



Arts Festival

## Festival Programme

### 26<sup>th</sup>

DAY 1 AM HEALTH & MENTAL WELLBEING

9.00 Documentary  
**AM I READY TO DIE?**  
NATALIE SOYSA & SHAYNE SENEVIRATNE

40 mins / R - **18+**  
*Contains graphic imagery and disturbing content*

9.45 Artist talk  
**A LONELY WORLD**  
(a teenage perspective on mental health)  
SHAVINDRI PEIRIS 18 years  
  
15 mins / R - **U**

10.00 Short Film  
**THOTTI MEENGAL (TANK FISH)**  
N. MANIVANA  
  
9 mins / R - **U**

10.30 **PANEL DISCUSSION**  
Moderator : Vraie Balthazaar  
Panel : Ranjan, Jehan Appuhamy,  
Dr Neelamani Geeganage  
1 hr 30 mins

12.00 **OPEN DISCUSSION**  
With virtual audience  
1 hr

1.30 **WORKSHOP**  
Collective and creative learning (12 - 16 yr olds)  
**KASUN THIVANKA**  
1 hr 30 mins / Sinhala

DAY 1 PM ABUSE

3.00 Script reading  
**PETALS**  
INOKA PALLIYAGURU  
  
30 mins / R - **PG** (theme)

3.30 Dance performance  
**TEA CUP**  
PATHUM DHARMARATNE  
  
25 mins / R - **U**

4.00 Artist talk  
**WHAT LIES BEHIND THE WELL KNOWN**  
RASIAH LOGANANTHAN &  
SELVARAJ LEELAWATHY  
  
10 mins / R - **PG** (theme)

4.30 **PANEL DISCUSSION**  
Moderator – Dr Tamara Handy  
Panel – Milani Salpitikorala, Hans Billimoria,  
Ssp Dharshika Ranasinghe, Tush Wickramanayaka  
1 hr 30 mins

6.00 **OPEN DISCUSSION**  
with virtual audience  
1 hr

Perhaps NOW  
is a good time  
to switch your  
**phone**  
**OFF**

### 27<sup>th</sup>

DAY 2 AM VULNERABLE CHILDREN

9.00 Performance  
**PILLAIHALEY ELUVEER** (Children Wake Up!)  
ARANGA THORALGAL

20 mins / R - **U**

9.30 Artist talk  
**REIMAGINING OTHERWISE**  
UMESHI RAJEENDRA  
  
15 mins / R - **U**

9.45 Short film  
DEPARTURES  
**ISABELLA** (15 yrs) and **LUCKY** (11 yrs)  
  
15 mins / R - **U**

10.30 **PANEL DISCUSSION**  
Moderator : Selvi Sachithananthan  
Panel : Avanka Fernando, Ruki Fernando,  
Vasuki Rajasingham  
1 hr 30 mins

12.00 **OPEN DISCUSSION**  
with virtual audience  
1 hr

1.30 **WORKSHOP**  
Online teaching  
**TEHANI CHITTY & SEEMA OMAR**  
1 hr 30 mins / English

DAY 2 PM SCHOOLING

3.00 Artist talk  
**WHAT THE LOCKDOWN WAS LIKE FOR ME**  
RAMITHU SELLAHEWA (13 yrs)  
  
10 mins / R **U**

3.15 Book reading  
**A CAT NAMED MOUSE**  
URVI PERERA (14 yrs)  
  
15 mins / R - **U**

3.30 Zoom film  
**ZOOM GLOOM – ALL MY TEACHERS HATE ME**  
STAGES JUNIOR ENSEMBLE  
  
50 mins / R - **U**

4.30 **PANEL DISCUSSION**  
Moderator : Harshana Rambukwella  
Panel : Waruna Alahakoon, Tara De Mel,  
Asanka Perera, Dimuthu Prabodha  
1 hr 30 mins

6.00 **OPEN DISCUSSION**  
with virtual audience  
1 hr

7.00 **MAGIC SHOW**  
YASAS GUNARATNE  
45 mins

How about  
a good, long CHAT  
with your  
**family**  
tonight ?

### 28<sup>th</sup>

DAY 3 AM FAMILIES

9.00 Zoom film  
**MAHADANAMUTHAI CORONAVAI**  
POWER OF PLAY

35 mins / R - **U**

9.45 Artist Talk  
**STAY SAFE, STAY HOME – THE REALITY**  
SULOCHANA DISSANAYAKA  
  
15 mins / R - **U**

10.00 Short Film  
**UNMASK**  
KING RATNAM  
  
25 mins / R - **PG** (language, theme)

10.30 **PANEL DISCUSSION**  
Modrator : Marsha Daniel  
Panel : Chami & Anoja, Velusami Weerasingham,  
Jayathilaka Kammallaweera  
1 hr 30 mins

12.00 **OPEN DISCUSSION**  
with virtual audience

1.30 **WORKSHOP**  
Thaththa ge waarei (for fathers and children)  
**WEERE & SULO**

DAY 3 PM DIGITAL WELLBEING

3.00 Demo-installation  
**TRAPPED**  
ENCELLETTA SOLOMON (19 yrs)  
  
10 mins / R - **U**

3.15 Performance  
**QuaranTEEN**  
LEETH SINHAGE  
  
45 mins / R - **13+** (language)

4.00 Artist talk  
**RECONNECTING THE NEXT GENERATION**  
MALEEN JAYASURIYA  
  
20 mins / R - **13+**

4.25 Artist intervention  
**#RECONNECTUS**  
DIGITAL WELLBEING INITIATIVE  
  
5 mins / R - **13+**

4.30 **PANEL DISCUSSION**  
Moderator : Sunjith Dias  
Panel : Mahisha Balraj, Thanushi Dissanayake,  
Chrisjit Xavier, Shakya Nathavitharana  
1 hr 30 mins

6.00 **OPEN DISCUSSION**  
with virtual audience  
1 hr

7.30 Full length play  
**CHAT ROOM 2021**  
TASMIN ANTHONISZ  
  
1 hr 20 mins / R - **16+** (theme, language)

Here's hoping we NEVER have to meet like this.  
**ever again!**