



Kolkata Centre for Creativity

In collaboration with

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Presents

“AMI ARTS FESTIVAL”

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Kolkata, 17 December 2021: Kolkata Centre for Creativity is all set to host the second edition of the AMI Arts Festival- a festival that will celebrate the rich culture of Bengal’s legacy through art, music, food and more. AMI Arts Festival 2021 aims to touch the lives of people with hope and positivity. It is a celebration of the amalgamation of cutting-edge contemporary art and traditional crafts. The festival will start from 17th December 2021 to 19th December 2021 at (mention venue) from 12: 00 pm to 8:00 pm and will be open to all.

The inaugural ceremony of the Festival was graced by **Ruby Paul Chowdhury**, President, Emeritus, the Crafts Council of West Bengal, Kolkata, **Mr. NAKAMURA Yutaka**, Consul General of Japan in Kolkata, **Mr. Manish Chakraborti**, Conservation Architect and Head, Department of Architecture, Sister Nivedita University, New Town, Kolkata, **Ms. Richa Agarwal**, Chairperson, Kolkata Centre for Creativity, **Mr. Debasish Sen**, Chairman and Managing Director, WBHIDCO Ltd., followed by a musical performance by **Pandit Uday Bhawalkar**.

The second edition of the ‘AMI Arts Festival 2021 will focus on the varied aspects of art and culture. The festival will also bear a reflection of the flagship programs organised by KCC throughout the year. In addition to this there will be Bengal’s indigenous folk performances of **Tusu, Bhadu, Gambhira and Raibeshe**. The festival will not just celebrate the well-known artists but also promote lesser-known talented artists, who have invested years of hard work without being recognized, and the promising youngsters, who are struggling to begin their journey. The festival will also exhibit stunning original artworks from over 50 artists across India.

Another major attraction at the AMI Arts 2021 is the bazaar which will have an art and craft market, with food and fun. This will be followed by crowd-pulling hands-on art and craft workshops by **Dipankar Roy, Upal Sengupta (of ‘Chandrabindoo’), Rituparno Basu, Tamal Bhattacharya** and a melodious musical evening which will be graced by singers like **Sahana Bajjaie, Pt Uday Bhawalkar, Lopamudra, Cizzy, Srijaini Ghosh, Rene Singh** and etc . There will be a screening of lesser-known documentaries by Goutam Ghose, followed by a conversation with the director himself and a special screening and release of 5 animated films based on children’s books written and illustrated by **K. G. Subramanyan and A. Ramachandran** (created by Foundation for Indian Art Education), followed by a

panel discussion with speakers **Prof. R. Siva Kumar, Naveen Kishore, Jogen Chowdhury and Chhatrapati Dutta**. Also there will be a virtual talk session in association with Seagull books in the presence of renowned speakers



Naveen Kishore and Pushan Kripalani, Sarover Zaidi, Nilanjana Bhowmik and Wanjiku Wa Ngũgĩ. An exclusive film screening on 'Radical Intimacies' will be done in collaboration with British Council.

"We are delighted to host the second edition of the AMI Arts Festival, the annual art festival organized by Kolkata Centre for Creativity. After the successful first edition, we are back this year again with several exciting exhibitions and an array of delightful art and craft bazaar, music concerts, workshops, film screenings, and virtual conversation series. We are looking forward to welcoming you all to join us for this gala event at Nazrul Tirtha", said **Ms. Richa Agarwal, Chairperson, Kolkata Centre for Creativity.**

About AMI Arts Festival 2021: AMI Arts Festival 2021 is organized in collaboration with Nazrul Tirtha and Biswa Bangla. This is KCC's very own cultural festival that takes pride in Bengal's cultural legacy and celebrates its contemporary manifestations in the arts. As the prevailing darkness slowly recedes, AMI Arts Festival 2021 aims to touch the lives of people with hope, positivity and celebrations. The festival will also bear a reflection of the flagship programs organised by KCC throughout the year. Though locally rooted, being trans-local in spirit, the festival hosts participants from across India and abroad to encourage the cross-pollination of ideas and creativity. The second edition of AMI Arts Festival will be a melting pot of exhibitions, a delightful art and craft bazaar, music concerts, workshops, film screenings, and a virtual conversation series.

About Kolkata Centre for Creativity (KCC)

A unit of Anamika Kala Sangam Trust (AKST), Kolkata Centre for Creativity (KCC) is a multi-disciplinary interactive art and creativity Centre located in Kolkata, West Bengal. It is the first in Eastern India to make Art accessible to visually impaired and differently abled under their 'Art for All' initiative. Spearheaded by Richa Agarwal as it's Chairperson, the 70,000 sq. ft. Centre champions the art and cultural landscape of contemporary India since November 2018. It comprises of an Amphitheater, Exhibition & Learning Spaces, Dance studio, Conservation Lab, Books & Materials Library, Creative Culinary space, Craft & Design outlet and a Skill Development Maker's section. Integrating several expressions of art and design to highlight their common creative core – KCC encourages visitors to explore, interact and design ideas on various art forms. KCC works in the areas of Capacity Building, Well-Being, Conservation & Restoration, Craft & Design, Culinary, Visual and Performing Art. It acts as a catalyst for Artistic enhancement through Displays, Presentations, Fellowships, Laboratories, Residences, Conservation, Research and Discourses.

The programs at KCC are designed on the principles of Cultural Diversity, Gender Equality, Conservation of Environment and Inclusion of people with different abilities.

The Centre offers free entry to the public and is open between 11 am to 6 pm from Tuesday to Sunday. For more information about exhibitions and the conferences, please visit www.kolkatacentreforcreativity.org