

Under The RaintreeTM

women's cultural festival



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Featuring 150+ Women Performers, Artists & Speakers

NOV 17-19 | RAVINDRA KALAKSHETRA | BENGALURU

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Interact | Inspire | Influence

Under The Raintree is a nurturing canopy for creativity which we believe is transformational, therapeutic & empowering. Cross-cultural and inter-disciplinary exchanges here are a sparkling composite of artistic expression and inspiration. It is a space for writers, performers, artists and philosophers to share their thoughts, articulate their ideas and interact with each other and their audiences.

We are happy to present the first edition of India's first multi-arts women's festival curated by women, with the focus being on inter-disciplinary exchanges amongst women, using culture as a change agent.

'Under The Raintree women's cultural festival' is a unique concept covering Performing Arts, Visual Arts & Literature. It is curated by eminent women and is an inclusive festival open to all.

At this point in time, we could have expected women everywhere to have a place in society that is not second place. Sadly, enough, this is not so. We wanted to understand, 'What does the contemporary woman want? What should our girls aspire to?'

The theme of this festival is 'culture as a change agent'. Throughout history, change has come about through thought leaders who have expressed themselves in poetry & prose, art, music, dance, theatre & cinema. Can the Arts act as a bridge between the aspirations of the contemporary woman and the realities she faces in society? Can culture be a harmonious medium of change?'

This quest has led us along a journey of discovery and explorations that we are proud to present at this three-day festival.

Under The Raintree women's cultural festival is an affirmation of women's creativity and contributions through culture. Our key objectives are to give a platform for women to interact and express themselves, inspire women to achieve their potential and influence societal change.

We are delighted that we were able to get together over 150 women writers, performers and artists under a single canopy. The wealth of talent that we have been privileged to bring together at this festival will undoubtedly lead to new shoots emerging in Literature, Performing Arts, Visual Arts and a host of new media that is being born.

I am deeply thankful to our Curators, participants, sponsors, audience and our brilliant team who have worked to make this festival a reality.

Sandhya Mendonca, Festival Director



FRIDAY, NOV 17

11:00 am to 4:pm : Experiential Art Installation Workshop with Anuradha Nalapat from Nov 17-19, 5 hours daily@ Lounge 2 (Art Gallery) & Art Park

'Big Dance Shorts' curated by the British Council, film screenings @ Lounge 2 (Art Gallery)

2:00 pm : Screening of Short films @ Lounge 1

Curated by The British Council:

- 'Offside'
- 'Two Seas'
- 'Patriot'

Curated by Shamiana Films:

- 'Chutney', Dir: Jyoti Kapur Das
- 'Packers and Movers', Dir: Druma Mehta
- 'Phor you', Dir: Druma Mehta
- 'End of the Road', Dir: Neha Raheja Thakker

Curated by Curley Street Films:

- 'Bystander Intervention'
- 'The Dream Catcher'
- 'Devi'

5:30 pm : Grand Opening Sequence - site specific choreographies @Ravindra Kalakshetra steps

6:00 pm : Dance Showcase: '*Exploring femininity, Feminism & celebrating womanhood through Dance!*' @ Main Auditorium :

- Madhu Nataraj & Natya STEM Dance Kampni (*Kathak & Contemporary dance*)
- Vyjayanthi Kashi & Shambhavi Academy (*Kuchipudi*)
- Anuradha Vikranth & Drishti Ensemble (*Bharatanatyam*)
- Sharmila Mukherjee & team Sanjali (*Odissi*)
- Attakalari
- Sneha Kappanna & Bhramari (*Folk & ritualistic forms*)
- Angabala (*Manipuri Shaman & ritualistic dance*)



Inauguration by Shashi Deshpande, Author
10:00 am @ Nayana



K. Sharifa



Dr. Vijayamma



MS Asha Devi



Noor Zaheer

'Literature for change - can writing make a difference?' Literary panel discussion
10:30 am @ Nayana



Anjolie Ela Menon



Anuradha Nalapat



Shan Ré

'Her Voice', an exhibition of artworks on display
Friday to Sunday from **11:00 am - 5:30 pm**



Maya Lalchandani



Sreejita Biswas



Sandhya Mendonca



Jane De Suza



Sharda Ugra

'Sex no bar: No more literary lakshman rekhas' Literary panel discussion
11:45 am @ Nayana



Dance Showcase

SATURDAY, NOV 18

10:30 am to 3:30 pm : Wood cut workshop with Urmila VG & Chittara art workshop with Lakshmakka @ Padashale

3:00 pm : Performance Art 'believe and be awesome' by Smitha Cariappa @ Courtyard

6:00 pm : Music showcase Jugalbandi @ Main Auditorium :

- Jayanthi Kumaresh (*veena*) with accompanist Arjun Kumar & Anupama Bhagwat (*sitar*) with accompanist Rajendra Nakod
- MD Pallavi & Bindhumalini (*original*)
- SubraMania (*world music*) featuring Bindu Subramaniam (*vocals*), Ambi Subramaniam (*violin*), with Mohini Dey (*bass*), Frijio Francis (keyboard), Karthik Mani (*drums/percussion*), Suraj Gulvady (*guitar*)



10:00 am : Culture for children: 1) SaPa Academy music presentation
2) Adi Dravida Sangha *karaga kolata, kangil & nagari* @ Samsa Amphitheatre



Volga



Poile Sengupta



Sowmya Aji



Samhita Arni



Madhu Nataraj

'Epics for our times: The empowering rediscovery and recovery of the classics'
Literary panel discussion
12:00 pm @ Lounge 1



Arundhati Raja

'You Can Act'
Theatre workshop
2:00 pm @ Lounge 1



Padmavati Rao



Mamta Sagar

Poetry Session
4:00 pm @ Samsa Amphitheatre



Jayanthi Kumaresh



Anupama Bhagwat



Bindu Subramaniam



Mohini Dey

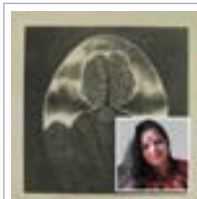


MD Pallavi



Bindhumalini

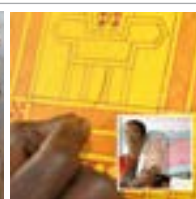
Music Showcase



Dimple Shah



Urmila VG



Lakshmakka



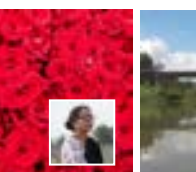
Smitha Cariappa



Bharati Sagar



Indu Antony



Bhavani GS

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SUNDAY, NOV 19

10:00 am : Film screening - 'Chronicles of Hari' (*Harikatha Prasanga*) & interactions with director Ananya Kasaravalli @ Nayana

10:00 am : Open Mic session for women performers by Anderooni

10:30 am to 3:30 pm : Wood cut workshop with Urmila VG & Chittara art workshop with Lakshmakka @ Padashale

12:30 pm : Film screening - 'Scattered Windows, Connected Doors' & interactions with directors Roohi Dixit & Ziba Bhagwagar @ Nayana

3:00 pm : Film screening - 'Margarita, with a Straw' & interaction with director Shonali Bose @ Nayana

3:30 pm : Performance Art 'Negotiating Ritual-Stimulus of Vermillion' by Dimple B. Shah @ Courtyard

5:30 pm : Valedictory address by Poile Sengupta, playwright, poet & author @ Main Auditorium Ravindra Kalakshetra

6:00 pm : Theatre Showcase Double Bill @ Main Auditorium

■ 'On My Own' - a theatrical presentation of prose and poetry by Rebecca Spurgeon, Bhavana Rajendran, Urvashi Goverdhan & Paramita Gupta. Devised & Directed by Arundhati Raja

■ 'Hennallave! / Just A Woman' - solo by Laxmi Chandrashekar. Directed by Soumya Varma



Trupti Srikanth



Sangeeta Goel

Story telling sessions for families
12:00 pm @ Lounge 1



Shantamani M



Anuradha Nalapat



Dr. Pramila Lochan



Rekha Rao



Smitha Cariappa



Dimpy Menon

'Artistic aspirations & cultural empowerment' Visual Art panel discussion
2:00 pm @ Lounge 2



Shonali Bose



Kavitha Lankesh



Ananya Kasaravalli

'Director's Cut: Gender & its impact on cinematic narratives' Films panel discussion
2:00 pm @ Nayana



Shrirupa Sengupta



Pragya Sharoff



Khyati Raja

Stand Up comedy
4:00 pm @ Samsa Amphitheatre



Laxmi Chandrashekar



Rebecca Spurgeon, Paramita Gupta Bhavana Rajendran & Urvashi Goverdhan

Theatre Showcase



Romi Revola



Dimpy Menon



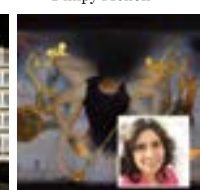
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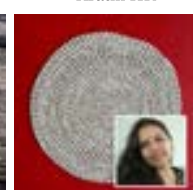
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Rani Rekha



Shanthamani M



Meenakshi

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Curators



Sandhya Mendonca
Festival Director
Managing Director, Raintree Media

Sandhya Mendonca is a writer, editor and publisher, and the Festival Director of Under The Raintree women's cultural festival. A native Kannadiga, Mendonca is a chronicler of the cultural history of the state of Karnataka through books published by her media company, Raintree Media.



MD Pallavi
Curator: Music
Award winning singer, actor & filmmaker

An award winning singer, actor and filmmaker, MD Pallavi trained in Hindustani classical music under the Kirana Gharana and has also learnt Sugama Sangeeth. She is the curator for the music segment at this festival.



Madhu Nataraj
Curator: Dance
Acclaimed dancer & choreographer

Madhu Nataraj was chosen as one of India's 50 young achievers by 'India today'. She has received many awards, recent amongst which are the Mohan Khokar award for excellence in dance and the Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar from the central Sangeet Natak Akademi, Govt of India. She is the curator for the dance segment of this festival.



Dr. Pramila Lochan
Curator: Art
Art historian & writer

Dr. Pramila Lochan is an art historian by profession, and nurtures a keen interest in Hindustani classical music. She is engaged in research, documentation and writing since 1992. Her research interest and contribution is in the area of ragamala painting, mural painting, folk, contemporary art and musicology. She is the curator of the art segment of this festival.



Kavitha Lankesh
Curator: Cinema
Award winning film director

An international and national award winning film director, Kavitha Lankesh directed and produced more than fifty films. She is the curator of the cinema segment of this festival.



Arundhati Raja
Curator: Theatre
Actor & Artistic Director of Jagriti Performance Arts Centre

Arundhati Raja is the Artistic Director of Jagriti, Co-Founder of the Artistes Repertory Theatre and Curator of the Theatre segment of this Festival.



Participants

Abhayalakshmi MB	Paramita Gupta
Aishwarya P	Pavitra Chalam & Curley Street
Ananya Kasaravalli	Poile Sengupta
Anjolie Ela Menon	Pragya Sharoff
Anupama Bhagwat	Pramila Lochan
Anuradha Nalapat	Prateeksha Kashi
Anuradha Vikrant & Drishti Art Foundation	Preeti Banerjee
Arathi H.K.	Rani Rekha
Arundhati Raja	Rebecca Spurgeon
Attakalari	Romicon Revola
Bharati Sagar	Roohi Dixit
Bhavana Rajendran	Samhita Arni
Bhavani G S	Sandhya Mendonca
Bindu Subramaniam & SubraMania	Sangeeta Goel
Bindhumalini Narayanaswamy	Sanjali Centre for Odissi Dance
Diksha Shankar	Shamiana Films
Dimple Shah	Shan Ré
Dimpy Menon	Shanthamani M
Indu Antony	Sharda Ugra
Jane De Suza	Shamala Nandesha
Jayanthi Kumaresh	Sharmila Mukerjee
Kanika Batra	Shonali Bose
Kanika Mitra	Shrirupa Sengupta
Kavitha Lankesh	Smitha Cariappa
Khyati Raja	Sowmya Aji
Lakshmakka	Sreejita Biswas
Laxmi Chandrasekhar	Storywallahs
Madhu Nataraj	Subramaniam Academy of Performing Arts (SaPa)
Mahalakshmi B H	Sumana Chowdhury
Mamta Sagar	Suranjana Endow
Maya Lalchandani	Trupti Srikanth
MD Pallavi	Urmila VG
Meenakshi B	Urvashi Goverdhan
Mohini Dey	Vijayamma
MS Asha Devi	Volga
Natya STEM Dance Kampini	Vrinda Samartha
Neha Kiran	Vyjayanthi Kashi
Noor Zaheer	Ziba Bhagwagar ...and more
Padmavati Rao	

Core Team Members



Krutika Sogal



Subhalakshmi Roy



Stage Manager
Sneha Kappanna



Aditya Mendonca



Capt. S Seshadri



Lathika Pai
Managing Partner at
Tekinroads Consulting LLP



Ammu Joseph
Independent journalist &
author



Sreenivas G Kappanna
Former Chairman,
Karnataka Nataka Academy





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