

Programme for Colombo Art Biennale 2016



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On behalf of the Colombo Art Biennale (CAB), we would like to warmly invite you to the preview opening of the CAB on **1st December at 6.30pm at Prana Lounge. From here we will collectively proceed onto JDA Perera Gallery followed by cocktails and dinner at Flamingo House and after party at LOVE bar** (all locations are within walkable distance from each other).

This year's theme is 'Conceiving Space' and it encapsulates over 73 artists from 21 countries across 10 venues in Colombo and is curated by Alnoor Mitha. This is our most ambitious festival to date with a cluster of educational and community activities in Slave Island, outstanding performance arts, and an exclusive Architects programme culminating in a 'Great Feast'.

Prana Lounge, Horton Place, Colombo 7 will serve as the CAB 2016 ticketing and information center throughout the duration of the festival. Festival guides will be available here.

Visual Arts Programme

Our visual arts programme is a city wide initiative that includes Prana Lounge, JDA Perera Gallery, Old Town Hall in Pettah, Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour, Post Graduate Institute of Archeology, Theertha Red Dot Gallery, Taj Samudra, CoCA, and ZMAX Fairway Hotel. We are working with primarily young and emerging Sri Lankan artists and as well as more established names who together will present alongside some of the most prestigious international artists of our generation in the region and further afield. Artists include Pushpamala N, Reena Kallat, Hardeep Pandhal, Danushka Marasinghe, Venuri Perera, Saskia Pintelon and many more.

Venues will be open to the public daily between 2nd December - 20th December. Please check opening times in the CAB festival guide.

Architects Programme

The architects programme will feature renowned architects working as artists. Line-up includes 2015 Turner Art Prize winners Studio Assemble (UK) with Madelon Vriesendorp (The Netherlands), Balmond Studios (Sri Lanka), Ciriacidis Lehnerer Architekten (Switzerland) and students and graduates from 5 universities from New Zealand, Sri Lanka, and UK. The resulting workshops and installations will be carried out in close participation with the



community members of Slave Island, culminating in a 'Great Feast' celebrating the collaboration.

An exclusive Architecture symposium will contribute towards improving the conditions of environmental learning, practice and knowledge, and promoting why design efforts are necessary to bring about socio-ecological benefits.

Education Programme

This programme will see international students from Auckland University (New Zealand), Sheffield Hallam University (UK), Hertfordshire University (UK), Unitec Institute of Technology (New Zealand), Architecture Graduates from the University of Moratuwa (Sri Lanka), and the Colombo School of Architecture (Sri Lanka) collaborating with the Architects/Artists in this nine-day programme, in and around Slave Island. Students will be involved in a series of creative workshops and assist artists in the production of their works. Young students from Sri Lanka will be given the opportunity to participate in workshops with leading international artists such as Madelon Vriesendorp, Will Alsop and Studio Assemble, as well as significant local names such as Pala Pothupitiya.

Additionally, the Theertha International Artists Collective will organize a mentoring programme focusing on providing local school children the opportunity to attend lectures and visit exhibits from renowned artist of Sri Lanka

Event Plan for Opening Week 1st December - 11th December

Thursday 1st December

6.30pm - Official Colombo Art Biennale VIP Preview at Prana Lounge, followed by performances at JDA Perera Gallery.

8.00pm - 10pm Cocktails and dinner at Flamingo House

10pm - After party at LOVE bar

All venues are on Horton Place, Cinnamon Gardens, Colombo 7

Prana Lounge - 60 Horton Place

JDA Perera Gallery - 46 Horton Place

Flamingo House, 58/2 Horton Place

LOVE Bar, 2nd Floor of Flamingo House

Friday 2nd December

Visual arts programme open to the public at all venues

10 -11am Curated tour by lead curator Alnoor Mitha starting at JDA Perera Gallery & proceeding to Prana Lounge.

Opening party & performance at

ZMAX Fairway Hotel, No 07, Hospital Street, Colombo 01

(Ticketed event: Rs. 2000, available at the door)

Performance by Samson Ogamien and Ceylon African Manja

6.30-7pm



A collaborative performance enabling the sharing of cultures from different continents, performing songs and dances of Afro-Sri Lankan and Edo Nigerian origin. The performance brings people together through music and dance, creating awareness as well as re-affirming the African cultural heritage of Sri Lanka that has survived many centuries.

Followed by **Video Jam 7.30-10pm** - a specially curated evening by UK based curator Shereen Perera. Features short films with a variety of live musical accompaniment by UK based film/music collective Video Jam. Featuring local & international artists including Hetain Patel, Imaad Majeed, Asvajit Boyle, Music Matters, Nichola Scrutton, Cassie Machado, Martin Janicek, Muvindu Binoy and Gayathri Khemadasa.

Saturday 3rd December

Visual arts programme open to the public at all venues.
Aerial Architectural Model of Slave Island open for public viewing (Venue TBA).

10-11am Curated tour by lead curator Alnoor Mitha starting at the Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour and proceeding to PGIAR (Buddhaloka Mawatha).

2-5pm Visual Arts Symposium featuring local and international Biennale artists at Nuga Gama, Cinnamon Grand. Moderated by Tanya Warnakulasuriya.

4.45pm Performance by performance artist Eva Priyanka-Wegener in Slave Island (Registration required, call **CAB hotline for availability - 0777 907 728**)

6.30-7.30pm Book signing by Saskia Pintelon at Saskia Fernando Gallery, Horton Place, Colombo 7

9pm CoCA Retro Party hosted by Chinthaka & Poornima, with performance dinner by Colombo Art Biennale artist **Jean-Francois Bocle**. Address - 33 Gothami Road, Colombo 8.

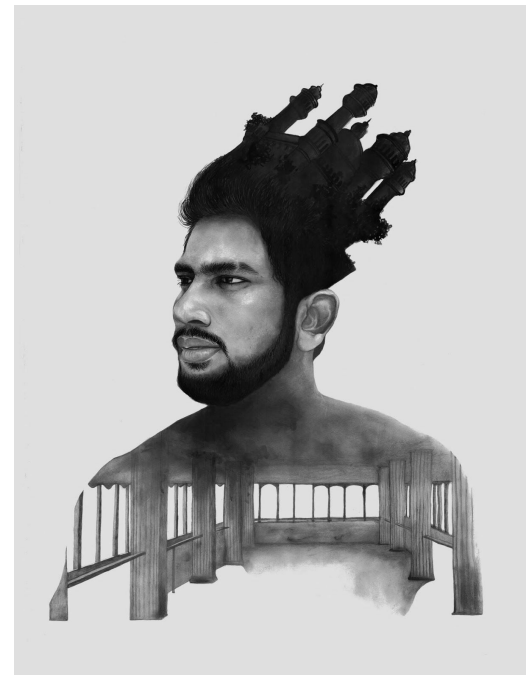
Sunday 4th December

Visual arts programme open to public at all venues.
Aerial Architectural Model of Slave Island open for public viewing (Venue TBA).

10-11am Curated tour by Alnoor Mitha of Theertha Red Dot Gallery, followed by CoCA Residency (Borella).

11am-3pm 'From Artist To Artiste' Brunch at Sooriya's Artist Village. The day's proceedings include Musical Performances, Live Paintings, Mehendi Collections, SFX Make Up tutorials, and Knitting & Designing, all taking place simultaneously. Brunch and Lunch can be enjoyed at the venue (at cost).
Address - The Sooriya Village located at No. 49 Skelton Road, Colombo 05

3-6pm Visual Arts Symposium featuring local and international Biennale artists at Nuga Gama, Cinnamon Grand. Moderated by Tanya Warnakulasuriya



7.30-9pm 'Holiday Season Concert' by Chamber Music Society of Colombo at Lionel Wendt Theatre.

Monday 5th December

Visual arts programme open to public at all venues.

Aerial Architectural Model of Slave Island open for public viewing (Venue TBA).

10 -11am Curated tour by Alnoor Mitha starting at Old Town Hall (Pettah) and ending at ZMAX Fairway Hotel (Fort).

Tuesday 6th December

Visual arts programme open to public at all venues.

Aerial Architectural Model of Slave Island open for public viewing (Venue TBA).

Wednesday 7th December

Visual arts programme open to public at all venues.

Aerial Architectural Model of Slave Island open for public viewing (Venue TBA).

9pm Drinks night at LOVE bar, Cinnamon Gardens, Colombo 7.

Thursday 8th December

Visual arts programme open to public at all venues

Aerial Architectural Model of Slave Island open for public viewing (Venue TBA).

7.30pm 'Blender's Room' Diageo Single Malt night at Curve (TBC)

7.30pm Layla Gonaduwa exhibition opening at Barefoot Gallery, 706 Galle Road Colombo 03.

Friday 9th December

Visual arts programme open to public at all venues.

Aerial Architectural Model of Slave Island open for public viewing (Venue TBA).

4-8pm Street performance at Slave Island at Theertha Performance Platform

8pm Dinner at Santore' Bistro Italiano restaurant - special menu with special entertainment - 45, Sir Marcus Fernando Mawatha, Colombo 07

Saturday 10th December

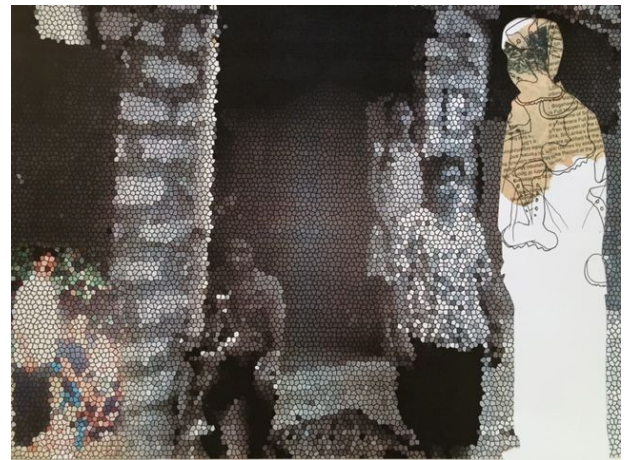
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4-7pm Architect symposium - Location TBC

8-10pm Sk8art Party @ Cinnamon Red Car Park with Kings Co. demonstrations (please check website closer to date for info on tickets)



Sunday 11th December

Visual arts programme open to public at all venues

10am Performance Art Symposium Theertha Performance Platform

The Great Feast at Slave Island - Dispensary Lane, Slave Island (by invitation)

We hope to welcome you to Colombo very soon.

Any questions please get in touch with the CAB team.

Many thanks,

Annoushka Hempel

Founding Director of Colombo Art Biennale



Images of artwork (in order) by Priyantha Udagedara, Studio Assemble, Rajni Perera, Saima Rasheed, Samsul Alam Halal, Firi Rahman, Kanesh Thabendran, Abdul Halik Azeez and Ruby Chishti.

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