

2nd edition of Contemporary Arts Week has Delhiites enthralled

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Delhi is in the midst of celebrating the performances of some of the best artists of our times at the 2nd edition of the Contemporary Arts Week.

The event has been curated by a non-profit NGO 'Friends of Arts' to give Delhiites a peek into the abundance of talent not only from the city but also from across the country and abroad. Between September 10 and 21 multiple venues in the NCR are playing host to dance, music, theatre, improvisation theatre, clowning, puppetry, stand up comedy, short film festivals, photography and many more events.

Those who love arts will be happy to have something to attend to every evening and for those who want to attend but never seem able to make it will have ample opportunity to make space in their busy schedule. There is something in store for all type of connoisseurs and for the novice visitors there are some nights which have a little bit of ever thing packed into one show.

The event aims to make contemporary art more accessible to the audience and at the same time provide a platform for talent waiting to be discovered by giving them a platform to perform with the more established names in the business. There was even an open call on social media asking artists to send in their portfolio if they would like to participate in the show.

Shohini Dutta who is responsible for organising the event with help from volunteers says the event is Delhi's first holistic contemporary art festival. Shohini has been a dancer and choreographer for 18 years and has dedicated herself to promote the arts. "Since I passed out of college I have been hoping that someone would start a festival in Delhi for the contemporary arts but I grew tired of waiting and just did it myself," says Shohini.

One of the performances during the festival is by The Chrysalis Project that is a dance mentorship programme that has hand-held dancers to provide correct exposure required to understand choreography and become better dancers.

There will also be a dance theatre performed by a group from Assam called Manjuli to raise awareness about saving the Brahmaputra and about the largest fresh water island in the country which has 13 villages.

Music nights will see the likes of Parikrama, Faridkot, Advaita, Aditya Balnani, Suhail Yusuf Khan among others on stage. It will also see some funky collaborations between artists across genres in the indie night, jam pad, unplugged night, nu disco night, vocal night, R&B night and the live electro jam.