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SRISHTI SAMBHRAMA

INDICA

Srishti Sambhrama: A Celebration of the Earth Mother

Schedule

October 1st 2020, Thursday

5.00 – 7.00 PM IST

Lifeline Nurtured

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Special Video & Talk- *'Ya Srishti'* by Raadhakalpa Dance Company (India) - Smt Rukmini Vijayakumar

Chair: Shri Naresh Bedi, Award-winning Filmmaker (India) (to-be-confirmed)
Speakers:

- Shri Kalyan Varma, Wildlife Photographer and Filmmaker (India) (to-be-confirmed)
- Shri Biswajit De, Founder-President, Wildroots India (India)
- Shri Kaushik Barua, Assam Elephant Foundation (India)
- Dr Abhishek Narayanan, Head of Division, Wild Rescue, Wildlife Trust of India (India)

October 2nd 2020, Friday

5.00 – 7.00 PM IST

Wisdom of the Ancients

The Earth Mother has been worshipped and respected in varying ways in ancient cultures across the globe. The first environmentalists are often ignored in the light of modern-day crusaders. In truth, they are indigenous people whose beliefs, culture, and practices are visionary and protectionist when it comes to the natural world.

Namami Gange by Trichur Brothers, Carnatic Vocalists (India)

Chair: Prof Yashwant Pathak, Associate Dean in College of Pharmacy, University of South Florida
Speakers:

- Prof Gauri Mahulikar, Dean, Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth (India)
- Mr Basil Ugorji, Founder and CEO, International Center for Ethno-Religious Mediation (USA)

- Ms Elizabeth Araujo, Mayan Elder (Guatemala)
- Dr Abba Pulu, Assistant Professor, Indira Gandhi College, Arunachala Pradesh (India)
- Shri Vijay Swami, Executive Director, RIWATCH (India) (to-be-confirmed)

Strokes of the Wild 7.00 – 8.30 PM IST

Nature's most vibrant hues are portrayed in large canvases. Artists bring forth scientific ideologies of nature and its conservation practices to life, and in doing so, they form a community that toil diligently towards making this planet a better place to live.

Curator and Chair: Shri Prasad Natarajan, Founder of Artists for Wildlife and Nature (India)
Speakers:

- Smt Sangeetha Kadur, Wildlife Illustrator (India)
- Ms Sofiya Shukhova, Wildlife Artist (Russia)
- Ms Jan Martin Mcquire, Artist, Naturalist and Conservationist (USA)
- Ms Julie Askew, Art, Conservation and Expedition Artist (UK)

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- Mr Carel Pieter Brest van Kempen, Wildlife Illustrator (USA)
- Shri Chirag Thumbar, Signature Member, Society of Animal Artists and Artists for Conservation (India)
- Mr Dao Van Hoang, Wildlife Artist (Vietnam)
- Mr Eric Ramanujam, Wildlife Artist, Wildlife Biologist for Pitchandikulam, Auroville Foundation (India)
- Mr Helen Ding, Nature and Wildlife Illustrator (New Zealand)
- Smt Hemlata Pradhan, Botanical Illustrator (India)
- Shri Jaikumar Mohan, Wildlife Artist and Photographer (India)
- Ms Jan Martin McGuire, Leading Wildlife artist (USA)
- Mr Jonathan Pointer, Wildlife Artist (UK)
- Mr Kazi Nasir, Wildlife Artist (India)
- Mr Lenin Dani Raj, Wildlife Photographer and artist (India)
- Smt Meenakshi Subramaniam, Professional Artist (India)
- Ms Meeta Dani, Award-winning watercolour artist (Canada)
- Mr Paschalis Dougalis, Artist and Wildlife Illustrator (Germany)
- Shri Prasad Natarajan, Wildlife Artist, Founder of Artists for Wildlife and Nature (India)
- Ms Rachelle Siegrist, Miniature Artist (USA)
- Shri Shakthi Prasad, Wildlife Artist and Photographer (India)
- Smt Sweta Desai Kotavadekar, Wildlife Artist (India)
- Mr Tony Pridham, Award-winning wildlife Illustrator(Australia)

- Mr Wes Siegrist, Miniature Artist (USA)

October 3rd 2020, Saturday

Shutterbugs and the Wild

5.00 – 6.30 PM IST

A photograph of the wild speaks more than thousand words and creates a quick buzz, bringing people's attention to the wildlife that is in joy or crisis. A photographer's journey, a mighty arduous one, is remarkable and full of cause.

Samsara by Ricky Kej, Award-Winning Musician (USA)

Moderator: Mr James Godber, Photographer, Environmentalist and Diplomat (UK)

Speakers:

- Shri Eishwar Maanay, Dean, BNMIT (India)
- Smt Rathika Ramasamy, Renowned Wildlife Photographer (India)
- Shri Jayanth Sharma, Co-founder & CEO of Toehold & Award-winning Photographer (India)
- Mr Hayath Mohammed, Macro Photographer (India)
- Ms Michelle Valberg, Award-Winning Photographer, Nikon Ambassador (Canada)
- Ms Emma Healey, Wildlife Photographer (UK)

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Photographers:

- Smt Rathika Ramasamy (India)
- Shri Jayanth Sharma (India)
- Mr Hayath Mohammed (India)
- Ms Michelle Valberg (Canada)
- Shri Anup J Kat (India)
- Shri MN Jayakumar (India)
- Mr Richard Peters (UK)
- Shri Jayaprakash Bhojan (India)

- Mr Ben Hall (UK) (to-be-confirmed)
- Ms Jasmine Vink (Australia) (to-be-confirmed)

- Shri Ganesh Jayaraman (India) (to-be-confirmed)
- Shri Kalyan Varma (India) (to-be-confirmed)
- Shri Ajay and Vijay Bedi, (India) (to-be-confirmed)
- Mr Christian Ziegler (Germany) (to-be-confirmed)
- Mr Chien C.Lee (Malaysia) (to-be-confirmed)
- Mt Sebastian Kennerknecht (USA) (to-be-confirmed)
- Mr Jess Findlay (Canada) (to-be-confirmed)

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Speakers:

- Ms Upasana Ganguly, Officer In-Charge, Right of Passage: Corridor Projects, Wildlife Trust of India (India)
- Shri Bibhab Talukdar, Asia Coordinator, International Rhino Foundation (India)

October 4th 2020, Sunday

5.00 – 6.30 PM IST

Filming Wildlife

Documenting wildlife reveals a lot about ourselves, how we have behaved with the creatures of the wild. It is important as an art as well as has great use as a science involving high field craft.

Rhythm of Nature by Smt Rama Vaidyanathan, Bharatanatyam Dancer (India)

Moderator: Shri Danji Thotapalli, Chief Curator & Festival Director of Indica Pictures
Speakers:

- Smt Akanksha Sood Singh, Wildlife Filmmaker, The Gaia People (India)
- Ms Gunjan Menon, Documentary Filmmaker (India)
- Shri Gautam Pandey, Director, Riverbank Studios (India)
- Shri Ajay and Vijay Bedi, Award-winning Wildlife Filmmakers and Photographers (India) (to-be-confirmed)

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- Shri Sajan John, Marine Biologist, Wildlife Trust of India (India)
- Shri Ajay Misra, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) (India) (to-be-confirmed)
- Dr Yadvendradev Jhala, Dean, Wildlife Institute of India (India)

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Vijayalakshmi Vijayakumar

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