

Kathakar – International Storytellers Festival was started in 2010 under the aegis of UNESCO as part of the Ghumakkad Naram – Travelling Literature Festival, with the aim to preserve and promote the traditional oral art form of storytelling. Traditionally, folk tales, epics and community history were communicated orally with gestures, expressions and voice modulations to leave a lasting imprint on the listener's mind, where the storyteller would sit under a tree and entertain the audience with legendary tales.

IGNCA and Nivesh together bring you a season of story telling with the seventh edition of Kathakar – International Storytellers Festival from 1 to 3 December 2017 at the Central Lawns, IGNCA, 11, Mansingh Road. The performers this year are:

National Storytellers

Vishal Bhardwaj (Mumbai, Maharashtra): Is an Indian film director, writer, composer and producer. He has directed nine feature films, produced five and composed music for more than forty. He has received 3 international awards and 7 national film awards for his work and recently, he has begun his stage career by directing and composing music.

Mohit Chauhan (Mumbai, Maharashtra): Is a musician, singer, composer and songwriter. He is well-known for his songs in the film industry as well as his independent music. A recipient of several awards, he continues to document, perform and promote folk music from the Himalayas.

Nautanki Group (Mathura, Uttar Pradesh): Nautanki is one of the most popular folk theatres from India. It has been the biggest entertainment medium in villages and towns of northern India since ages. Its musical compositions are rich and full of humour.

Prarthana Gahlote (Dehra Dun, Uttarakhand): Is an author and a journalist for twenty years with the national media, spanning print, TV and digital. She writes poetry in Hindi and lyrics for songs.

She is a storyteller, writer and the festival director of Kathakar.

Chaya Nataka Brundam (Andhra Pradesh): Tholubommala or leather puppetry is a fusion of fine art, music, dance and literature. Natural and chemical dyes are used to accentuate character traits of the puppets which are made of goat hide.

Rachna Bisht (New Delhi): Specialises in women and children issues. She started the Don't-e-Book campaign with UNESCO to support class libraries in every under-privileged school. She is a seeker of stories and the co-organiser of the Kathakar festival.

Divya Pathak (Ranikhet, Uttarakhand): Is a performer from Uttarakhand. Divya has acted in several plays based on short stories including Putna, Naya Munshi, Gopuli Babu and Panchayat mein Panchali.

Shaguna Gahlote (New Delhi): Is a performance storyteller, writer and curator of Kathakar. She performs stories on Indian mythology, folktales, tales from around the world with wit and humour. Her first book on folktales is out this December.

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Bruno Leone (Italy): He is credited with single handedly rescuing the Neapolitan street tradition of Pulcinella puppetry from extinction in the 1970s. Bruno is a supreme ambassador, maestro and teacher of his tradition.

Joe Baele (Belgium): He began his long and winding artistic career as a free-lance clown some 25 years ago. Joe tells these old traditions full of humour and passion, fear and disaster, hopes and fading glories.

Peter Chand (United Kingdom): He has been storytelling since 1999, and has entertained audiences all over Britain and beyond, with his tales from the Indian subcontinent. Being born to Indian parents who migrated to the UK, he combines English and Punjabi seamlessly to tell stories full of life and wisdom.

Entry Free. Seating on first come, first serve basis. For registration and info write in to: igncakaladarsana@gmail.com ghumakkadnaram@gmail.com, nivesh.india@gmail.com



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शुभारम्भ एवं 'क्युरियस टैल्स फ्रॉम द हिमालयाय' पुस्तक का लोकार्पण
1 दिसम्बर 2017 को शाम 6 बजे
माननीय श्री किरण रिजिजू, गृह राज्यमंत्री द्वारा विशेष उपस्थिति, श्री विशाल
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Inauguration and book launch of Curious Tales from the Himalayas
1 December 2017 at 6:00 pm
Sh. Kiren Rijju, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs,
Sh. Vishal Bhardwaj, Dr Sachchidanand Joshi, Sh. Mohit Chauhan,
Sh. Manoj Tiwari and H.E. Harinder Sidhu

दिनांक: 1-3 दिसम्बर 2017

Date: 1 to 3 December 2017

समय: सायं: 4:30 pm से 8:30 pm बजे तक

Time: 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm

स्थान: IGNCA सेंट्रल लॉन्, 11 मानसिंह रोड, नई दिल्ली - 1.

Venue: IGNCA Central Lawns, 11 Mansingh Road, New Delhi - 1

स्कूल के बच्चों के लिए विशेष शो प्रातः 9:00 am बजे से 12:30 pm बजे तक

Special shows for school children from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm on 1 and 2 December 2017

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Date: 1 to 3 December 2017 • Time: 4:30 to 8:30 pm

Friday, 1st December 2017	
4:45 pm	Circus acts
5:00 pm	Tales from Punjab by Peter Chand (UK)
5:30 pm	Tales of Promises by Joe Baele (Belgium)
6:00 pm	Inauguration and book launch of Curious Tales from the Himalayas by Sh. Kiren Rijju, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs, Sh. Vishal Bhardwaj and H.E. Harinder Sidhu in the presence of Distinguished Guests Sh. Manoj Tiwari, Dr Sachchidanand Joshi and Sh. Mohit Chauhan
6:10 pm	Inaugural Address by Shri Kiren Rijju ji, MoS Home Affairs
6:25 pm	Connecting cultures through stories (Panel discussion), followed by Story Sharing - Storytelling by Sh. Kiren Rijju, Sh. Vishal Bhardwaj, Dr Sachchidanand Joshi, Sh. Mohit Chauhan, H.E. Harinder Sidhu, Sh. Manoj Tiwari moderated by Aarita Tripathi
6:45 pm	Pulcinella through puppetry by Bruno Leone (Italy)
7:30 pm	Kisse kahani aur music with Vishal Bhardwaj and Mohit Chauhan moderated by Prarthana Gahlote
Saturday, 2nd December 2017	
4:15 pm	Circus acts
4:30 pm	Speed storytelling for amateur storytellers with Rachna Bisht (India)
4:45 pm	Ekbitna - Story of Deemdayal Upadhyay
5:00 pm	Curious Tales from the Himalayas by Prarthana Gahlote (India)
5:15 pm	From the five rivers and beyond by Peter Chand (UK)
6:00 pm	Pulcinella through puppetry by Bruno Leone (Italy)
6:45 pm	Strange and scary stories by Joe Baele (Belgium)
7:30 pm	Nautanki by Choudhury Sajjan Singh and group (Uttar Pradesh, India)
Sunday, 3rd December 2017	
4:15 pm	Circus acts
4:30 pm	Open mic session for audience and story tellers with Rachna Bisht (India)
4:45 pm	Story of Nanaji Deshmukh
5:00 pm	Curious Tales from the Himalayas by Shaguna Gahlote (India)
5:15 pm	Riddle and stories from around the world by Peter Chand (UK)
6:00 pm	Tales of Friendship by Joe Baele (Belgium)
6:45 pm	Pulcinella through puppetry by Bruno Leone (Italy)
7:30 pm	Sundar Kand in shadow puppetry by Chaya Nataka Brundam (Andhra Pradesh, India)