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MEET

March 22-27, 2022

In association with Victoria Memorial Hall

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## DAY 3 | THURSDAY, MARCH 24

### EAST GATE KALAM LAWNS, VICTORIA MEMORIAL HALL

**10.30am: Asmara's Summer:** Andaleeb Wajid, in conversation with Isha Daga

**11:45am: The Common Indian:** Decoding RK Laxman's legacy to a new generation.  
E. P. Unny in conversation with Ruchira Das

**2.30pm: Har Ek Pal Ka Shayar:** Javed Akhtar on the relevance of Sahir Ludhianvi's poetry  
in his centenary year. In conversation with Mudar Patherya

**3.20pm: ...Hanste Tader Mana:** Anuvab Pal and Cyrus Broacha on laughter and humour  
as a survival kit in pandemic times. In conversation with Sandip Roy

**4.10pm: Remo Unplugged:** Remo Fernandes in conversation with Arka Das

**5pm: Waqt:** Javed Akhtar presents an interpretation of his acclaimed poem by Sangeeta Datta

**5.50pm: Dongri Dons to Mafia Queens:** S. Hussain Zaidi discusses his work and fascination  
with the murky side of Mumbai. In conversation with Labonita Ghosh

**6.40pm: Rocket Boys-Real and Reel Stories:** Mallika Sarabhai and Jim Sarbh in conversation  
with Shrayana Bhattacharya

### MAIN STEPS, VICTORIA MEMORIAL HALL

**7.45pm: Raag Desh:** Classical music performance by Rashid Khan, poetry by Srijato

## DAY 4 | FRIDAY, MARCH 25

### EAST GATE KALAM LAWNS, VICTORIA MEMORIAL HALL

**10.30am: Growing Up:** Third Space Collective

**2.00pm: Large Short Films Matinee**

**2.30pm: Aw Kinchit:** Anindya Chattopadhyay in conversation with Prithwi Bose and  
Rwitobroto Mukherjee (Bangla Session)

**3.20pm: Soumitra Smriti:** Madhabi Mukherjee, Poulami Chatterjee and Suman Mukhopadhyay  
discuss the theatre, cinema and other roles of Soumitra Chatterjee  
In conversation with Sanchari Mookherjee (Bangla Session)

**4.20pm: A Death in Sonagachchi:** Rijula Das in conversation with Supriya Newar

**5.10pm: Names of the Women:** Jeet Thayil in conversation with Sandip Roy

**6pm: Girish Karnad's This Life At Play:** Raghu Karnad, Mohan Agashe and Arshia Sattar\*  
on the plays, the films, the writings, the man. In conversation with Debnita Chakravarti  
(Arshia Sattar will join online)

**6.50pm: Victoria Memorial Shatabdi:** Jayanta Sengupta, Bachi Karkaria, Anindya Chattopadhyay  
and Agnijit Sen discuss Kolkata's romance with the memorial across generations  
In conversation with Poorna Banerjee

### WESTERN QUADRANGLE

**2.15pm: Publishing, Translations and Festivals:** Arunava Sinha, Gourahari Das and  
Debanjan Chakrabarti in conversation with Padmini Ray Murray

**3.10pm: Has The Web Series Kidnapped The Thriller?** Krishnan Srinivasan and Anuvab Pal\*  
in conversation with Pratiti Ganatra (Anuvab Pal will join online)

**4pm: The East Bengal Century:** Goutam Roy discusses the football and the history  
of the *maidan* titan. In conversation with Debanjan Chakrabarti

**5.30pm: Sketches from France:** Nicolas Wild, Cheyenne Olivier discuss the illustrated narrative  
and cartoon culture in Paris. In conversation with Pinaki De

**6.30pm: The Beatles in India:** Ajoy Bose on his documentary on the Fab Four's tryst with India.  
In conversation with Gautam Bhimani

**7.30pm: Mallika-e-Bharatnatyam:** Bharatnatyam performance by Mallika Sarabhai

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## DAY 5 | SATURDAY, MARCH 26

### EAST GATE KALAM LAWNS, VICTORIA MEMORIAL HALL

**10.30AM: Satyajiter Chhelebel:** Agnijit Sen and Poorna Banerjee

**11.20am: Watershed:** Mridula Ramesh and Bikram Grewal on India's water crisis  
In conversation with Labonita Ghosh

**12.10pm: Early Indians:** Tony Joseph on the migrations that made India. In conversation with Sujaan Mukherjee

**1pm: Mahanagarer Nayak:** Dhritiman Chaterji, Barun Chanda\* and Pradeep Mukherjee on debuting as protagonists in Ray's City Trilogy  
In conversation with Riddhi Sen (Barun Chanda will join online) (Bangla Session)

**2.30pm: Bengal Cinema and the National Gaze:** Sayandeb Chowdhury, Amitava Nag discuss their biographies of Uttam Kumar and Tapan Sinha  
In conversation with Sangeeta Datta

**3.20pm: The Raja Who Painted Maharajas:** Manu Pillai on the princes of India through the works of Ravi Verma. In conversation with Priyadarshinee Guha

**4.10pm: Bhasha Artha Satya:** Sukanta Chaudhuri discusses his new book with Semanti Ghosh (Bangla Session)

**5.15pm: In An Ideal World:** Kunal Basu discusses his new book with Raghu Karnad and Malavika Banerjee.

**6.10pm: Mancha-Chitrer Brittanto:** Suman Mukhopadhyay, Kaushik Sen and Anirban Bhattacharya with Aveek Majumdar. Launch of Suman Mukhopadhyay's book (Bangla Session)

**7pm: Ray's Way:** Mohan Agashe and Samik Bandyopadhyay on the sketches, the preparation and the methods behind Ray's films . In conversation with Agnijit Sen

### WESTERN QUADRANGLE

**2pm: The Spirits of India:** Ruskin Bond\* and Rakesh Khanna discuss ghosts, spirits and monsters. In conversation with Sandip Roy (Mr Bond will join online)

**2.45pm: The Shiva Trilogy – A Decade Later:** Amish looks back at his trailblazing start in writing. In conversation with Siddharth Pansari

**3.40pm: Priyo Diary:** Nilanjan Bandyopadhyay, Arunava Sinha and Khan Ruhul Rubel\* on being chroniclers of a place. In conversation with Madhuja Banerjee (Khan Ruhul Rubel will join online) (Bangla Session)

**4.30pm: Rediscovering the Wilderness:** Bikram Grewal and Bittu Sehgal\* on whether the pandemic has changed the way Indians look at nature. In conversation with Sumit Sen (Bittu Sehgal will join online)

**5.20pm: It Is Far More Than A Game, This Cricket:** Pradeep Magazine discusses how cricket and India have changed and remained the same over the decades  
In conversation with Rahul Bhattacharya

**6.10pm: Italian Brahmins to Firpos:** Manu Pillai, Isabella Nardi and Gianluca Rubagotti on Italian footprints across India. In conversation with Sujaan Mukherjee

### SKINNY MO'S

**7.30pm: HMT:** Hollis Coats, Sandeep Madhavan and Jeet Thayil in performance

### BENGAL CLUB

**Royal Stag Barrel Select Kalam Bioscope**

**6pm: Kalam Bioscope-The Beatles And India:** Premiere of Ajoy Bose's Documentary

**8pm: Samayer Smritimala:** Screening of Goutam Ghose's short film on the pandemic followed by a discussion with the director and Suman Mukhopadhyay

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## DAY 6 | SUNDAY, MARCH 27

### EAST GATE KALAM LAWNS, VICTORIA MEMORIAL HALL

**11.20am: Get Well Soon:** Ratnaboli Ray and Kunal Sarkar discuss mental and physical health challenges during and beyond the pandemic. In conversation with Janet Gasper Chowdhury

**12.10pm: Desperately Seeking Shah Rukh:** Shrayana Bhattacharya in conversation with Paroma Roy Chowdhury

**1pm: Amish At Large:** Amish Tripathi on writing, the pandemic and seeing India from outside and within. In conversation with Janet Gasper Chowdhury

**1.50pm: Large Short Films Matinee**

**2.15pm: Tennis Laboratory:** Gautam Bhattacharya discusses his new book on the aces of tennis. In conversation with Jaidip Mukarjie and Chinmoy Guha (Bangla Session)

**3pm: Born A Muslim:** Ghazala Wahab discusses her award-winning book with Jashodhara Chakraborti

**3.50pm: Kabul, Kyiv and Us:** Nicolas Wild and Krishnan Srinivasan on the world's warzones and our differing perceptions. In conversation with Paroma Roy Chowdhury

**4.40pm: Culture Club:** Bachi Karkaria, Chandrahas Choudhury and Sandip Roy discuss writing about books, culture and owning one's opinion in polarised times  
In conversation with Debanjan Chakrabarti

**5.30: Ray Writes:** Samantak Das and Pinaki De discuss Ray's writing gene. Readings of recently published stories by Ray by Dhritiman Chatterji bookend the discussion

**6.40pm: Two Maestros:** Simi Garewal discusses her work in Satyajit Ray's and Mrinal Sen's films  
In conversation with Jayabrato Chatterjee

### WESTERN QUADRANGLE

**3.30pm: Labannakto:** Anita Agnihotri in conversation with Aparajita Dasgupta (Bangla Session)

**4.30pm: Dante's Divine Comedy-The 700-Year Journey:** Sukanta Chaudhuri and Doyeeta Majumdar discuss the impact of one of the world's greatest literary works on its 700th anniversary. In conversation with Samantak Das. Introduction by Gianluca Rubagotti

**5.30pm: Nair's Leela:** Bachi Karkaria on the life, the times and the hotels of Capt. Nair  
In conversation with Malavika Banerjee

**6.20pm: Abanindranath@150:** R. Siva Kumar and Jayanta Sengupta discuss the artist's legacy and the collection of his works at Victoria Memorial. In conversation with Sujaan Mukherjee

### MAIN STEPS, VICTORIA MEMORIAL HALL

**7.45pm: Kalam 2022 Finale:** Classical sitar recital by Ustad Shujaat Khan

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