IOthEDITION SERENDIPITY ARTS FESTIVAL 12-21 DECEMBER

accessibility guide 2025

Programmes Curated by Salil Chaturvedi

Welcome to Serendipity Arts
Festival! Experience ten days of
art and culture, December 12–21
in Panaji, Goa. From wheelchairfriendly venues to inclusive
programming, we've designed every
aspect of the Festival to welcome
everyone.

Embracing inclusivity and accessibility, this Festival is thoughtfully designed to ensure that everyone can engage with the magic of art. Immerse yourself in a diverse spectrum of creative expressions, from visual arts and performing arts to craft and the culinary arts, all showcased in a welcoming and barrier-free environment.

Join us in celebrating the beauty of art at Serendipity Arts Festival, where creativity knows no limits.

accessible transportation

Serendipity Arts Festival is spread across the city of Panjim. All our Festival venues offer accessible transportation options, including wheelchair-accessible taxis and shuttle services. Our shuttles will take you to various venues throughout the day every half an hour between 10AM-10PM. To know more about the pickup/drop locations, reach out to our nearest help desk or volunteers.

venue accessibility

Our Festival venues are designed with accessibility in mind. Most venues have ramps and stair climbing wheelchairs. Wheelchairs for assistance are available at each venue. Clear signage ensures easy movement for everyone. All venues are pet friendly; however, pets aren't allowed inside exhibition and performance spaces.

Many exhibitions are designed to be experienced through touch, sound, and sight. Audio descriptions and tactile versions of some of the exhibitions help blind audiences to experience their intricacy, bringing them to life.

sensory-friendly space

Need a break from the rush of the Festival? Visit the SENSORY ROOM, curated by Salil Chaturvedi and The Owl House, Goa, a calm zone for when you need to retreat and recharge. Look out for our volunteers for any assistance.

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accessible seating

All areas provide comfortable seating for all, ensuring an enjoyable experience.

facilities

Drinking water and basic first-aid are available at each venue. Please bring your own bottle to refill at our water stations.

volunteers

Look out for our volunteers in bright coloured jackets. They're here to assist, guide, and answer any questions you might have. They will be available at each venue to direct you to accessible parking, accessible washrooms, and resting areas.

Visit our website for pre-festival information, accessibility details, and to plan your visit.



At Serendipity Arts Festival, every person and every experience matters.
Let's celebrate art, culture, and accessibility in the heart of Goa!

The Accessibility Programme

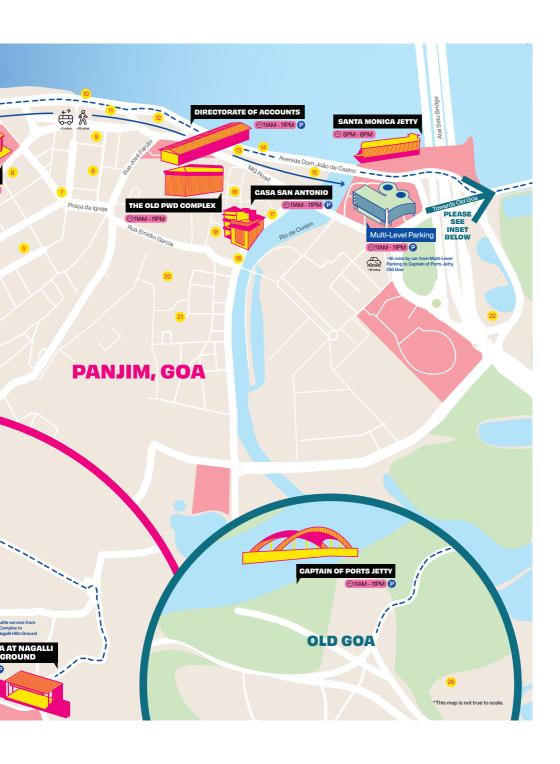
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Access profoundly shapes our relationship with art, culture, and society. Often, barriers—physical, social, and digital—influence who has the ability to participate and experience creativity.

From challenging institutional gatekeeping to reimagining inclusive spaces, our programming in and around the Access Village invites viewers to question and redefine the ways in which access operates in the contemporary world.

By emphasizing both the limitations and possibilities inherent in access, we hope to foster a dialogue about equity and the transformative power of art for all.

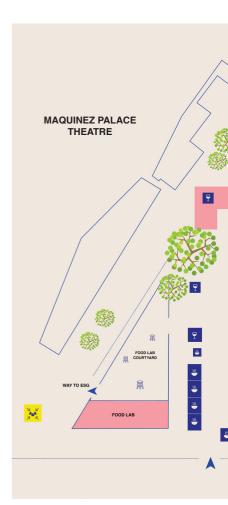




The Old GMC Complex

This complex houses a multistorey building with visual art projects, workshops, and performances. The ground floor and first floor both are wheelchair accessible. All boxes within the complex are wheelchair accessible. Some exhibits have bright lights and sound, and all performances have bright lights and sound. You can find accessible parking at the building. Accessible washrooms are available at the building. All enclosed spaces are airconditioned, and artworks cannot be touched. The access village and sensory room are accessible for people with disabilities.

Maquinez Palace Theatre
This is a multistorey building
with ramps available on the
ground floor, and an elevator
to get to the first floor.
Nearest accessible parking
is at the Old GMC Complex.
Accessible washrooms are
available on the ground floor
and the first floor.



















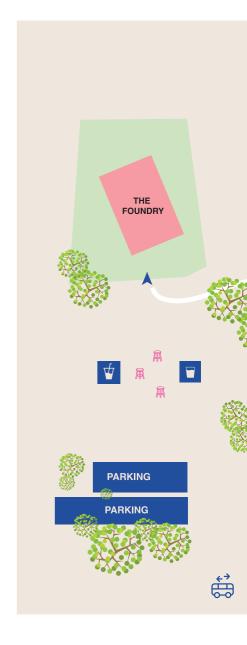




Kala Academy

This is a ground level venue with visual art projects, workshops, and theatre performances. The venue is wheelchair accessible. Most of the exhibits, and all the performances have bright lights and sound. You can find accessible parking at the building. Accessible washrooms are available at the building. All enclosed spaces are air-conditioned, and artworks cannot be touched.

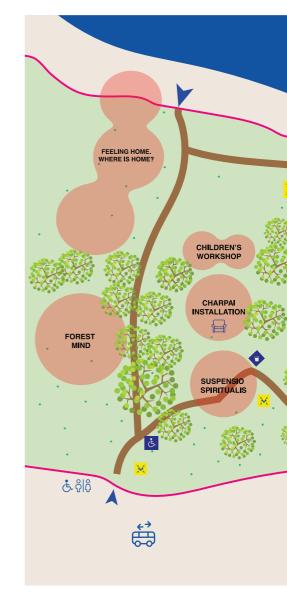






Art Park

This venue is wheelchair accessible, with some uneven natural surface. This is an open-air space that has natural light during the day, and bright lights in the evening during music performances. Music performances have loud music. Nearest accessible washrooms and nearest accessible parking are at the Old GMC Complex.







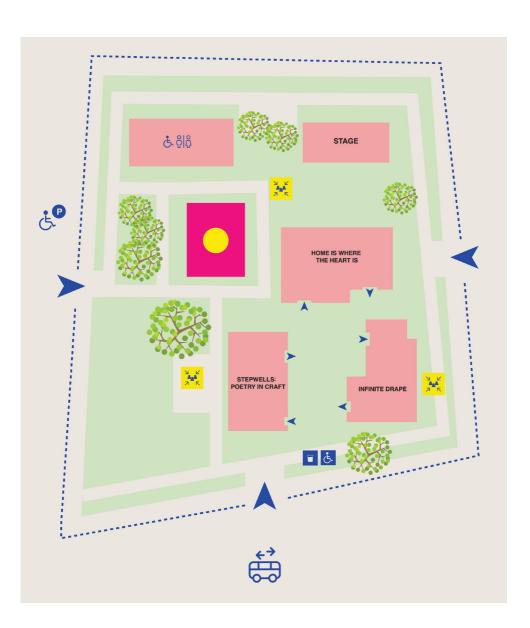




Azad Maidan

This venue has a ground level exhibition and a performance stage with wheelchair accessibility. The indoor exhibition spaces have different sections with variation in lights, sound, and are air-conditioned. The stage will have bright lights and loud music in the evening. There is an open courtyard with seating available. Paid accessible washroom available at this venue. Festival shuttles can be used to travel from Azad Maidan to other festival venues.



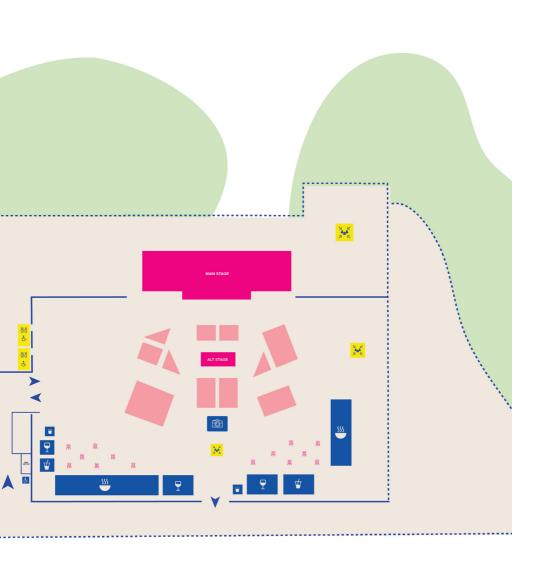


The Arena at Nagalli Hills

This is a ground level, open air performance space with large crowds that is active every day in the evening, with bright lights and loud sounds. The venue is wheelchair accessible, with an accessible parking and accessible washrooms.







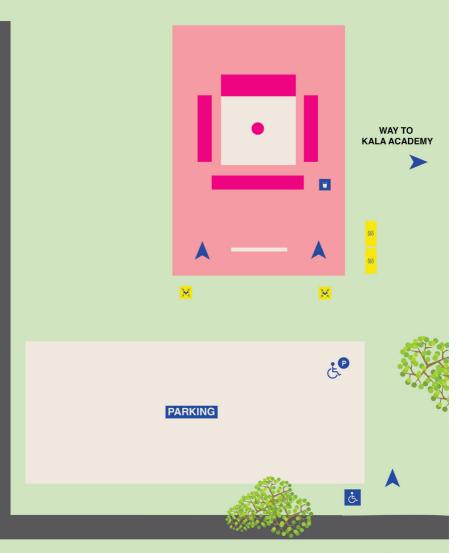
SAG Ground (Campal)

This is an open to air performing arts venue accessible for people on wheelchair. The stage will have bright lights and loud music in the evening. Accessible washroom is not available at this venue, although nearest accessible washroom is available at Kala Academy. Festival shuttles can be used to travel from SAG to other festival venues.





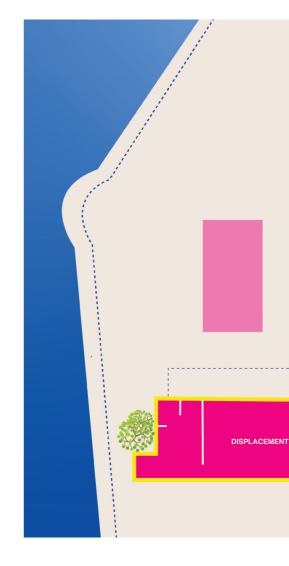






Old PWD Buidling

This public building, which has remained constant throughout Panjim's colonial and post-colonial era, becomes a site for photographic exploration. The venue is wheelchair accessible.









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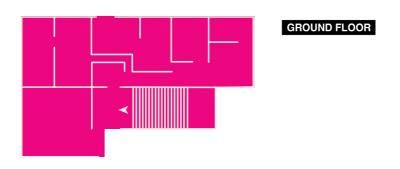


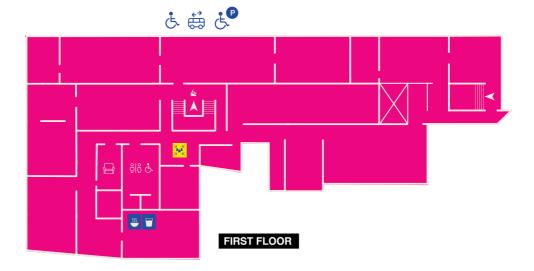






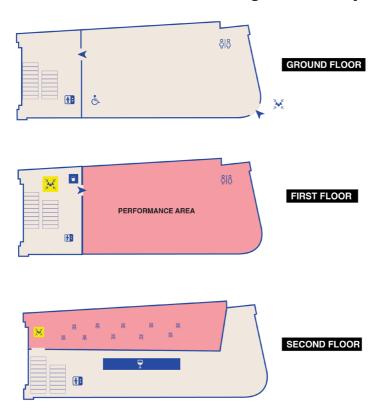






Casa San Antonio

This is a multi-storey building. The ground floor, first floor and terrace are wheelchair accessible. All floors are wheelchair accessible. Exhibits and performance spaces at this venue have ambient lighting. You cannot find accessible parking and accessible washrooms at the building, although you can find them at multi-level car parking. All spaces are well ventilated and have drinking water facility.





Captain of Ports Jetty, Old Goa

This venue is wheelchair accessible; however, it is an unstable space and can cause nausea and water sickness. The venue is not pet friendly. No accessible washrooms are available however nearest accessible washroom is available at PWD.

Santa Monica Jetty

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Promenade and Gazebo

This venue is wheelchair accessible, with some uneven natural surface. This is an open-air space that has natural light during the day. Nearest accessible washrooms and nearest accessible parking are at the Old GMC Complex.

Miramar Beach

This is a ground level, open air installation space with beach sand, and a wooded area that is accessible for wheelchair users. It has natural light during the day, and mild lights for visibility during the night. The nearest accessible parking is Caranzalem Beach and Kala Academy. The nearest accessible washrooms are at Kala Academy.

14 - 21 DECEMBER

11:00 Therefore I Am

ΑM

Curated by Salil Chaturvedi

7:00 PM

Open for All

The Gallery at the Access Village, The Old GMC Complex

Therefore I Am explores how disability shapes identity and self-expression across a variety of media, including painting, sculpture, photography, video, performance, and digital media.

11:00 Hand/Eye: Embodied Vision and Tactile Imagination

AM

7:00 PM In collaboration with Indian Institute of Art and Design, Delhi Curated by Salil Chaturvedi

Open for All

The Access Village, Old GMC Complex

Artists:Raju Halder, Vishi Agarwal, Vaishnavi Wadhawan, Tanishqa, Siddhi Maheshwar, Toshika, Divyanshu Agnihotri, Shreya Chaudhury, Kriti Sherawat, Harsh Kalra, Durgesh, Medhavi, Aastha, Nikhil Raj, Shivangi **Mentors:** Pankaj Narain & Anurag Vishwakarma

Hand/Eye explores the entwining of touch and sight within an artistic experience. Here, perception is not distant or detached but felt—emerging through the body's engagement with material, texture, and resistance.

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Open for All

The Lab and Outdoor Workshop Area, The Access Village, The Old GMC Complex

The space is open to anyone and everyone who wishes to engage in artbased activities to soothe their senses and be present in the moment.

11:00 Sensory Room

AM

Curated by Salil Chaturvedi

7:00 PM

Open for All

Ground floor, Old GMC Building, The Old GMC Complex

The Sensory Room offers multi-sensory experiences to support unique sensory needs, helping you to engage more effectively with the Festival and the multitude of experiences that it offers.

5:00 Cinema for Every Sense: Audio-Described Hindi Film Screenings



8:00 In collaboration with Saksham Trust and TOC Combine Pvt Ltd.

Open for All

The Lab at The Access Village, The Old GMC Complex

Cinema is a shared language of emotion, imagination, and storytelling but for many, its magic has long been limited by sight. Cinema for Every Sense is a special programme that opens the world of Hindi cinema to blind and low-vision audiences through audio description, ensuring that everyone can experience the richness of film in its fullest form.

14th Dec: Rocky aur Rani kii

Prem Kahani

15th Dec: If I Could Tell You by

Niharika Popli

16th Dec: Jolly LLB 3

17th Dec: 83

18th Dec: Sam Bahadur 19th Dec: Badhaai Ho 20th Dec: MS Dhoni

21st Dec: Jaane Bhi Do Yaaron

14 DECEMBER

SUNDAY

4:00 Paper to Sculpture

PM

Concept & Lead by: Tanul Vikamshi | Assistance: Lalit Vikamshi, Sandip Bisen

5:30

10:00-11:30 Closed session | 4:00pm - 5:30pm Open to All

The Access Village, Old GMC Complex

In this hands-on workshop, each participant will first make a small individual sculpture and then join it with others to form a large collective piece — a growing artwork that symbolises sustainability, teamwork, and the power of imagination.

11:00 Felt Fest: Dive into Namda Making

AM

As part of Hands, Tools & the Living Thread:From Kashmiri Craft Ateliers Curated by Sandeep Sangaru

1:00

Open for All

The Access Village, The Old GMC Complex

Join master artisan Farooq Ahmad Khan as he brings the magic of Namda making to life — this time, with a twist. Instead of large wool rugs, you'll learn how to create felt balls with colourful wool. Roll, shape, and watch wool transform, then string your creations into a beautiful handmade bracelet to take home!

12:00 Sea of Senses

1:00 Facilitator:Atika Gaur

PM Closed session

The Lab at The Access Village, Old GMC Complex

The workshop guides participants from tactile discovery to imaginative world-building, using storytelling, materials play, and gentle coaching to create and share collaborative artworks that celebrate curiosity, creativity, and sensory exploration.

3:00 Spectrum Studios

4:30 Collaborators: Kaizen, Goa

Facilitator: Simi K Closed for Public



The Lab at The Access Village, Old GMC Complex

The workshop invites autistic participants into a sensory art space where collaborative frame-building, guided foam marbling, and shared reflection foster creativity, community, and joyful expression through tactile exploration and collective making.



8:00 Nature's Symphony: A Bird Watching Adventure

11:00 Curated by Salil Chaturvedi

AM

Facilitators: Omkar Dharwadkar | Mandar Bhagat | Aparna NP Karishma Naik

Open for All

Art Park and The Access Lab at The Access Village, Old GMC Complex

Moving between Art Park and the Old GMC Complex, this session aims to showcase the avian diversity that one can experience even in an urbanised location such as Panjim.

11:00 Kari Kalamdani Kaleidoscope: Colors of Kashmir

1:00

As part of Hands, Tools & the Living Thread: From Kashmiri Craft Ateliers Curated by Sandeep Sangaru

Open for All

The Access Village, The Old GMC Complex

Bring a splash of color to your day and step into the world of Kari-Kalamdani Naqqashi—the exquisite hand-painted art of Kashmiri papier-mâché. Guided by master artisan Maqbool Jan, this workshop introduces you to the layering and detailing techniques that give this craft its timeless beauty.

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Closed Session

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4:00 Tool as Extension: Clay, Drawing, and Post-Human Imagination

5.00

As part of Murmurations curated by Ravi Agarwal Facilitator: Birender Yadav

Closed session

The Access Village, Old GMC Complex

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10:00 Visual Vernacular Workshop

2:00

Curated by Salil Chaturvedi

PM

Facilitators: Dr. Alim Chandani | Amaldev PR | Deepak KC

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The Lab at The Access Village, Old GMC Complex

This introductory workshop invites participants — Deaf and hearing — to explore the foundations of Visual Vernacular through creative exercises in expression, rhythm, and space awareness.

12:00 Sensory Storytelling with Smell and Taste

1:30

Curated by Salil Chaturvedi

PM

Facilitator: Shivani Dhillon

Closed session

The Lab at The Access Village, Old GMC Complex

The workshop stimulates memory and imagination through smell and taste, provides inclusive access to storytelling for children with visual impairments and intellectually challenges and encourages curiosity and sensory exploration.

3:00 Panchtantra Stories

4:30 Curated by Salil Chaturvedi Facilitator: Shivani Dhillon

Closed Session

The Access Village, Old GMC Complex

A mischievous monkey and a sly crocodile bring to life one of Panchatantra's most famous tales. Through puppets, sounds, and choices, children learn how wit and presence of mind can overcome challenges.



WEDNESDAY

10:00 Breath + Sound Immersion

11:00 In collaboration with Kaizen Wellness, Goa

AM Facilitators: Prerna Khetrapal | Kareena Vinayak



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Open for All

The Access Village, Old GMC Complex

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11:00 Pulp Fiction: Handcrafting Kashmiri Stories

1:00 PM

As part of Hands, Tools & the Living Thread:From Kashmiri Craft Ateliers Curated by Sandeep Sangaru Facilitators: Kausar Ahmed Shah

Open for All

The Access Village, The Old GMC Complex

Get ready to turn waste paper into wonder! Join artisan Kausar Ahmed Shah for a fun, hands-on dive into the world of Kashmiri papier-mâché — where everyday scraps transform into art full of life and storytelling.

11:00 Behind the Ears

12:00 Curated by: Salil Chaturvedi as part of Therefore I Am
Open for All

The Lab at The Access Village, Old GMC Complex

Main Cast: Janhavi Khemka, Lavannya Balakrishnan, Namya Chadha

Sponsor: NID Ford Foundation Grant

Mentors:Dr. Shilpa Das and Savyasachi Anju Prabir

Special Thanks:Reena Mohan, Dr. Shweta Ghosh, Dr. Janaki V, Tanvi Hemani,

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3:00 Traditional Carpentry Workshop with Vijay Chari

6:00 As part of Chari Waddo: An Echo of Time curated by Prashant Panjiar Facilitator: Vijay Chari

Open for All

The Access Village, Old GMC Complex

Learn to understand wood grain, use traditional hand tools, and cut, shape, and join wood pieces with precision and care, under expert guidance. By the end, you'll take home what you've crafted — a small piece of tradition, made by your own hands.

4:00 Pressing On: Hands-on Letterpress

5:00 Facilitator: Arunkumar. B | Akilandeswari. K Open for All

The Access Village, The Old GMC Complex

Hands-on introductory workshop guides participants through the fundamentals of traditional letterpress printing. You get to learn how to hand-set type using movable letters, lock up a simple layout, ink the press, and produce your own printed piece.



THURSDAY

10:00 Breath + Sound Immersion

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12:00 Scented Stories: Jungle Book

2:00 Curated by Salil Chaturvedi

PM Facilitator: Atika Gaur

Closed Session

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Step into the enchanting world of fragrances, where memories, emotions, and creativity bloom. This workshop blends the timeless charm of The Jungle Book with the rich, sensory experience of perfume creation.

3:00 Imagination in Motion: Expressive Arts for Autism

4:30 Curated by Salil Chaturvedi

Facilitator: The Owl House, Goa

Closed Session

The Lab at The Access Village, Old GMC Complex

Break barriers and build connections through dance, music, and art in this inclusive workshop designed for neurodiverse and neurotypical young adults.

11:00 Worlds in a Box

12:00 As part of Not a Shore, Neither a Ship, But the Sea Itself Curated & facilitated by Sahil Naik

Open for All

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SATURDAY

10:00 Sound of Silence: Listening Circles for Aging Bodies

11:30 Curated by Salil Chaturvedi

AM

Facilitators:Access for All | Siddhant Shah | Rohan Marathe

Open for all

The Lab at The Access Village, Old GMC Complex

This workshop is a guided slow-listening and sound-art experience designed for seniors and caregivers. Participants will engage with sound, colour, and form to explore disability and aging as states of deep presence, mindfulness, and creativity.

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12:00 Silent Rhythms

1:00 Curated by Salil Chaturvedi

PM Open for all

4:00 The Access Village, The Old GMC Complex I 12:00 - 1:00PM

The Foundry, Kala Academy I 4:00PM - 05:00PM

5:00

PM Artists:Dr. Alim Chandani, Soham Bhau Gaikwad, Benin George

Varghese, Amal Dev, Deepak Sastry

Sign Language Poems brings to the audiences India's first group of deaf performers demonstrating ISL Poems and Visual Vernacular (VV), called ISL Jam.

3:00 Dear Normal: Letters We'll Never Send

4:30 Curated by Salil Chaturvedi
Facilitators: Access for All | Siddhant Shah | Rohan Marathe
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10:00 Sound of Silence: Listening Circles for Aging Bodies

11:30 Curated by Salil Chaturvedi

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This workshop is a guided slow-listening and sound-art experience designed for seniors and caregivers. Participants will engage with sound, colour, and form to explore disability and aging as states of deep presence, mindfulness, and creativity.

11:00 Blind Date with Friends

4:00 Curated by Salil Chaturvedi

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The Blind Date initiative aims to surmount physical and social barriers for the disabled through an innovative social engagement at the Festival.

3:00 Dear Normal: Letters We'll Never Send

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