

**KOLKATA CENTRE FOR CREATIVITY UNVEILS THE SPECTACULAR
AMI ARTS FESTIVAL 2023, SUPPORTED BY EMAMI CSR**

**- Ten Days Of Everything About Art Featuring 200 Artists, 30 National
Award-Winning Artisans, Art Exhibitions And a Film Festival, Multiple
Workshops And Star-Studded Performances -**

Kolkata, December 1, 2023: The Kolkata Centre for Creativity proudly introduces the AMI Arts Festival 2023, a vibrant ten-day celebration showcasing a diverse tapestry of art forms and cultural expressions. Supported by the Emami CSR initiative, this annual event is set to enthral audiences from December 1st to 10th, 2023, at the state-of-the-art 70,000 sq. feet Kolkata Centre for Creativity.

"We are thrilled to inaugurate the fourth edition of the AMI Arts Festival, aiming to create a platform that celebrates the mosaic of artistic traditions and talents while promoting cultural harmony and making art accessible for everyone. This year, the festival will feature the remarkable artworks of talented art students from various art colleges across West Bengal. The chosen artworks will be on display, providing these emerging artists with a platform to connect with esteemed veterans from the art world," said Richa Agarwal, Chairperson, Kolkata Centre for Creativity.

This festival will be a melting pot of artistic expressions, featuring captivating exhibitions, live performances, workshops, and interactive experiences. Renowned and emerging artists will present their works, inviting audiences to immerse themselves in a myriad of artistic expressions spanning visual arts, music, dance, theatre, and much more.

Highlighted Talks:

- **Bengal Art Colleges at Crossroads: Teachers' Take** - A captivating dialogue on the evolving canvas of Bengal's art colleges, led by distinguished faculty members from renowned institutions.
- **Brushing with Change: Budding Artists from Bengal** - A discussion with young artists as they share insights on transitioning from art colleges to the challenging world of artists.
- **From Aspiring to Achieving: Navigating a Professional Artistic Career** - Prof. Chhatrapati Dutta in a conversation with young Bengali artists navigating professional artistic careers.
- **Is Bengali Theatre Dead?** - Explore the evolution and burning questions surrounding the current state of Bengali Theatre with contemporary directors and actors.
- **Bengali Language is not a Necessity but a Luxury** - Agni in a captivating conversation with renowned lyricist and orator Chandril Bhattacharya.

· **Art of Giving: CSR and its role in promoting arts and culture**

For those who wish to immerse themselves in various workshops, there are engaging sessions and masterclasses scheduled throughout the festival: Engage in hands-on experiences and cultural exploration through workshops like Eco-printing, Block Printing,

Sanjhi Artistry: Paper Cutting Techniques, Madhubani Paintings, Woodcut Printing, Crafting Terracotta Sculptures, Ceramics Painting, Indigenous Toy Making, and more. Embrace traditional crafts and artistic expressions while delving into the essence of cultural exchange at this year's festival.

The AMI Arts Festival 2023 is set to captivate audiences with an eclectic lineup of performances such as:

- **Silajit Exclusive:** Renowned Indian artist Silajit delivers an electrifying performance encompassing singing, music direction, acting, and lyrical prowess.
- **The Arko Mukhaerjee Collective:** An extraordinary musical project blending diverse cultural influences, promising a fusion of sounds transcending boundaries.
- **Debdeep Enroute:** Debdeep Mukherjee's enthralling performance combines original compositions and timeless classics from the realm of Bengali music.
- **Lavani Ke Rang:** Experience Maharashtra's traditional Lavani song and dance, an immersive and engaging performance.
- **Enchanting Evening of Sufi Qawwali with the Qutbi Brothers:** Delve into the mesmerizing world of Sufi Qawwali, steeped in an 800-year-old tradition, performed by the celebrated Qutbi Brothers.
- **Nata Sankirtan & Dhol Dholok Cholom:** Experience Manipur's rich cultural heritage through enchanting performances curated by esteemed artist Suman Sarawgi.
- **Sanjay Mandal Group:** Redefining conventional music, Sanjay Mandal and his ensemble transform ordinary objects into a mesmerizing symphony of sounds.

Moreover, the **Footprint Film Festival is a must-attend**. The festival, presented by The Peninsula Studios on 8-9 December, showcases outstanding films crafted by talented children and young adults, both from India and around the world. This marks the festival's debut in Kolkata and aims to provide a stage for budding filmmakers, exposing them to diverse film landscapes.

Highlighted Film: **Aguan - Sun behind the Horizon** is a poignant documentary by Novera Hossain Nikon from Bangladesh, delving into the life of a woman rickshaw-puller in Dhaka and her resilience amid numerous adversities.



The festival received an overwhelming response with over 97 films received out of which 43 were selected. Films from Odisha, West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh, Bangladesh, Jharkhand, Assam, Burma, and Singapore feature at the film festival.

For detailed festival schedules, please visit www.kolkatacentreforcreativity.org