



The memory of... !

An intensive 10-day theatre workshop for actors, writers and musicians in order to explore the theme of Partition, Migration and Exile via improvisation, storytelling, sound, movement and music.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan Chennai and Kolkata are organizing workshops for actors, (theatre-)writers and musicians with professional experience in March and April. The two 10 day-workshops will be conducted by German-Syrian actress and theatre director Corinne Jaber.

INTRODUCTION:

Exactly 70 years ago, in August 1947, the British Indian Empire was partitioned into two, consecutively three, states which led to the largest mass migration in history with estimated hundreds of thousands killed as well as displaced. Today, the stories of millions of families and individuals are still in many people's minds, through narratives by first-hand eye-witnesses, second generation narratives or even as inherited memories. But Exile and migration are an equally important phenomenon today, though for different reasons.

The workshops' aim is to collect and explore these stories and thereby prepare the ground for a second stage of the project where a theatre play will be written and potentially staged. At the same time a creative cast with whom the production of the play could potentially be staged will be selected.

PROJECT PROGRESSION:

Selected participants are expected to bring at least one story related to the theme of Partition and/or Exile. The story can be of any kind, personal or fictional. They are also expected to be familiar with all the facts related to the Partition of India. If they feel the need to research or specialize in a particular element of the Partition or modern day's Exile beforehand then they are very welcome to do so.

Through the workshop, the stories are going to be explored in a variety of ways, working on improvisation and storytelling, sound, movement and music. Each participant will also be given small research work to be conducted on their own or in small groups during the workshop.

The overall aim is to find a theatrical form to contain the stories.

Through extensive discussions, hands-on exercises and detailed feedback, Corinne Jaber will offer participants the possibility to work in a collaborative way and to expand and deepen their knowledge about theatre acting and development of a theatre play.

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The workshop will take place each day from 10 am to 6 pm and might go beyond these hours on some days depending on the progress of the work and the material of research.

Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan will provide lunch on all workshop days. There are no participation fees but the participants will need to find themselves an accommodation.

Participants from out of station who would not be able to participate due to insufficient funds can ask for a special support by Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan if they attach a credible explanation.

WORKSHOP DATES:

Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan Kolkata will organize the workshop from March 23rd – 31st (excluding Sunday) in Kolkata, West-Bengal. The workshop will take place at the institute's premises.

Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan Chennai will organize the workshop in April. The dates and venue will be communicated shortly.

WHO CAN APPLY:

The workshop is open to actors, writers and musicians with a minimum of 3 years of professional experience. Participation will be by prior application only. Participants are required to spend the full 10 days at the workshop, arriving the day before the workshop begins and departing the day after it ends. The workshop will be conducted in English.

HOW TO APPLY:

Up to 15 participants will be selected per workshop via this call for applications. All applications for the Kolkata workshop must be sent to info@kolkata.goethe.org. All applications for the Chennai workshop must be sent to info@chennai.goethe.org.

Please include:

- a brief CV;
- representative samples of your work
- a very rough outline of the story(s) you want to share if possible

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR KOLKATA: 8TH MARCH 2017
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR CHENNAI: 26TH MARCH 2017

We look forward to hearing from you.

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