

DHRUPAD MUSIC SOCIETY
In-person Dhrupad Workshop
Saturday 8 October to Wednesday 12 October 2022
Daily from 0930h to 1700h

FAQS AND GUIDANCE FOR BOOKING

VENUE DETAILS

Jubilee Room, Indian YMCA, 41 Fitzroy Square, London, W1T 6AQ
Nearest Underground Stations: Warren Street (Victoria Line); Euston Square (Circle, Metropolitan and Hammersmith & City Lines).

The YMCA has accommodation and a restaurant. Further details here:

<http://www.indianymca.org/>

HOW MANY PLACES ARE AVAILABLE?

The capacity of the room is restricted to 21 participants. Places are in high demand. Please book early to avoid disappointment! We are usually sold out within a few days of booking commencing!

WORKSHOP TIMINGS

Everyday from 0930h to 1700h

There will be breaks for refreshments and lunch.

We will procure a kettle for hot water if anyone wants to make their own tea/coffee. Please bring your own mugs/cups.

CAN I ATTEND FOR SOME DAYS ONLY?

The workshop is designed to be an immersive experience, spending direct time with the Guru. The teaching will be progressive with new things being added each day and previous day's teaching being reviewed and developed. It is therefore designed for continuous participation throughout the 5 days. As such, we are prioritising bookings for those who wish to be present for all the days.

From a financial perspective, our costs have risen a great deal, and we need the income from 21 full places in order to make ends meet. We often need donations as well.

However, if you can only make a few of the days, we will try to accommodate you if we can 'match' you with others who can do the days you can't. Please let us know on the booking form, or by emailing dhrupadmusic.uk@gmail.com and bear with us as this matching process may well take some time!

SEATING

Most seating will be on the floor (vinyl non-slip flooring). Please bring your own cushions/mats etc. There will be a limited number of chairs for those who can not sit on the floor. Here is a video of the actual room: <https://youtu.be/jILCSWsw-QI>

ACCESSIBILITY

The Jubilee Room is NOT fully accessible as there are steps at various points in the building. However, the venue can help with access to a ramp to enter the building. If you have mobility difficulties, we strongly advise you contact us before booking to ensure that the facilities are suitable for your needs.

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DO I NEED TO BE AN INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC STUDENT ALREADY?

No. Previous participants have included those completely new to Indian Classical music in general and Dhrupad in particular. As this is a vocal art, it would be helpful if you had some singing experience, but this too is not essential.

HOW IS THE TEACHING DONE?

Teaching is done in one group with Udayji singing and the group repeating. With the 5-day format, Udayji will teach alap and Bandeesh, show exercises for guidance with the raga, and give advice on how to practice. Given the nature of the workshop, individual teaching can not be given. However, there will be plenty of opportunity for Q&A.

RECORDINGS

Participants are welcome to record the sessions on their own devices for their personal use. The Society will be recording much of the event, but relies on volunteers to help with the process, and subsequent editing and formatting. We hope to make the edited version available to participants for a small fee, but can not guarantee how long it will take to do so.

BOOKING & PAYMENT

The cost for the 5 days is £300.

If you can not make it on any particular day, please let us know on +447803943438 or dhrupadmusic.uk@gmail.com We are unable to offer you a pro rata refund for the reasons stated above.

Please Book using the Booking Form available here:

<https://forms.gle/Gxg63FNgFsNAaCuD8>

Our Bank details are as follows (please note we have moved our account from HSBC to Virgin Money. Please do not use HSBC details you may have from before. Only use the details below.):

Bank: Virgin Money

Branch Address: 154-158 Kensington High Street, London, W8 7RL

Account Name: The Dhrupad Music Society

A/c number: 29940314

Sort Code: 050200

For remittances from overseas:

IBAN: GB05YORK05020029940314

BIC/SWIFT Code: YORKGB21200

We will confirm receipt of full payment; and send joining instructions (including the Raga(s) to be taught) a week before the event.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you decide to cancel your booking before noon on Friday 30 September 2022, we will refund your payment only IF we can find someone to take your place from our waiting list.

If you cancel after noon on Friday 30 September 2022, we will not be able to make any refund. ■