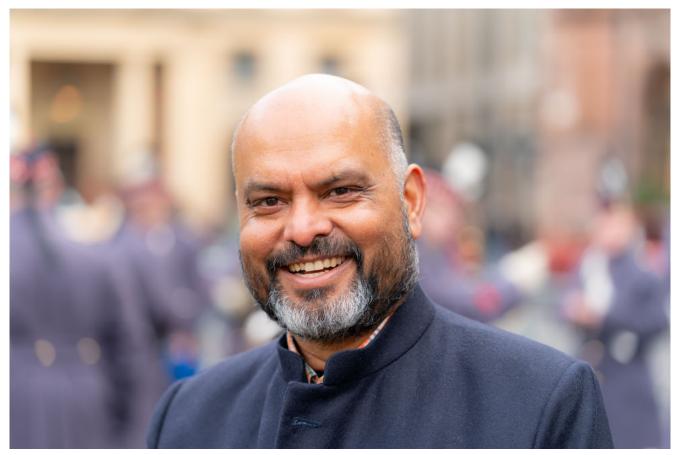
## Edinburgh Diwali 2023 was full of light and colour

The Edinburgh Diwali parade stepped off from St Andrew Square and proceeded along George Street to Castle Street, stopping for some mini performances on the way.

The parade was led by the Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland, under the direction of Drum Major John McQuat, and included the Stockbridge Pipe Band and the Glencorse Pipe Band, with dancers from the Bihari dance group and from the Edinburgh Junoon Dance Society.

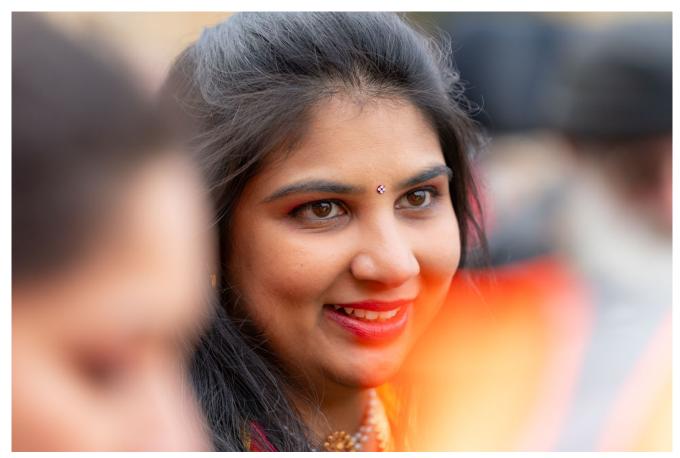
After an afternoon of entertainment in Princes Street Gardens hosted by Ayaana and Vaibhav, there was a fifteen minute long firework display around 6pm to close the festival. Fireworks are a Diwali tradition as it is thought the sound of fireworks banishes evil spirits. This colourful event is now established as part of the annual calendar in Edinburgh.



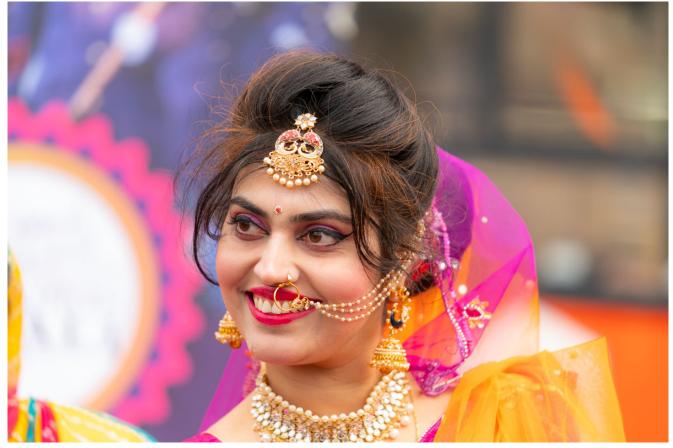
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Gordon Ritter, Deacon of the Candlemakers. Edinburgh Diwali.  $\ensuremath{\mathbb{C}}$  2023 Martin McAdam



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A member of the Bihari dance group — Edinburgh Diwali.  $\mbox{\ensuremath{\mathbb C}}$  2023 Martin McAdam



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Ayaana and Vaibhav who hosted the afternoon's entertainment at the Ross Theatre. Edinburgh Diwali.  $\mbox{\sc c}$  2023 Martin McAdam



Krisnan and Arpita. Edinburgh Diwali.  $\ensuremath{\mathbb{C}}$  2023 Martin McAdam



Ayaana host of Edinburgh Diwali.  $\ensuremath{\mathbb{C}}$  2023 Martin McAdam



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