

FESTIVAL OF COLORS

Red Baraat Festival of Colors celebrates the Hindu holiday of Holi with a colorful array of South Asian sounds. Traditionally, Holi is marked by public gatherings of families and strangers sharing songs, dance, and the exchange of 'colors' – colorful dry powder or colored water playfully thrown amongst the crowds of revelers. It signifies the victory of good over evil, the arrival of spring, and for many, a festive day to meet others, play and laugh, forget and forgive, and repair ruptured relationships. Red Baraat Festival of Colors debuted in 2012 at a sold out Le Poisson Rouge in New York City and it has since expanded to over a dozen cities in the United States. Each year, bandleader and dhol player, Sunny Jain curates a night of music highlighting the South Asian Diaspora through a diverse range of styles. Past festivals have included DJ Rekha, Falu, *Radhe Radhe: Rites of Holi* (a film by the late, award-winning filmmaker, Prashant Bhargava, with score by Grammy-nominated composer, Vijay Iyer), Vidya Vox, Brooklyn Raga Massive All-Stars, Rupa & The April Fishes, Rajna Swaminathan's RAJAS, Mandeep Sethi, DJ Ushka, Vandana Jain, Parijat Desai Dance Company, DJ Ayes Cold, DJ Anjali, DJ Prashant, Madame Gandhi, Ganavya, Maieli, The Kominas, Shilpa Ray, Bhi Bhiman, Subhi, Zeshan B, Punjabtronix, Women's Raga Massive, Heems (Das Racist/Swet Shop Boys).