

# Campbelltown Arts Centre

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### **Celebrate Spring with Colours, Tastes, Sounds and Dance at Campbelltown Arts Centre**

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Celebrate Spring with an array of colours, tastes, sounds and dances from Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka, when Spring Flowers is held at Campbelltown Arts Centre on Saturday 8 October, 11am-3pm.

The vibrancy of Spring will be celebrated through the artistic practices of the Indian, Bangladesh and Sri Lankan communities, inspiring the senses and transforming Campbelltown Arts Centre into a place of South East Asian charms and delights.

Spring Flowers will be a family friendly event, where the day will blossom with various activities. Start the morning with the tranquillity of a yoga class or step up the beat and sway to the sounds and dances performed by the Indian, Sri Lankan and Bangladesh dance communities.

Children can also join in the fun with a Bollywood dance class that will teach them how to shake their hips and move to South East Asian rhythms. Keep your dancing shoes on as the afternoon will culminate with a community line dancing event.

Visual artist Fida Haq will lead community workshops in the creation of a giant flower mandala in the grassed amphitheatre of the Arts Centre. Fida Haq is renowned for his artworks which transform recycled materials into intricate geometric patterns.

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The final delight of the day will be a musical performance by Internationally acclaimed singer Akhtar Jahan. Akhtar Jahan performs the entrancing musical traditions of Bengal. At Spring Flowers, the award winning singer will perform with musical virtuosi Shoor Jahan. Akhter Jahans music has been described as timeless, deep and refreshing as the Ganges". Drawing from both folk and classical Indian Bangladesh and West Bengal sources, Akhter will take you through a musical journey ranging from the gently meditative and spontaneously energetic to sheer bliss.

**Tickets for Akhtar Jahan and Shoor Jahan's performance are on sale now at the Campbelltown Arts Centre for \$15/\$12 concession, or will be available on the day. For more information or bookings, please phone 4645 4100 or email**

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