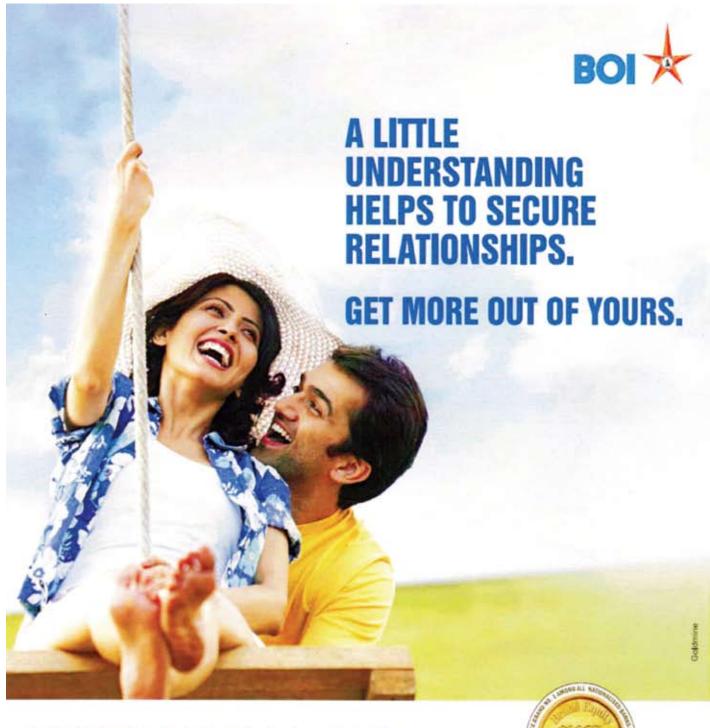


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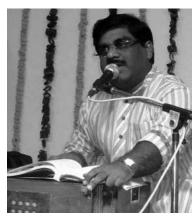




To Celebrate the 35th Year of Durga Puja Glasgow, the Committee Presents

A Musical Evening Soumyen Adhikari with Shandhip Chakravarty accompanying on Tabla

Friday 23rd October 2015 at Couper Institute, Glasgow 6.30 for 7.00pm Followed by Dinner





Soumyen Adhikari was born in a family devoted to music. Family ambiance drew him to music and visual art in his early boyhood. He went to study Fine Arts at Viswa- Bharati, but was ordained a Science graduate of Calcutta University . Initiated into the A.B.C. of Music by his father Late Golok Nath Adhikary an unsung hero. Later he learnt the Rabindras-angeet ,Bengali modern songs fromShri Shyamal Chattopdhyay,Shri Chittopriyo Mukhopadhyay, Sri Probir Mojumder ,Sri Amal Mukhopadhyay,Sri Mrinal Bandopadhyay and Kanu Bhattacharya. His mother Smt. Shephali Adhikari who was compelled to bid Aden to music after her marriage is his greatest muse. During his early career in music, Soumyen came in touch with the legendary maestro Late Shri Hemanta Mukhopdhyay. He was blessed with the affection of Late Shri Hemanta Mukhopdhyay and was a son to him and his wife Smt Bela Mukhopadhyay.

During last two decades of his career in Bengali music industry, he was awarded with numerous nationally recognized awards including "Hemanta Smriti Puroskar", "Uttam Kumar Smriti Puroskar" and "Loke Nath Award" for devotional songs. Cassettes and CD,s containing solo and duet performances of Soumyen with musical Celebrities like artists like Kumar Sanu, Haimanti Shukla, Lopamudra Mitra, Banashree Sengupta, Dipankar Chatterjee, Jojo , Amrik Singh Arora and have been howcased by H.M.V, Gathani, Beethoven Records , Raga Music, H.T. Cassette, Miley Mishey, UD Series and many other music companies.

Soumyen has also rendered his voice in Bengali movie "SWAPNO PINJOR" and tele serials "Chirodiner Gaan" & "Sesh Bichar". Besides he is a composer and arranger as well. Akasvani F.M. Centre, Kolkata Doordarsanand other Satalight Channels often broadcast his performance and interviews. He has performed all over India and abroad and is a famous name among Bengali music lovers. His mellifluous rendition has left the audiences spell bound in various programs in USA, CANADA, UK, GERMANY, BELGIUM, SWEDEN, NEW ZEALAND, SINGAPORE & BANGLADESH. Soumyen Adhikari's fame has now crossed the Atlantic.

Tabla Accompanist: SHANDIP CHAKRAVARTY (Sandyman)

Sandyman is a well known musician and TV presenter within the Asian and International community. Sandyman was born in London, a disciple of Pandit Govind Chatterjee - & Pandit Subhankar Banerjee Farukhabad Gharana. Musically trained in India and with influences from Bangladesh, Sandyman regularly scores music for various musical concerts, albums in the Uk and Europe. Sandyman also studied under musical maestros Pandit Anindo Chatterjee, Pandit Tarun Bhattacharya, and Pandit Ajay Chakravarty. In 2003 & 2004 Sandyman was invited to Sir Paul McCartney's private residence where he performed exclusive Indian Music. Sandyman is based in London and is the favourite accompanist for many of UK's and Europe's greatest artists. Sandyman regularly accompanies artists from Bollywood and Bangladesh.







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MAHA SASTHI

MONDAY, 19th OCTOBER 2015

Kalparambha, Bodhan, Amontran, Adhibas, Arati: 6.00pm - 8.00pm Preeti Bhoj: 8.00pm - 10.00pm

MAHA SAPTAMI

TUESDAY, 20th OCTOBER 2015

Puja, Puspanjali, Prasad: 6.00pm - 8.00pm Bhog Bitoron: 8.00pm - 10.00pm

MAHA ASTHAMI

WEDNESDAY, 21st OCTOBER 2015

Puja, Puspanjali, Prasad: 5.30pm - 8.00pm Sandhi Puja: 8.00 pm, Bhog Bitoron: 8.00pm - 11.00pm

MAHA NAVAMI & BIJOYA DASAMI

THURSDAY, 22nd OCTOBER 2015

Puja, Puspanjali, Prasad and Bisorjan, Santijal: 5.00pm - 8.00pm Preeti Bhoj: 8.00pm - 11.00pm

MAHA LAKSHMI PUJA

Couper Institute, 86 Clarkston Road, Glasgow G44 3DA MONDAY, 26th OCTOBER 2015

Puja, Arati, Puspanjali, Prasad: 6.30pm - 8.00pm Bhog Bitoron: 8.00pm - 10.00pm

MAHA KALI PUJA

Couper Institute, 86 Clarkston Road, Glasgow G44 3DA TUESDAY, 10th NOVEMBER 2015 Puja, Arati, Puspanjali, Prasad: 6.30pm - 8.00pm

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Clarkston Hall, Clarkston Road, Glasgow G76 8NE (Tel: 0141 577 4861)

SATURDAY, 13th FEBRUARY 2016

Puja, Arati, Puspanjali, Prasad: 12pm - 3pm

Bhog Bitoron: 3pm - 5pm







EDITORIAL

Sarva Mangal Mangalye, Shive Sarvarth Sadhike Sharanye Trambake Gauri, Narayani Namah Stute

We have once again come together to celebrate Durga Puja for the thirty-fifth year running, and its message of good over evil, peace and unity amongst mankind.

These celebrations enrich all our lives, both young and old, and serve to maintain and further our Bengali religious and cultural heritage.

Our appreciation and thanks go to the numerous public dignitaries who endorse our Puja through their messages of support.

Our thanks also go to the Police Service of Scotland and Glasgow Life, Glasgow City Council for their continuous help and support. Our thanks go to Glasgow City Council for their help in providing a safe place to store our images.

As always, the Puja would not be possible without the tireless efforts of the members of the community.

This souvenir helps us to raise funds for celebrating the Durga Puja. We are therefore grateful to all our advertisers and other patrons who have contributed financially.

We hope you all enjoy this year's celebrations.

Durga Puja Committee, Glasgow









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SOCIAL CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 2015-16

Bijoya Sammelani Saturday, 7th Nov, 2015 Clarkston Hall

Christmas Night Out Mid Dec '15 TBA

Bengali New Year Saturday, 23rd April, 2016 Clarkston Hall

Picnic May '16 TBA

Annual Drama Sunday, 5th June, 2016 Eastwood Theatre AGM Saturday, 18th June 2016 Couper Institute

SMRITISHUDHA

by Manoj Mitra

31st May 2015, Eastwood Theatre.

This year's drama production was another great success and we would like to thank all those who made the event possible and supported it.

Cast of Smritishudha included:

Shakya Ganguly, Saikat Ghosh, Rajdeep Routh, Santanu Acharya, Dhruba Kundu, Anupam Sinha, Sanjukta Brahma, Payal Debroy, & Meghamala Das.

Prompting - Supriya Bhaduri & Madhumita Roy

Make-up & Costume - Sunetra Saha & Swati Adhikari

Music - Debjani Patra

Lighting - Sanjeet Bhattacharya

Stage Management – Payal Debroy, Anjana Sen, Sudipta Roy, Amit Deb, Partha Ghosh-Biswas, Amit Datta, & Gautam Patra

Direction & Co-ordination - Sheela Mukherjee & Gautam Patra

Bangiya Sanskritik Parishad, Glasgow holds a drama production every year at Eastwood Theatre. Make sure to attend next year's production - always an excellent evening - not to be missed!





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This is our thirty-fifth celebration of Durga Puja. People from different parts of the world & different religions attend this festival making it a multicultural celebration in the multi-faith society of the United Kingdom.

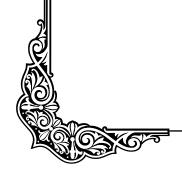
Durga means one who is 'invincible'. She is the mother of the universe. She is the personification of tender love, wealth, power, beauty & all virtues. Durga also represents 'Shakti', the destroyer of evil and the preserver of good. Puja means sacred rituals in the honour of Divine.

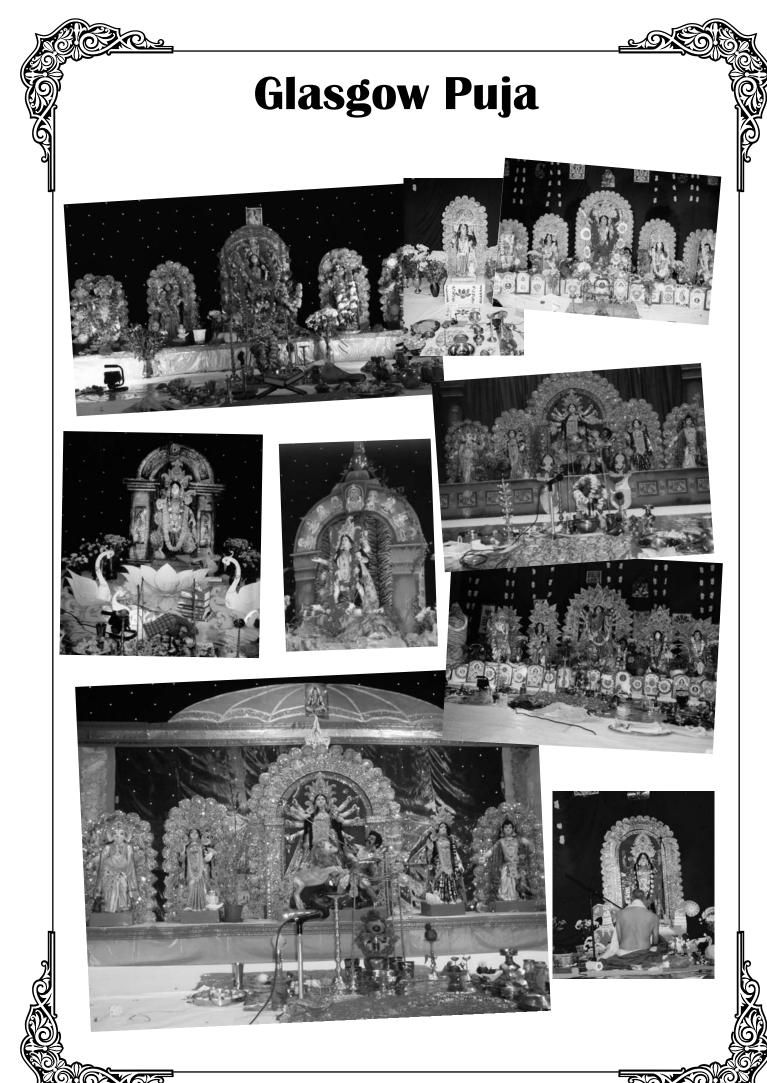
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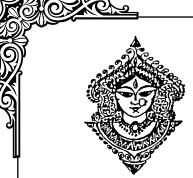
We are working together and inviting you as well to join with us to make this festival successful.

I convey my seasonal greetings and sincere thanks to everybody.

Dr Haradhan Datta President October 2015









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Namo namo Durge sukh karani Namo namo Ambe dukh harani

Chant the name of Goddess Durga, the bestower of happiness Chant the name of Goddess Ambe, who ends all miseries.

It is a great pleasure to welcome you all to our thirty-fifth Durga Puja celebrations in Glasgow.

In 1981, a small group from our community had a vision to celebrate Durga Puja in Glasgow in order to keep our customs and traditions alive, particularly with the younger generation and also to share our beliefs with other communities in multi-cultural Scotland. Our enthusiasm, emotion and pride that marked those very first celebrations continue to grow stronger with every year's festivities. More and more people from all over Scotland are joining us to make these celebrations a success.

Durga Puja is celebrated with fanfare on all five days of the festival and recalls the power of the female Shakti symbolised by the Goddess Durga who slays Asura to re-establish peace and sanctity on earth again.

Durga Puja symbolising victory of good over evil is an experience evoking a wide range of thoughts and emotions. It offers the chance for personal prayer, meditation and reflection and the offering of bhog and sindur to Ma Durga. Bengalis all over the world rejoice to their heart's content with friends and relatives.

Our deep rooted belief is that religions can work together for a better world. Through our faith and celebrations, we endeavour to create a caring, compassionate community that engages and embraces people of all cultural, ethnic and spiritual backgrounds. It also builds social cohesion that promotes affirmation and respect of diversity, and celebration of the rich heritage of humanity.

A special mention should go to Sarajit and Anjana Sen who, as in previous years, have been very generous and have donated the puja invitation cards. Thanks to Sanjukta Brahma for personally bringing these cards from Kolkata.

Our thanks go to Dilip Mukherjee who has been priest for the Durga and Laxmi Puja for the past three years. This year, our thanks go to Prabhakara Bhatt, Arunava Banerjee and Babulayeb Mukhopadhyay who have kindly taken on this mantle.

Thanks also go to the Police Service of Scotland and Glasgow Life for their continuous help and support. Our thanks also go to Glasgow City Council for their help in providing a safe place to store our images.

I am very grateful to all our advertisers and patrons who have generously contributed financially. My sincere thanks and gratitude go to the Durga Puja Committee for volunteering their time, and for their hard work and commitment in serving our community. My thanks go to all the children and parents who have helped to make the Puja enjoyable and successful.

I hope you enjoy this year's Puja and thank you for your continuous support.

Sheela Mukherjee Chairperson October 2015





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Message of support for the 35th Festival of Durga Puja

On behalf of the Scottish Government, and the people of Scotland, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you an enjoyable Durga Puja.

Scotland is a truly diverse country. Our Hindu communities make a welcome contribution to our society, both through cultural sharing and social justice outreach, which enriches our wider communities. At this time, as you enjoy the company of family and friends, you can reflect proudly on your part in building a fairer and more equal Scotland.

I look forward to our Hindu communities continuing to be part of our work to ensure a future built on mutual trust, respect and understanding throughout 2015 and beyond.

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Humza Yousaf MSP Minister for Europe and International Development

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On behalf of myself and all of my colleagues in the SNP I would like to offer my warmest wishes to the Hindu community in Scotland throughout the Durga Puja festival celebrations.

I firmly believe that Scotland's cultural strength is in its diversity and welcome the tremendous contribution the Hindu community has made to our society.

I hope the festivities are successful and that they are thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved.

Humza Yousaf MSP Minister for Europe and International Development



The Rt Hon The Lord Provost of Glasgow Councillor Sadie Docherty



I am once again delighted to send my best wishes to everyone celebrating Durga Puja here in Glasgow.

This famous festival worships the Goddess Durga's victory over the evil buffalo demon Mahishasura and, I believe, is the biggest celebration of its kind.

Our Hindu community makes a huge contribution to our city and beyond and, as First Citizen, I'm honoured to be given this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful five days of festivities.

Glasgow as a diverse and tolerant city embraces its multi-culturalism and the colour, excitement and vibrancy events like this generate.

This celebration of the Mother Goddess is a familiar tale of good triumphing over evil. That is a universal message that all right thinking people celebrate. However, Durga Puja is also a deeply religious occasion allowing Hindus to contemplate their faith.

I wish you all a joyous and uplifting Durga Puja.

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On the auspicious occasion of Durga Puja, I extend my warm wishes to Indian Community in Scotland.

Durga Puja signifies the triumph of righteousness over evil, reminding us the power of ethical value system deeply embedded in the Indian society. Every year the festival reaffirms and further strengthens the spirit of virtue to fight against all evils.

May Goddess Durga shower her blessings on all her devotees with her nine forms of Name, Fame, Health, Wealth, Happiness, Humanity, Education, Bhakti & Shakti

I congratulate Durga Puja Committee, Bangiya Sanskritik Parishad, Glasgow, for organising the festival, which I hope will bring to the devotees peace & prosperity and promote communal harmony.

(Oscar Kerketta) Consul General



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> The Organising Committee would like to express their gratitude to Catherine and her team for all their help throughout our celebrations.

We are most grateful to all the children for their participation in the activities. It is clear that our festival will be in good hands in the future.





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Our apologies if we have missed out anyone's name.







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Tabla:

Arunava Ghosh-Ray

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<u>mahalaya</u>

The traditional six day countdown to Mahasaptami starts from Mahalaya. Goddess Durga visits the earth for only four days but seven days prior to the Pujas, starts the Mahalaya. The enchanting chant of 'chandi path' fill up the predawn hours of the day thus marking the beginning of "devipaksha" and the countdown of Durga Puja. It's a kind of invocation or invitation to the mother goddess to descend on earth - "Jago Tumi Jago". This is down through chanting of mantras and singing devotional songs.

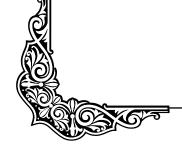
The story element is captivating. It speaks of the increasing cruelty of the demon king Mahisasura against the gods. Unable to tolerate his tyranny the gods plead with Vishnu to annihilate the demon. The Trinity of Brahma, Vishnu and Maheswara (Shiva) come together to create a powerful female from with ten arms - Goddesss Durga or 'Mahamaya', the Mother of the Universe who embodies the primeval source of all power.

The gods then bestow upon this Supreme creation their individual blessings and weapons. Armed like a warrior, the goddess rides a lion to battle with Mahisasura. After a fierce combat the 'Durgatinashini' is able to slay the 'Asura' king with her trident. Heaven and earth rejoice at her victory. Finally, the mantra narration ends with the refrain of mankind's supplication before this Supreme Power:

"Ya devi sarbabhuteshshu, sakti rupena sanksthita Namasteshwai Namasteshwai Namasteshwai namo namaha."

This day bears immense significance for the Bengalis. It is according to the myths that Sree Rama hastily performed Durga Puja just before he set for Lanka to rescue Sita from Ravana. According to Puranas, King Suratha, used to worship the goddess Durga in spring. Thus Durga Puja was also known as Basanti Puja. But Rama brought the Puja forward and worshiped Durga in autumn and that is why it is known as 'Akal Bodhon' or untimely worship. It was considered untimely as it is in the myths that puja was performed when the Gods and Goddesses were awake i.e. "Uttarayan" and was not held when the Gods and Goddesses rested i.e. "Dakshinayan". It was on the day of Mahalaya, the beginning of "devipoksha", the Gods and Goddesses woke up to prepare themselves for Durga Puja.

Autumn in its bloom, mingled with the festive spirit of Durga Puja reaches its pitch on the day of Mahalaya. From this day starts 'Devipaksha' and marks the end of 'Pitri-paksha'. It is the day when many throng to the banks of river Ganga, clad in dhotis to offer prayers to their dead relatives and forefathers. People in the pre-dawn hours pray for their demised relatives and take holy dips in the Ganges. This ritual is known as 'Tarpon'.





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Glasgow 2015

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Ma Durga

You are the Master of this Universe, You are the Mother of this Universe, You are the Destroyer of it, too, when it needs to be revitalised in a new and purer form. We salute You, again and again. You are the benevolent One, You have the power to help people to achieve Fulfillment of all desire, You are the protector of the Universe, who is Gouri, the wife of Lord Shiva, And also Narayani and Trinayani. You always help who needs help, You are the deliverance to poor and ill people, You are the only One who can lighten the burden of sadness, You are the "Sakti" (power) of all Gods, Oh, Narayani, we salute Thee. Destroyer of all creation, the centre of eternal power, Connoisseur of all good qualities as You are the centre of goodness, We salute You.



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