

A Bi-monthly Newsletter by KalaGram, Society for Fine Art Initiatives in Gurugram



The year so far

The year 2020 has been a tumultuous one so far, forcing entities and institutions to adopt digital ways of functioning. Yes, these unprecedented waves of change saw KalaGram sway and drift. However, what remained unchanged was the Spirit of our team and this very spirit gave birth to the idea of 'Kala Shiksha Abhiyan' - a digital approach to our flagship program. As we introduce Kala-Connect to the world, our hearts are full with gratitude and appreciation for our collaborators and all those who have rendered unwavering support to us in these challenging times. This edition features our enterprising initiatives, collaborations, and practices to promote art and artistes.

Celebrating our collaborators

Carnatic Vocal Concert by Ranjani Gayatri

KalaGram had the honour and privilege of hosting a soulful performance by eminent vocalists and violinists Ranjani Gayatri and co-artistes L Ramakrishnan and Sai Giridhar **|3-9 August, 2020|**

Kal-Aakaar Collective





In our collaboration with Kal-Aakaar Collective - a performing arts academy and performers' collective, we hosted several Facebook Live shows for children and adults alike. As part of our 'Weekend Live Shows' and 'Master Class Series', we have successfully co-hosted a Qawwali by the Niazi Nizami Brothers, Eolian or 'Borne of the Wind' by Flautist Rohit Prasanna, Samvaad - an interactive workshop with Guru Pt Gaurav Mazumdar, a shadow theatre show, Puppet show, a comical show for children by artistes Sukhmani Kohli and Vishal Singh and Medusa by Mihir Dhar Prabhu on our social media platform

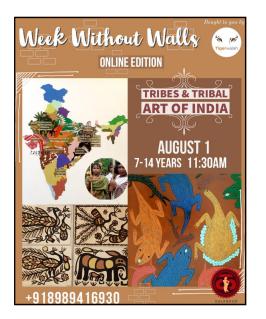
Art for Gratitude

In an effort to honour frontline workers who have made a difference in their fight against COVID-19, our team reached out to the residents of Gurugram, and collated paintings created by them. As many as 100 select paintings were presented to ASHA workers, members of health, sanitation and police departments by Deputy Commissioner Amit Khatri on behalf of KalaGram and the District Administration |23.06.2020|



Deputy Commissioner of Gurugram, Shri Amit Khatri felicitating a member of the Health Department

To Art, Artistes & Sustainability

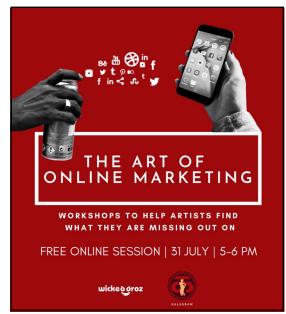




FREE SESSION

A session held in collaboration with 'Tigerwalah' saw children belonging to the age group of 7-14 learn about the tribes of India and Tribal Art **|01.08.2020|**

In our collaboration with Use Me and Enlightened Sapiens, we held an interactive and do-it-along session by professional upcycler Meenakshi Sharma who taught the participants how to make a Rakhi and a special gift using materials lying at home |25.07.2020|





Painting with Sankar Thakur

In our collaboration with contemporary watercolour artist Shankar Thakur, a painting session was held on FB Live **[01.08.2020]**

The Art of Online Marketing

We joined hands with Wicked Broz - India's first graffiti agency, and held an online session curated for artistes who struggle with marketing their work online and finding the right audience |**31.07.2020**|



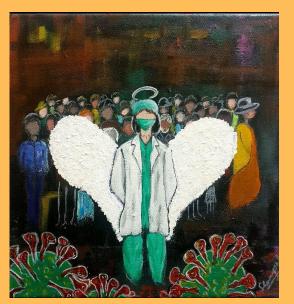
Creative Writing Competition

We invite budding writers, poets, and journalists to send in their short stories, poems, articles, etc. on the theme as mentioned below. The entries shall be evaluated by a panel of judges and the selected works shall be recognized by the District Administration of Gurugram.

THEMES: THE SPIRIT OF GURUGRAM, COVID-19



THE SUBJECT WRITING KAS AND A CONCOMMENDATION OF THE SUBJECT WRITING KAS WITH RELEVANT PERSONAL DEFAILS. IT IS PREFERRED THAT EACH ENTRY IS ATTACHED AS A PDF TO THE MAIL. DEADLINE: 3RD AUGUST, 2020



For the residents of Gurugram

We are pleased to accept entries from the residents of Gurugram for participating in our online competitions. Entries will be accepted for Performing Arts competition till 12.08.2020. We are collaborating with eminent artistes namely, Amjad Ali Khan, Jyotsna Rana, Priya Venkataraman, Vani Bhalla Pahwa, Nadya Balyan, Rashmi Choudhary and Rajan Bhatt for choosing the winners for dance, music and photography competitions. Aparajita IAS, Peeush Tomar will select the winners for the creative writing competition. The winners will be recognized by the District Administration of Gurugram.