



CHAAT MASALA

CityMasala readers - here is a brand new column to let you know what is going on around town, the *chehal pehal*, the *masala* and any other tidbits that we can lay our hands on. If you have an interesting tidbit to pass on to us, don't forget to write in to info@citymasala.com. If you send pictures, it will be even more fun and interesting to read.

To start off with, we are going to include some letters and feedback that we got from you.

What You Had to Say...

I enjoyed reading about the dancer Adeta (Cover, April 2008) who is dancing into our hearts. I cannot believe she was given such a compliment by the one and only *Aishwariya Rai*. I am sure that this is the biggest compliment that the star could have given to anyone and I am sure Adeta was very excited about that. With her obvious dedication and hard work, she should reach her goal of dancing in a Bollywood film very soon. I feel very proud when I read of achievers who are still well grounded and she seems to have that down. Please convey my well wishes and support to her on her dancing and school. *Sent by Diana Patel*



A Question From A Reader...

Q: Dear Ms. Husain, (Beauty with Shahnaz), My name is Rachna and I reside in Orlando. I saw an article on hair mascara in the last issue of CityMasala and wanted to know where I could find this product.
Rachna

A: Dear Rachna, Our products are available online on www.tofah.com in the US.

Desi TV Program coming to Tampa... Ekal Charity Musical Concert...



Starting June 7, 2008...

In Citrus, Hernando, Polk, Pasco and Hillsborough counties, on Channel 169 and Channel 47 on Bright House Cable from 10 AM - 11 AM, this program will show and include many different topics, local talent and Indian arts and culture as well as Bollywood music, news and local events.

Anyone who is interested in airing their talent, such as dancing, singing or community events, please contact Hari or Seeta Singh - 321-662-1887 or email them at indianhorizon06@aol.com.



Saturday, June 28 at 6:30 PM at ICC

Ekal fund raising concert series presents a memorable and enchanting evening called *Yaadon Ki Baraat* with the talented *Pandya* family singing your favorite *ghazals*, *bhajans* and old and new Bollywood songs. Join the Ekal movements and help educated India's children in rural and tribal areas. The tickets are for

\$25 and go entirely towards the funding of schools for these children. Contact Chandresh Saraiya (813)-309-0647, Jawahar Taunk (727) 789-9087, Ram Jakhotia (813) 962-4172 or Nainan Desai (813) 931-7442 for tickets and more information for this event.

Summer Camps with a Desi Twist...



The Gujarati Samaj of Tampa Bay & ICC are offering their 3rd Annual Summer Day Camp from June 9th - 13th from 9 AM - 3 PM for ages 5 - 14 years. This camp will be held at ICC on 5511 Lynn Road in Tampa and will talk about the Indian culture through group activities, arts and crafts and guest speakers. You can get more information at this website: <http://67.78.148.74> or contact Awani Patel (727) 230-0661 or Manisha Patel (727) 372-6477; email: gujaratisummerdaycamp@hotmail.com. If you would like to be a camp counselor and get volunteer hours or creative hours, there are positions available. Counselors need to be at least 15 years old.

Summer Arts and Crafts Camp by Shyama Rangwala: Shyama is an artist and is guided by two principles, "whatever happens, happens for the best" and "where there is a will, there is a way." She is offering a summer camp at her art gallery and studio located at 10217 N Woodmere Rd in Tampa (813-843-6784 or 819-985-9941). Visit her website www.shyamshyama.com for more information. The classes are being held from June 23 - August 8, Monday to Friday from 9 AM - 12 noon. The topics covered will be learning different types of drawing, using henna art in every day drawing, creating your own greeting cards, making your own gift bags and gift tags, painting on stone, wood, canvas and fabric, decorating pots and wall pieces, collage work and a whole range of other art projects.

Shyama also conducts regular art classes from her studio in New Tampa.



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