

## **Programme for Colombo Art Biennale 2016**

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 - Preview Night - (by invitation)**

**6.30pm** - Official Colombo Art Biennale VIP preview at Prana Lounge, followed by JDA Perera Gallery with performance by **Eva Priyanka-Wegener**  
**8.00pm - 10pm** Cocktails and welcome dinner at Flamingo House  
**10pm** - After party at **LOVE bar**

All venues are on Horton Place, Cinnamon Gardens Colobo 7  
Prana Lounge, 60 Horton Place  
JDA Perera Gallery, 46 Horton Place  
Flamingo House and LOVE Bar, 58/4 Horton Place

#### **Friday 2nd December - Opening Day**

Visual arts programme open to public at all venues.

**10-11am** Curated tour by lead curator **Alnoor Mitha** at JDA Perera Gallery & Prana Lounge  
Meet at Prana Lounge 10am.

**6.30pm - 10pm Opening party & Performance at ZMAX Fairway Hotel (Tickets Rs.2000, available on the door)**

ZMAX Fairway Hotel, No 7, Hospital Street, Colombo 01



Performances include:

### **'Re: Encounters' by Samson Ogiamien & Ceylon African Manja 6.30-7pm**

Stunning and vibrant music and dance from the Afro-Sri-Lankan and Edo-Nigerian communities facilitated by CAB artist Samson Ogiamien. The performance responds to this year's theme 'Conceiving Space' re-affirming African cultural heritage in Sri-Lanka that has survived for many centuries.

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

### **Saturday 3rd December**

Visual arts programme open to public at all venues

**10-11am** Curated tour lead by curator **Alnoor Mitha** starting at the Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour and proceeding to Post Graduate Institute of Archeology (PGIAR) in Bauddhaloka Mawatha.

**10am - 5pm Ciriacidis Lehnerer Architekten Installation** (Aerial Architectural Model of Slave island), Slave Island, Colombo 02

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

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

**6.30-8.30pm** Book signing 'The Face In Your Place I & II' by **Saskia Pintelon** at Saskia Fernando Gallery, Horton Place, Colombo 7

**9pm CoCA Retro Party** hosted by Chinthaka & Poonima, with performance dinner by CAB artist **Jean-François Boclé**. Address - 33 Gothami road, Colombo 8 (**Ticketed Rs 2500**)

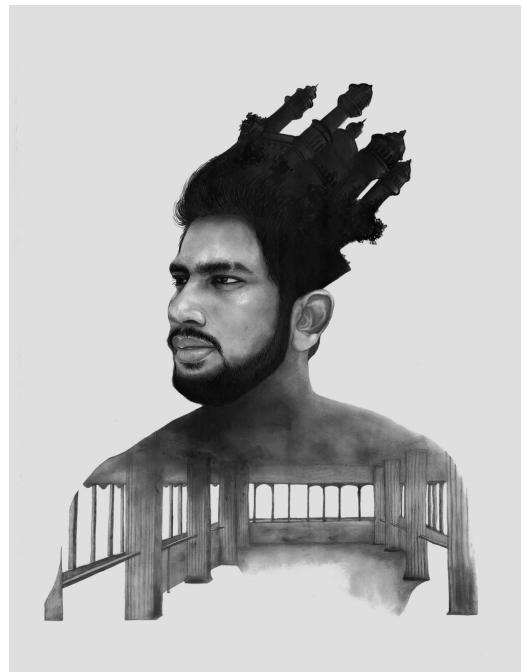
### **Sunday 4th December**

Visual arts programme open to public at all venues

**10-11am** Curated tour by lead curator Alnoor Mitha to Theertha Red Dot Gallery followed by CoCA Residency (Borella)

**10am - 5pm Ciriacidis Lehnerer Architekten Installation** (Aerial Architectural Model of Slave Island) Slave Island, Colombo 02

**11am-3pm** 'From Artist to Artiste' Brunch at Sooriya's Artist Village. The day's proceedings include musical performances, live paintings, Mehendi collections, SFX makeup tutorials and knitting & designing, all taking place simultaneously. Food 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 Hotel. Moderated by Tanya Warnakulasuriya.

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

### **Monday 5th December**

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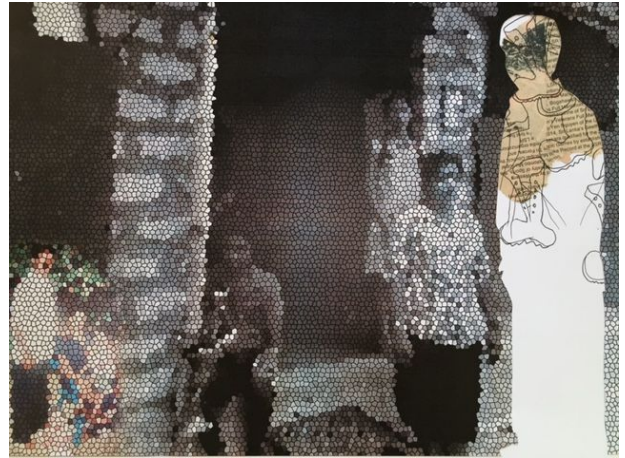
**10-11am** Curated tour by Alnoor Mitha starting at Old Town Hall (Pettah) and ending at ZMAX Fairway Hotel (Fort).

**10am - 5pm Ciriacidis Lehnerer Architekten**

**Installation** (Aerial Architectural Model of Slave Island) Slave Island, Colombo 02

**2.30 - 4.30pm Studio Assemble and Madelon**

Workshop, Slave Island Community Centre, Church Street.



### **Tuesday 6th December**

Visual arts programme open to public at all venues

**10am - 5pm Ciriacidis Lehnerer Architekten**

**Installation** (Aerial Architectural Model of Slave Island) Slave Island, Colombo 02

**2.30 - 4.30pm Studio Assemble and Madelon** Workshop, Slave Island Community Centre, Church Street.

### **Wednesday 7th December**

Visual arts programme open to public at all venues

**10am - 5pm Ciriacidis Lehnerer Architekten**

**Installation** (Aerial Architectural Model of Slave Island) Slave Island, Colombo 02

**2.30 - 4.30pm Studio Assemble and Madelon**

Workshop, Slave Island Community Centre, Church Street.

**9.00pm** Drinks night at **LOVE bar**, 58/4 Horton Place, Colombo 7 (paid bar, 15% discount for CAB goers)



### **Thursday 8th December**

Visual arts programme open to public at all venues

**10am - 5pm Ciriacidis Lehnerer Architekten**

**Installation** (Aerial Architectural Model of Slave Island) Slave Island, Colombo 02

**2.30 - 4.30pm Studio Assemble and Madelon**

Workshop, Slave Island Community Centre, Church Street.

**7.30pm Johnnie Walkers 'Blender's Room'** (TBC)

**7.30pm** Layla Gonaduwa exhibition opening at Barefoot Gallery, 706 Galle Road, Colombo 3.

### **Friday 9th December**

Visual arts programme open to public at all venues.

**9am-3pm** - Theertha Performance Platform (TPP) Workshops. Slave Island.

**10am - 5pm Ciriacidis Lehnerer Architekten Installation** (Aerial Architectural Model of Slave Island) Slave Island, Colombo 02

**2.30 - 4.30pm Studio Assemble and Madelon** Workshop, Slave Island Community Centre, Church Street.

**4pm-8pm** - Street performance at Slave Island at Theertha Performance Platform in front of Badhriya Mosque, Slave Island.

**7.30pm Dinner at Santore' Bistro Italiano restaurant**

- special menu and entertainment, 45, Sir Marcus Fernando Mawatha, Colombo 07 (direct bookings +94 112689444)



### **Saturday 10th December**

Visual arts programme open to public at all venues.

**9am-3pm** - TPP Workshops, Slave Island.

**10am - 5pm Ciriacidis Lehnerer Architekten Installation** (Aerial Architectural Model of Slave Island) Slave Island, Colombo 02

**1.30pm-6pm Architects Symposium** featuring local and international Biennale Architects at Nuga Gama, Cinnamon Grand Hotel.

**4pm-8pm - Theertha Performance Platform** Street performance starts in front of Badhriya Mosque, Slave Island.

**8pm-10pm Sk8art Party** @ Cinnamon Red Hotel Car Park with Push Skates demonstrations (ticketed)

### **Sunday 11th December**

Visual arts programme open to public at all venues

**10am-12 pm- Theertha Performance Platform Symposium.** Nuga Gama, Cinnamon Grand Hotel

**10am - 5pm Ciriacidis Lehnerer Architekten Installation** (Aerial Architectural Model of Slave Island) Slave Island, Colombo 02

**12.30- 'The Great Feast'**, Dispensary Lane, Slave Island (by invitation)

Exhibitions will continue until the 20th December.

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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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