



CHAAT MASALA

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TRADITIONAL MUSIC FROM INDIA



Traditional Music from India featuring *Ramesh Narayan* and *Aditya Banerjee* at Museum of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg on **October 3rd 2008 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.**

This is their First Friday season which is being kicked off with an evening of Traditional Music from India. The museum will feature two of

India's most renowned musicians live in the Conservatory.

Mr. Ramesh Narayan is a singer and composer who has composed music for films in India and *Mr. Aditya Banerjee* is a Tabla player who teaches and performs in the New York area.

Admission is \$15.00 for non members and \$10.00 for members and includes the **When Gold Blossoms** exhibit that is on display in the Hazel Hough wing. The MFA Café will also be open for dinner and will feature a special menu for the event. A beer and wine cash bar will be available as well.

INDIA FESTIVAL 2008 TAMPA



The **21st Annual India Festival Tampa -2008** is coming up on November 8, 2008 at the USF Sun dome in Tampa.

After last year's grand extravaganza, this ever expanding festival is designed to be bigger and better this year. It was attended by over 12,000 people from all over Florida and neighboring states

last year, and due to this, the committee has added more areas of the Sun Dome to accommodate more shopping and food stalls. More than 85 booths will include jewelry, boutiques, audio-video, home decor, photo studios and *mehndi* and much more. The visitors will enjoy a wide variety of cuisine catered by more than 15 restaurants from all over the state.

As usual there will be *garba*, *raas*, *bhangra*, folk dances and classical dances which create a colorful variety show.

This year a separate category called the "College Category" has been carved out for competitions. This will

allow high school teams to have a fair chance of winning, as they will not be competing against college students. In addition to beautiful trophies, cash prizes will also be given out to the first prize winners.

The performances and appearance of Bollywood and TV celebrities are also a special attraction. The 'Voice of Florida' singing competition organized with the support of the legendary Pandit Jasraj School of Music, is an additional item which adds to the entertainment list.

A new feature has been added this year called the 'Health Forum'. The forum's goal is to provide free health screening in the area of Diabetes, Blood Pressure, Cholesterol, Osteoporosis etc. Besides free gifts at the booths, our community will benefit from well displayed information and handouts on basic common health issues. Volunteers will be available to answer questions. Chairman, Dr. Nandkishore Shah recommends that no one should miss this great opportunity to get their health in check.

For further info. Visit www.gujaratisamaj.org or call Malti Pandya : (813)931-1980 (for competition entries) or Nikunj Patel: (813)968-6038 for booths or P.D. Patel : (813)949-0715.



YOGA, MEDITATION & PRANAYAM AT ICC



On **October 6,7,8 & 9** in the Lotus Room with Sri Swami Adhyatmanandaji Maharaj who is the current acharya at the Sivananda Ashram in Ahmedabad.

Under his leadership and care, the ashram has blossomed into a marvelous spiritual and cultural center. People from all over the world have been

highly impressed by his spiritual aura, charming multifaceted personality, boundless enthusiasm and unique efficiency.

He is a powerful speaker and a spiritual preceptor in India as well as abroad. He is well known as a yoga teacher and has conducted yoga camps for the Indian army, various universities and private enterprises.

If you wish to get Swamiji's Bhiksha or are interested in a home visit, please contact Rashmi Jakhota at 813-962-4172. For more information call Hitesh Adhia - 813-784-1132.



11th ANNUAL DIWALI MELA

The Association of Asian Cultural Festivals presents the 11th Annual Diwali Mela on Saturday, **October 4th, 2008.**



The admission is FREE and it is being held at the Disney Amphitheater at Lake Eola in Downtown Disney from 4 pm - 9 pm. There will be light music by a live band, folk and classical dances, songs and *bhajans* by Central Florida groups, top guest appearances by famous personalities, booths with a variety of items and lots of food! The DJ for the event is GT Sound Machine and there is also a Miss Diwali Contest for ages 16 - 21.

For more information, please contact Lalman Persaud @ 407-532-1980.

NAVRATRI FESTIVAL



Presented by the Gujarati Society of Central Florida on **October 3, 4, 10 and 11 from 8pm - 1am** at Lyman High School on 865 S Ronald Reagan Blvd in Longwood, FL.

The Lakhia Brothers and Raj Pandya will be performing.

For more information call Nilkanth Kapadia at 407-832-3835, email: info@gujaratisocietycfl.com or visit www.GujaratiSocietyCFL.com.

ICC'S SENIOR GROUP LUNCHEON

On **October 22nd** sponsored by Park Square Homes. You will learn about Anand Villas at Veranda Palms, a community developed with your health and wellness in mind. Amenities to include a Cultural Center with community kitchen, resort style club house, daily yoga and meditation classes. Limited space - call 407-529-3083 or email JShives@ParkSquareHomes.com.