

Parvyn & Josh present

Bhangra Beats

Classical Indian to Bollywood

Music & Dance

Get immersed in the sounds, colour and movement of India with this breathtaking display of music and dance by Parvyn and Josh Bennett. From North to South, Bhangra to Bollywood, ancient to modern, this performance pays homage to one of the oldest and richest cultures in the world, where every dance has a story, and every note has a name. Many a head will wobble, many a lightbulb will be changed, and many fascinating cultural insights learned along the way.

Parvyn performs traditional Indian song and dance accompanied by master musician Josh Bennett on various Southern Asian instruments. Josh & Parvyn's performance gives students a fascinating insight into Indian music, dance and culture.



Parvyn Singh is a Punjabi-Australian singer and dancer best known for her work in Bollywood inspired psychedelic rock band The Bombay Royale, and with her father Dya Singh. Her debut solo record 'Sa', was ARIA nominated for 'Best World Music Album of the Year' 2022, and was heralded as an 'multigenre, multicultural, masterpiece'. She's performed globally from Glastonbury (UK) to Sziget (Hungary) to Womadelaide. She regularly visits India to study North Indian Classical Kathak dancing, which she combines with her up-bringing in Bharatnatyam and Punjabi folk Bhangra dance to perform and teach dance to all ages.



Josh Bennett is internationally acclaimed as a world-music prodigy, a master of many instruments from guitar and mandolin through to sitar and bouzouki. Classically trained in India, Josh hails from Pt. Ravi Shankar's lineage of sitar playing, and has even performed at his house in Delhi. He's performed worldwide alongside the greats in genres as far afield as Brazilian choro, Irish dance, Bluegrass and Indian raga.

An enthusiastic, knowledgeable and charismatic teacher, he loves to pass on the joy and beauty of music to others, and will get the whole school singing Indian beat-boxing rhythms in minutes.

Suitability: Prep – 12. Cost: \$7.00 + GST per student

Minimum: 120 students per session.



Bookings & Enquiries:

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Feedback for Parvyn & Josh

"I just wanted to say how wonderful your performance was today and how much my children had enjoyed it. Tonight they have spent most of the evening talking about it, and dancing to the point they performed their own emotional drama filled Bollywood. They are both heavily into the performing arts and this presented them a brand new element to their experiences. I can't thank you enough for visiting and that I was luck enough to also see you. I hope we cross paths again, until then best wishes to you and your future achievements."

- A Parent from All Saints Parish School, Portland, VIC

"Once again thank you for helping us to organise great entertainment for the students... We had Josh & Parvyn perform for about 200 grade prep and one students on Tuesday night at Yarraville West PS. Could you please pass on my thanks to Josh and Parvyn. The children were captivated by the instruments and dance moves. We have had no end of Bollywood moves and drum beats in the school since then."

- Yarraville West PS, VIC

"One of the best shows we've had!"

- Tyrrell College, VIC

"The show was fun, interactive and fantastic! The students were really engaged and enjoyed the interactiveness. It exposed the students to a range of musical styles, instruments and cultures. Thanks."

- Timboon P-12 College, VIC

"Students loved it and wanted more! Boys were engaged and planning to do more at sport time! A culturally important and relevant show."

- Campbell Town DHS, TAS.

"It was AWESOME!! Students absolutely loved it! Parvyn & Josh quickly built a rapport with the students and they were very comfortable having a go at the dance moves. Students were excited to be participating in the performance and raved about it to parents. Amazing what was achieved in a short period of time."

- Castlemaine North PS, VIC

"Students were very interested and enjoyed participating. They learnt a lot. Excellent opportunity to expose out students to culture, music and dance."

- Mallacoota P-12 College, VIC.

"Students particularly like the dancing. Very engaging. Instruments were interesting and the way they were taught was brilliant!"

- Macarthur Street PS, VIC

"Really good! Some students asked for autographs! Very engaging for students and adults, enjoyed participating. Good atmosphere and great learn and remember the dance in one afternoon. Great to encourage multicultural awareness. Very talented performers!"

- Biboohra SS. QLD

"Great presentation. Students enjoyed both watching and participating in the dances. Great to see students involved in the big dance at the end as well as doing hand movements throughout the show."

- Southern Cross Catholic, QLD

"Plenty of student participation. They enjoyed the Bollywood dancing and remembered the name of the sitar."

- Ryan Catholic College, QLD

"Students were engaged and intrigued by the dance moves. Students loved the drums and great involvement."

- Newmerella PS, VIC

"Loved it" All the students were engaged, there were smiles and fabulous positive comments. Parvyn had students captivated, interested and excited."

- Newtown PS, VIC