita Mahapatra, Shweta Patel, Rajshree Balasubramanian, Deepa Kuppuraman, Sonia Kaushik, Shailaja Sudarsan, Pranjali Dafe, Soumya Kota, Sarika Agarwal, Aditi Parashar, Rachel Jordan, Sridevi Raju, Sailaja Vajrjala, Avantika Khemani, Sri Sowmya Moturu, Mathumathi Raman, Komala Virmani
Shagun Navratri Ka	Anuja Patil	Anuja Patil, Kamalika Roy, Harshita Gupta, Neha Mathur, Tejaswy Mudunuri, Madhu Kumari, Ankitha Chavan, Sam Pat, Pallabi Chattopadhyay
Retro Ranis	Manisha Parhi	Sravya Kottisa, Sphurthi Annamraju, Manisha Parhi, Apurva Javkhedkar, Shubhangi Diwan, Anuradha Tripathi, Namrata Pensalwar, Nivedita Jain
Brindavani Tillana	Aarna Prashanth	Aarna Prashanth, Aanya Kollipara, Rajvi Rathore, Smarana Donthireddi, Sravya Chebrolu, Srujana Donthireddi
Bollywood shadi songs	Lawlin Singh	Nivedita Dwivedi, Anubha Sharma, Rachna Rabari, Anuja Koirala, Anuja Mehta, Barkavi Baskar, Durga Paudel, Shalinee Singh, Sunita Pandey, Gauri Khadka, Vaishali Mangla
Devicha Gondhal+Marathi song fusion	Gayatri Harné	Gayatri Harné, Pallavi Mahajan, Aarti Mirajkar, Aditi Raje, Manjari Pabalkar, Pratiksha Ghuge, Pratima Sonavani, Snehal Joshi, Varshada Vengurlekar, Vinaya Deshpande, Ashwini Rane, Pranitha Gundi
Dupatta Through the Decades	Daizy Raisinghani	Sindhura Kodimiyala, Archana Pandeti, Daizy Raisinghani, Chand Mehrotra, Smita Pandey, Priyanka Sheri, Prasanna Latha Puppala, Ami Nimesh, Sandhya Bikki, Mudita Paliwal, Saranya Gopal
Amba Bajala Go	Roopa Luktuke	Sadhya Alekhya Bhamidi, Krithika Sukumar, Varsha Hegde, Aarna Vaidya, Keya Deshpande, Rishika Tambe, Nidhi Ramkishore, Keerti Yadav, Sayuri Patil, Saanvi Jain, Mugdha Ghangrekar, Navya Danech
Goa Carnival	Deepa Prabhu	Aashi Majithia, Myra Sharma, Sandhya Hariharan, Sanvi Mehta, Ender Mankad, Omi Mankad, Aarika Dixit, Zaiden Rikhye, Anika Velagapudi, Jina Kishore, Aria Patel, Ava Patel, Naya Shah, Diya Desai, Shayla Dasgupta-Rana, Aishveera Dhanotiya, Dhatri Hiriyyur Kirankumar, Krithi Mudunuri, Malani Patel, Nithya Alapati, Aarohi Rajput
Punjab Express	Hina Kapadia Seema Tatla	Hina Kapadia, Seema Tatla, Daljit Tatla, Shruti Parikh, Khushboo Patel, Nidhianka Mahajan, Gunjan Kariya, Jyoti Yadav, Dipti Tharval, Shweta Kautia, Neha Parekh, Richa Jain, Madhuri Vavale, Vikas Arora, Pranshu Shrivastava, Rabia Kapoor, Yvonne Caples, Jogita Puranik, Pallavi Shintre
Chennai Express	Meghna Prasad	Heer Joshi, Prisha Shah, Sahasra Battula, Ananya Hariprasad, Aarna Shah, Sahasra Paladugu, Shivani Dandu, Suhani Dadhania, Ikroop Burmi, Anvita Tijare, Nidhi Sivashankar, Ishanya Shetti, Anwita Jindham, Yashvi Pathak, Sandhya Vijay, Dhvani Patel, Khushi Patel, Tanishi Chaurasiya, Sarasi Shah, Laasya Kompella, Tosha Shah
The Magic of Soil	Taruna Patil	Taruna Patil, Sayuri Patil, Aanvi Prasad, Abhinav Prasad, Vihana Agarwal, Atharv Morkhande, Shivkumar Morkhande, Kiyankalyan, Vasudev Haribal, Jingnan, Jiang, Aadya Dhama, Ruthwik Dhama, Harika Gaddam, Darshini Moparthi, Sahana Venugopal, Arun Dhama, Amay Dave, Prasanthi Mandava, Shivani Garcha, Meena Akkala, Reyansh Sanap, Siya Sanap, Suresh Shetty, Jaisheela Kondru
Dancing Divas	Tejal Pandya Shweta Patel	Sonali Sinha, Aashi Sangal, Sangeeta Mohanty, Saloni Shreshth, Ranju Kumar, Aditi kulkarni Paradkar, Rajashri Deodhar, Tejal Pandya, Shweta Patel, Trupti Ramteke, Astha Singh, Tejasvi Shah, Riddhi Gandhi, Radhika Modadugu, Deepika Hingwe, Neha Sinha
Gully Girls	Sweta Surana	Mokshitha Surabhattu, Diva Jain, Mansi Unni, Vaishnavi Tummalapalli, Shruti Gopishetty, Sahasra Denvuri, Simoni Mathew, Mayuka Katragadda, Lasya Puppala, Siri Budampati
Dola Re Dola	Vandana Ranjan	Simoni Tomar, Dhruv Sri Kodem, Tanya Gehlot, Siri Vanam, Keerthana Pyreddy, Astha Gadhi, Nia Parathattal, Lynell Franklin, Reann Thomas, Sushmita Nelabhotla, Archita Siddanagouda, Lakshanyaa Rajendran Balaji, Shaivi Chinchod
Dance Dhoom	Shreya Dandu	Myra Gupta, Adishree Diksha, Arushi Parecha, Mouboni Dey, Sara Patel, Niharika Nagendran, Rayna Bhatnagar, Neil Shetty, Neeshma Shetty, Kashvi Kumar, Shivraj Shyamal, Atharv Chatrath, Jiya Patel, Saanvi Ailani, Meghana Kanamurlapudi, Neva Vijay, Adwitha Kumaran, Abhiram Navulla, Ananya Kannan
Geet shagna de	Bhavna Aneja	Lavanya Veerabathini, Aparna Thombare, Bhavna Aneja, Anya Kumar, Saanvi Kumar, Dhriti Chawla, Vertica Chawla, Sudeepa Pathak, Deepti Dixit, Navya Dixit, Eesha Dutta, Namrata Thakkar
Arabic kuthu	Julia Joy	Evelyn Karimpil, Caroline Mozart, Michelle Vineeth, Nicole Vineeth, Misha Bijith, Ardra Ragesh, Diya Mathews, Nidhi Ramkishore, Athira Nambodiri, Niharika, Sudheerkumar, Hannah Paul, Shriya Iyer, Ashia Anup
Bhangra Fusion	Sanskriti Inamdar	Myra Gupta, Karisha Patel, Aditi Mishra, Rakshana Prabhu, Uma Upadhyay, Aadya Malhotra, Saanvi Nanekar, Akshaya Ravichandran, Preethi Govindu, Maya Devineni, Jiya Mahalavat, Neela Vallanat, Arya Patel, Aarushi Thakore, Priyal Mangla, Shruthi Prakash, Taneesha Gopal Bagale, Atharav Rajput, Aanya Prashanth
Pyar ka Shagun	Dipti Chavan	Dhriti Rao, Vaidehi Parmar, Kashika Paul, Shaili Pancholi, Mahi Pancholi, Ayush Kumar, Ishi Parikh, Harsh Shinde, Mrunal Shinde, Aashi Agarwal, Eshita Rawle, Nidhi Patel, Kanmani Madhanraj, Nishka Nerkar, Praneeta Acharya, Sushanth Erramalli, Suhani Choudhary, Sejal Solkhan, Dhanya Pasupu, Subailakkiya Santhakumar, Dheeraj Kurra, Jahnavi Patel, Ansh Khungar, Hasna Salahudeen, Siyona Madje, Ansh Desai, Saanvi Ladineni, Siyona Jha
Zankar Bhangra / Bollywood Fusion	Swapna Shah	Swapna Shah, Twinkle Patel, Madhavi Udeshi, Kalarani Nelluri, Dedeepya Karanam, Lopa Tailor, Anitha Bobba, Pooja birla, Rupal Ram, Nandana Ganji, Priti Asthana, Pallavi Seth, Meena Virani
Dholida	Priya Iyer	Pranav Thota, Esha Penmatsa, Veda Nandyala, Rithika Rali, Jocelyn Mathew, Hasini Kolluri, Jasmin Bali, Sanjitha Bethanaboina, Shruthi Laya Deepak, Vedan Malik, Liana Prethesh, Annette Jacob, Archit Pothuganti Shamanth Kambara
Team Asha	Vandana Ranjan	Aadhav Saiprashath, Abhinayaa Panneer, Rohan Daswani, Anil Daswani, Akash Raman, sonna raman, Rucha Deshpande, Rujuta Deshpande, Maneet Shah, Kajal Shah, Anjana Karthikeyan, Banu Ganapathi, Naren Thangamani, Atharv Misra, Richa Misra
Aakriti Kathak Tarana	Shuchita Sakwaya	Sahithi Koralla, Jeevitha Mahankali, Ridhima Dua, Ashupriya Jha, Tanishka Pattila, Sandhya Chakravarthy, Chandralekha Tanwar, Saanvi Nagar, Deeshmitha Chikkakondagolakoppalu Lokesh, Priya Sharma, Simran Kaur, Neena Sarihan, Navya Karki, Hemani Patel, Ajitha Buvanachandran, Buvan Praveen, Pia Kshatriya
Ms India	Irina Mohammed	Adira Sikarwar, Riyana Mary Antonyraj, Rhea Rajesh, Diya Vania, Sanika Gadgil, Aneeka Lalan, Aashna Parikh, Sophia Sudhakar, Krisha Black, Anika Jha, Aashi Mathur, Kaira Mishra, Viya Vadodaria, Naira Parikh, Suhani Rathi, Anaira Nambiar, Sara Govindaraju
Natraja dance	Rita Mody	Rita Mody, Ranjana Patel, Shakuntala Patel, Bina Dassani, Smita Shah, Purnima Kotiya, Mala Modi, Chetna Purohit, Raj Khatri, Veena Desai, Nilima Bhirud
Ummid - a ray of hope	Seema Viswanath	Anitha Sethuram, shraddha krishnamurthy, Priya Narasimhan, Purna Raghav, Sanvi Asaigoli, Krishnaa Dey, Aanya Maddi, Aditi Honwad, Adhya Chakrapani, Kaavya B., Reneeka Roy, Srinidhi Palakollu Avani Bolia
Kalari & Silambattam	Bharath Ramamurthy	Misha Bharath, Likshitha Karthik, Kavin Rajendran, Rashmi Shivaraj, Meera Goura, Harshita Anbazhahan, Aadhav Karthik, Varshaa Nandakumar, Pranav Nandakumar, Advait Raman, Sweetie Joshi, Heer Joshi, Iniya Rathinakumar, Ruhan Rathinakumar, Zanaa Jayesh, Agnivesh Mukherjee, Oviya Arivudainambi
Bollywood in Gujrat	Rachana Joshi	Samyuktha Saraswatula, Pallavi Shintre, Rohini Sheth, Nikita Patil, Divya Venkatesh, Simran Dhaliwal Rashmi Anturkar, Archana Parikh, Purvi Thakar, Nidhi Sheth, Nikisha Patel, Niki Shah, Gunjan Kariya, Manjiri Ahire, Ira Dave, Janhavi Haldankar, Kanchan Pattani, Shruti Malugu
Main Teri Ho Gayi	Beth Costigan Cary Ballet Company	Olivia Baez, Serenity Blee, Maile Buschmann, Jillian Clements, Cate Couch, Jordyn Frey, Abigail Kane-Haspel, Hazel Kovalik, Serena Zarin, Paprika Gong, Elise LeValley
Krishna Janam Gatha	Maddy Kameny Sridevi Jagananth	Naina Kanteti, Neha Kanteti, Srinidhi Radhakrishnan, Kashyapi Havala Apparaju, Vasundhara Deshmukh, Ananya Ramakrishnan, Eesha Ojili, Aditi Ediga, Yasaswini Vadrevu, Uditha Harish, varsha radhakrishnan, Nandika Elangovan, Sarayu Ganne, Kaavya Kris, Shalini Joshi, Viba Balasubramanian, Nethra Komuravelli, Sahithi Varanasi
New Beginnings	Neha Giridharan	Adithi Kalavar, Shivani Patel, Amrita Sukhvasi, Neha Giridharan, Opal Patel, Shikha Singh, Mansi Chokshi, Dhara Dubal, Aparna Kachoria, Rolly Mantri, Shakthi Unnithan, Vinita Eswar
Unstoppable	Gurleen Bajaj	Gurleen Bajaj, Anita Punj, Monika Gupta, Shradha Nagar, Vaishali Patel, Manjushri Khopade, Sangeeta Kamra, Anu agrawal, Prakash Punj, Nishant Munjal, Pawan Kamra, Saurabh Sharma, Munish Gupta, Naveen Vedula, Arvind Gupta, Prashanth Urs, Vijayender Garcha, Preet Chouhan, Jaisheela Kondru
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NC Da Virsa	Nafisa Shaikh	Arjun Dhaliwal, Arsh Jha, Aanya Ahuja, Manjot Dhensa, Aaryk Kolla, Anika Sethi, Ruhaan Bhatia, Navnoor Bhinder, Seerit Gill, Aparna Chopra, Madhav Chopra, Siddhant Mishra, Aanya Lamba
Bollywood Wedding	Dipti Chavan	Pooja Katte, Archana Joshi, Asmita Kulkarni, Dipti Tharval, Ira Parikh, Gargi More, Sharanya Shankar, Sampriti Thakur, Supraja Bacchu, Suneela Atmakuri, Nilesh Tharval, Amar Powar, Nav Rangarajan, Sunita Dave, Sujata Shinde, Dishant Vidwans, Varsha Raj, Deepika Kali, Indira Bhattacharjee, Prince Kumar, Harsh Shinde, Padma Satish

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Please visit the Exhibition booth. Shagun, An Auspicious Start, is our theme for HD 2023. We will also showcase traditional wedding dances and music, besides bridal henna, every half to one hour, throughout the day. Don't forget to stop by for an authentic and immersive experience. Announcements will be made periodically from the stage as to the show timings so you can plan to be at the Exhibition booth on time.

### **Delightful affair of Indian Weddings**

A traditional Indian wedding ceremony entails a plethora of spiritual and meaningful traditions representing its Sanathanic roots. Be it north, south, east or west all the weddings in India are celebrated with great gusto and fervor. Indian weddings are among the most elaborate affairs on earth that are infused in ancient rituals, these multi-day affairs are an outburst of vividness, delicious food, dance and a multitude of ceremonies often hosting upwards of 700 guests.

Marriage is considered as one of the important ceremony (Vedic rituals to create subconscious impressions) in Hindu scriptures where all individuals can benefit from rituals performed in the ceremony itself. As a part of the pre-wedding ceremonies, the haldi/turmeric ceremony is believed to possess healing, purifying and beautifying properties. The Mehndi or Henna where intricate designs are drawn on the hands and feet of the bride and the groom. This is followed by the Sangeeth where the bride and groom along with family and friends dance to their favorite tunes. The wedding ceremony laced with several ritual traditions begins with the Baaraat which is a celebratory wedding procession for the groom. The elaborately dressed groom travels to the wedding venue riding an equally elaborately dressed white horse or a convertible car. Next, begins the actual wedding, with the bride, wearing a breathtaking traditional Indian attire, predominantly in red, which symbolizes prosperity, good luck, and new beginnings.. The ceremony begins with offering a prayer to Ganesha, the God of beginnings and good fortunes. The couple exchanges floral garlands symbolically representing that they mutually belong to each other. A Hindu marriage is a sacrament, not a contract, and the sacrament cannot be completed without the Agni/fire. The groom adorns the bride with the Mangala Sutra or Thaali. The couple circles the sacred fire seven times, taking the seven steps known as Pheras to signify their bond. The seven Pheras symbolize nourishment, strength, prosperity, faithfulness, love, respect, care.

Traversing along the same thought process and views, the marriage is considered as one of the important ceremonies in the muslim faith. Mixing religious and cultural traditions, Indian Muslim weddings, which feature a Nikah ceremony, are full of beautiful and meaningful symbolic rituals.

## Exhibition

The Nikah ceremony is named for the Arabic word for marriage and is the heart of an Indian Muslim wedding, the Manjha and Mehndi celebrations take place before the Nikah ceremony and are rooted in ancient Indian marriage rituals and unique to Muslims from South Asia. The manjha is equivalent to the Hindu haldi tradition where the bride-to-be is painted in a turmeric paste given to the bride by the groom's family elders. Indian Muslim weddings feature a special addition, the baaraat which is a South Asian tradition practiced by Muslims, Hindus, and Sikhs alike. Islamic religious leaders, called Imams, serve as officiants for Indian Muslim weddings. After the mehr/engagement, the couple agrees to be married and signs the Nikah-Nama, which is a binding social contract between the couple.

While wedding ceremonies differ throughout the world, as every culture has its own traditions and customs, many Indian Christian weddings are a fascinating blend of Western and Indian rituals. The engagement is the most important pre-wedding event in an Indian Christian wedding. While the essence of the Indian Christian wedding ceremony is very similar to a Roman Catholic mass, many religious rituals are influenced by regional practices. The most important part of the Indian Christian marriage ceremony is the wedding vows followed by exchange of rings and in many regions tying of thali/mangal sutra (particularly in south

India), a tradition that has been borrowed from and traces its roots to the Sanathanic roots of the Indian subcontinent and is a key ritual followed in traditional Hindu weddings.

Indian weddings are of many types depending on the faith of the families of the bride and the groom, for example Hindu, Sikh or Muslim celebrations or the region they belong to. While within the same faith, regional influences in terms of cuisines and wedding attire for bride and groom and guests play a key role in the rituals of the wedding, there also exists unique differences based on the principles underlying the respective religion. These myriad of flavors from various traditions and cultures are infused in perfect harmony and gracefully embrace the idea of unity in diversity.

Last but not the least, don't forget to take your pictures against some amazing backdrops at our Exhibition Photo booth.

By Ramya Desikan



## Youth Ambassadors

A key focus area for Hum Sub in recent years has been Youth Leadership. In keeping with this, Hum Sub initiated the Youth Ambassador (YA) Program in 2019, a two-year internship open to 9th and 10th graders. The goal is to provide a platform for growing young minds to engage with the community and promote Indian culture and heritage in the Triangle area and beyond, as well as enhance their personal / professional development skills by engaging them in the planning, management and decision-making processes. The broad vision here is to bring in new energy and knowledge to Hum Sub's mission and vision, as well as contribute to positive youth development at an early age and help youth grow into engaged and responsible leaders in the future.

Hum Sub welcomed the third batch of ambassadors at the beginning of this year who will be engaged for the next two years. Our goal here is to provide high-schoolers with a wide array of opportunities to experience and contribute to real-world program planning, management, organization and execution (on event day), and ultimately help them develop individual competencies and key leadership skills as well as build positive self-identity and confidence through meaningful contribution to the local community. We currently have seven YAs of Asian-American descent. These youths have contributed significantly to various projects and events that were planned by Hum Sub or in collaboration with town governments earlier this year, as well as actively engaged in various aspects of upcoming events. Major efforts include engagement of YAs in social media marketing and publicity of Hum Sub events particularly messaging targeted to youths via platforms such as Snapchat, Instagram etc.; opportunity to engage in Hum Sub Diwali (HD) Exhibition Booth discussion and preparation of the materials that will be presented; engagement of YAs during Basant Bahar event for help at the registration desk, lineup of cultural performances, and emceeing.

In addition, we have also engaged our youth ambassadors to represent Hum Sub and contribute at town-organized events like Spring Daze, EarthFest, Sterling Montessori International Festival and Lazy Daze. Our YAs ran the booth and presented on various topic areas such as biodegradable products, plant-based dyes, and yoga, and how that can promote sustainability and sustainable living. We have various other events planned for the year ahead and are seeking new ways to actively engage our community youth.

For more information about the program and our current/past YAs, please visit <https://humsub.org/youth-ambassador/>.



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## Youth Achievement Award

The Hum Sub Youth Achievement Award (YAA) is inspired by Buddha's parting message to his disciples - "Aapo Deepo Bhava", or "Be a light unto yourself". Instituted back in 2014, YAA is Hum Sub's highly successful initiative toward recognizing well-rounded youth (academics, extracurricular, volunteering, etc.) in our community and enabling them to become great future leaders. This program has recognized a lot of children through the years. The felicitation ceremony takes place annually on the much-acclaimed Hum Sub Diwali stage where the winners accept the awards in front of a 15,000-strong audience.

Youth from all ethnicities and backgrounds are eligible and this award is not restricted to youth of Asian-Indian descent. We have a diverse and elite panel of judges who evaluate applications. Since 2022, Hum Sub has put in extra efforts to push for diversity in the applicant pool. We have partnered with local non-profits to get this message out. These efforts have paid off since we have seen a consistent jump in applications year over year. Keeping conflict of interest and bias concerns in mind, Hum Sub has consistently maintained the policy of not allowing its board members' kids to apply to this award.

This year, Hum Sub is giving out four \$1500 cash awards to two deserving middle and high-schoolers each for their outstanding achievements and will be recognized at our flagship Hum Sub Diwali event on Oct 14. Hum Sub is extremely grateful to the team at Coastal Credit Union (Diamond sponsor) for their 3-yr commitment to pick up the sponsorship for YAA. Hum Sub's goal is for the YAA program to be featured on schools' newsletters as one of many coveted scholarships.

### **Winners of Youth Achievement Awards from 2022**

#### **High School:**

Melody Lee  
Ashna Singh  
Tanmayi Panasa

#### **Middle School:**

Kavya Sriram  
Ashwin Sivakumaran





## Evening Entertainment Program

Prime time entertainment at Hum Sub Diwali is deemed as the crown jewel complementing the daytime programs. The attendance starts to swell during late afternoon and reaches a crescendo around 5pm in eager anticipation to watch the artists perform. All the efforts from the Hum Sub team through the course of the year in terms of artist selection, logistics, song selection, etc. comes to a fruition.

Presenting - Abby V. and his band. This is the first-ever live band performance at Hum Sub Diwali. Hum Sub proudly presents a melodious evening of soul-stirring music with Abby V. and his band. We hope everyone attending this event will be mesmerized by their talent.

Abby V is an award-winning singer, songwriter, music composer and producer from Toronto, Ontario. He is trained in Indian and Western Classical music and performs in English, Hindi, and Tamil. A very versatile musician with various concerts in North America, southeast Asia and India under his belt! Abby V won the hearts of people worldwide and won the Astro International Superstar award. In 2019, he debuted his solo album titled "First of All" which consists of 8 of his original songs in English, Hindi and Tamil. Abby grabbed the attention of the Internet with his 2020 video - 73 Ragas, and became a viral sensation.

Hum Sub is equally excited to present another talented young musician, Shradha Ganesh from Toronto, Canada. Having won various awards, Shradha has been performing for over a decade at various locations all over the world. She is a graduate from the prestigious Berklee College of Music. Currently, as a part of the renowned Berklee Indian Ensemble, she has collaborated on arrangements of popular songs and had the opportunity to closely work with and perform alongside many famous musicians and singers such as Shreya Ghoshal, Vijay Prakash, Indian Ocean and many more. Shradha has also composed the film score for a Tamil short film 'Vaa Sellalaam Parandhu' which is available on YouTube. Apart from performances and composing, Shradha is working as a Technical Audio Artist at Electronic Arts (video game company).

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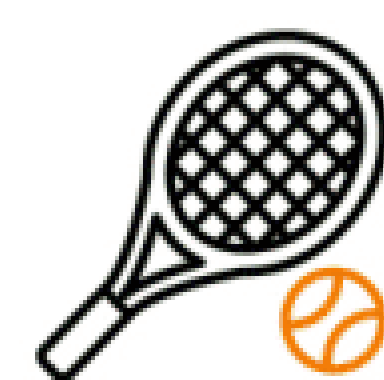


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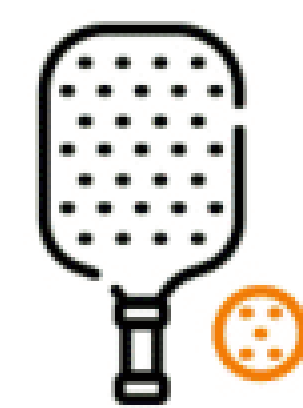
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## Embracing Sustainability

Keeping with our effort to be environmentally responsible, Hum Sub is proud to announce that we will be implementing a green initiative that will reduce the amount of plastic that goes in the landfills and will reduce the space used up in the landfill. The plan is to pilot a few specially marked trash bins around Koka Booth Amphitheatre at our Hum Sub Diwali event to implement stacking of disposables. We need your help too!

When ready to throw your food containers, just dump the leftovers/cutlery in the trash bin and stack the food plate/container in a cardboard box. So simple, yet so effective! So, do your part and stack the plates, watch for the green balloons to find these trash bins.

A huge thank you to the Town of Cary, NC and Booth Amphitheatre for their support!

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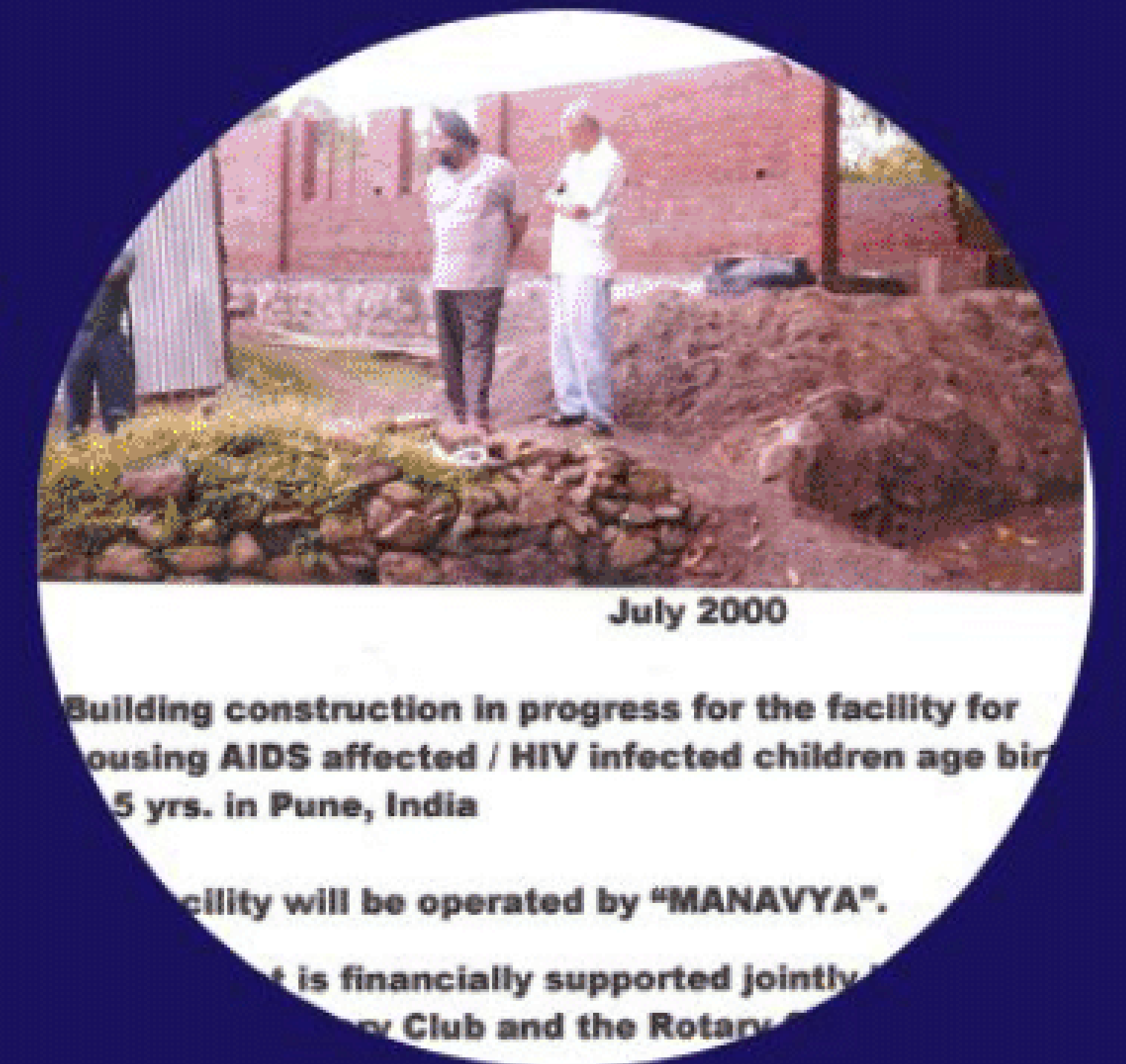
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