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### Diwali Celebrations Set to Light Up Trafalgar Square

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This weekend Londoners are invited to celebrate the triumph of good over evil, hope over despair and light over darkness at Diwali, the Festival of Lights, on

Trafalgar Square from 2 - 7pm on Sunday 4 October. The free event will see the Square decorated in lamps , dancing, live music and entertainment.

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Mayor of London Boris Johnson said: "Diwali is a beautiful festival that can be enjoyed by every community and I thoroughly enjoyed attending last year. It is fitting that Trafalgar Square, in the heart of the capital, is hosting Diwali celebrations. This is not only an occasion of great significance to Hindus, Sikhs and Jains, but with its underlying themes of peace and mutual respect it has relevance and meaning for all Londoners. I would like to thank the Diwali in London Committee and the sponsors for all their support and wish everyone a happy and prosperous Diwali."

Performances will include a mix of traditional, techno fusion and street dancing and people will be invited to wear colourful saris and join a 'garba' dance around the Square's fountains. The Diwali on the Square event is organised by Mayor of London in association with the Diwali in London committee and presenting partner Lycamobile.

Robert Beswick from Lycamobile said, "Lycamobile are delighted to sponsor this years Diwali on the Square event and are proud of our association with the Greater London Authority. Diwali is a fantastic celebration and we are sure that this year's event will be as spectacular as previous years. Diwali holds a special place in the heart of many Lycamobile customers and we are pleased that we can share this joyous festival with many of them."

Yeshpal Sharma from Star TV added, "STAR are delighted to be Media Partner's with GLA for the 2nd Year running and we look forward to a successful Diwali On The Square 2009."

The main stage will host a range of live music ranging from Latin and Asian classical acts to Dhol drum beats and contemporary Bollywood hits. A theatrical piece entitled 'Evolution' promises to mesmerize audiences. Also in the line-up are performances from guest artists Niraj Chag, Navin Kundra and Sham.

Trafalgar Square will be beautifully decorated with lamps and the famous fountains will be specially lit for the occasion. There will also be a selection of cultural food stalls and exhibitions around the square.

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