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SOUTH ASIAN LITERATURE
AND ART FESTIVAL

2019



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Montalvo Arts Center

welcome to the south asian literature and art festival

This is the Bay Area's first festival dedicated to showcasing contemporary reflections of literature and the arts from the subcontinent. Today features books and readings, hands-on art activities, writing programs, art exhibitors, folk artists, Bollywood pop-up dancers, bhangra rhythms, and other dance interludes—all interspersed with delicious food stations representing the flavors of South Asia.

Thank you for celebrating with us!

plan your day

GOOD TO KNOW

Food & Drink

Enjoy tasty fare from Chaat Palace and Indian Express on the Great Lawn. Wine, beer, soda, and water, is available for purchase on the Veranda.

Free Montalvo Shuttles

Run approximately every 15 minutes from West Valley College (Parking Lot 1) and Montalvo Arts Center. Final shuttle of the evening departs Montalvo at 5:30pm.

Marketplace

Vendors for books, fashion, art, and more are in the Oval Garden marketplace.

Kavita Silks

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Marigold Row

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in the Solarium

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Rangoli in Sobrato Circle • Purvi Shah (picassoartclass.com)

Henna on the Great Lawn • Prashanthi

Facepainting on the Great Lawn • National Charity League

PANEL SCHEDULE

12pm

Historic Villa

Canvass reflections: Rekha@Sixty: Transient worlds of belonging. One of the foremost contemporary feminist artists, Rekha Rodwittiya in conversation with Dr. Prajit Dutta of Aicon Gallery NY

Garden Terrace

The Subcontinent's children: Authors Mitali Perkins and Naheed Senzai in conversation with moderator Sadaf Siddique

1pm

Carriage House

Living Museums: Robert Mintz, Deputy Director for Art and Programs at the Asian Art Museum, and Abhishek Poddar, founder and trustee of the Museum of Art and Photography in Bangalore, India in conversation with moderator Priyanka Mathew of Sunderlande Art Agency

Historic Villa

The tide of their Poems: Author Athena Kashyap and author Tanuja Wakefield moderated by Ritu Marwah

Garden Terrace

Music & book reading for children and young adult readers: Authors Mitali Perkins and Sadaf Siddique, with singer Ramya Shankar

2pm

Carriage House

From the Sacred to the Profane: Meet the men behind Netflix's original *Sacred Games*—Varun Grover, Vikramaditya Motwane, and Vikram Chandra, moderated by Tipu Purkayastha

Historic Villa

There are no margins: Writer, performer, poet, and queer activist Minal Hajratwala and author Siddharth Dube in conversation moderated by Harsha Ram, Associate Professor at UC Berkeley

Garden Terrace

Gupshup, Chai, and Stories: Authors Ritu Marwah, Priya Satia, Sujit Saraf, Vamsee Juluri, and Neerja Raman, and an open mic

3pm

Carriage House

India's Hidden Stories: From WW2 to Whatsapp: Raghu Karnad, Indian journalist and writer and recipient of Windham-Campbell Prize for non-fiction, in conversation with Jonathan Curiel, an award-winning writer and journalist in San Francisco

Historic Villa

Midnight's Children and Beyond: Highly acclaimed authors of the South Asian diaspora, Shanthi Sekaran and Nayomi Munaweera, in conversation moderated by Moazzam Sheikh

Garden Terrace

Rapid Reading: Curated by author Minal Hajratwala/Write Like a Unicorn: Bay Area literary luminaries share three-minute bursts of poems and stories inspired by magic

Featuring: Devi Laskar, Anita Felicelli, Ravi Chandra, Sunita Dhurandhar, Tara Dorabji, Alka Roy, Jaya Padmanabhan, Tanuja Wakefield, Mathangi Subramanian, Shikha Malaviya

4pm

Carriage House

Confluences: Cinema, Poetry, and Art. An elaborate encounter with Deepti Naval, moderated by Harsha Ram, Associate Professor at UC Berkeley

DANCE INTERLUDES

12:55–1pm Historic Villa • Sthree Productions

1:55–2pm Historic Villa • Xpressions
Garden Terrace • Sthree Productions

2:50–3pm Historic Villa • Sthree Productions
Garden Terrace • Xpressions

3:50–4pm Historic Villa • Sthree Productions

4–4:40pm Garden Terrace • Shalini Dance Academy

4:50–5pm Historic Villa • Finale with Xpressions

Participants: Xpressions (xpressions.dance) • Sthree Productions (facebook.com/SthreeProductions) • Shalini Saxena Dance Academy (shalinisaxena.com)

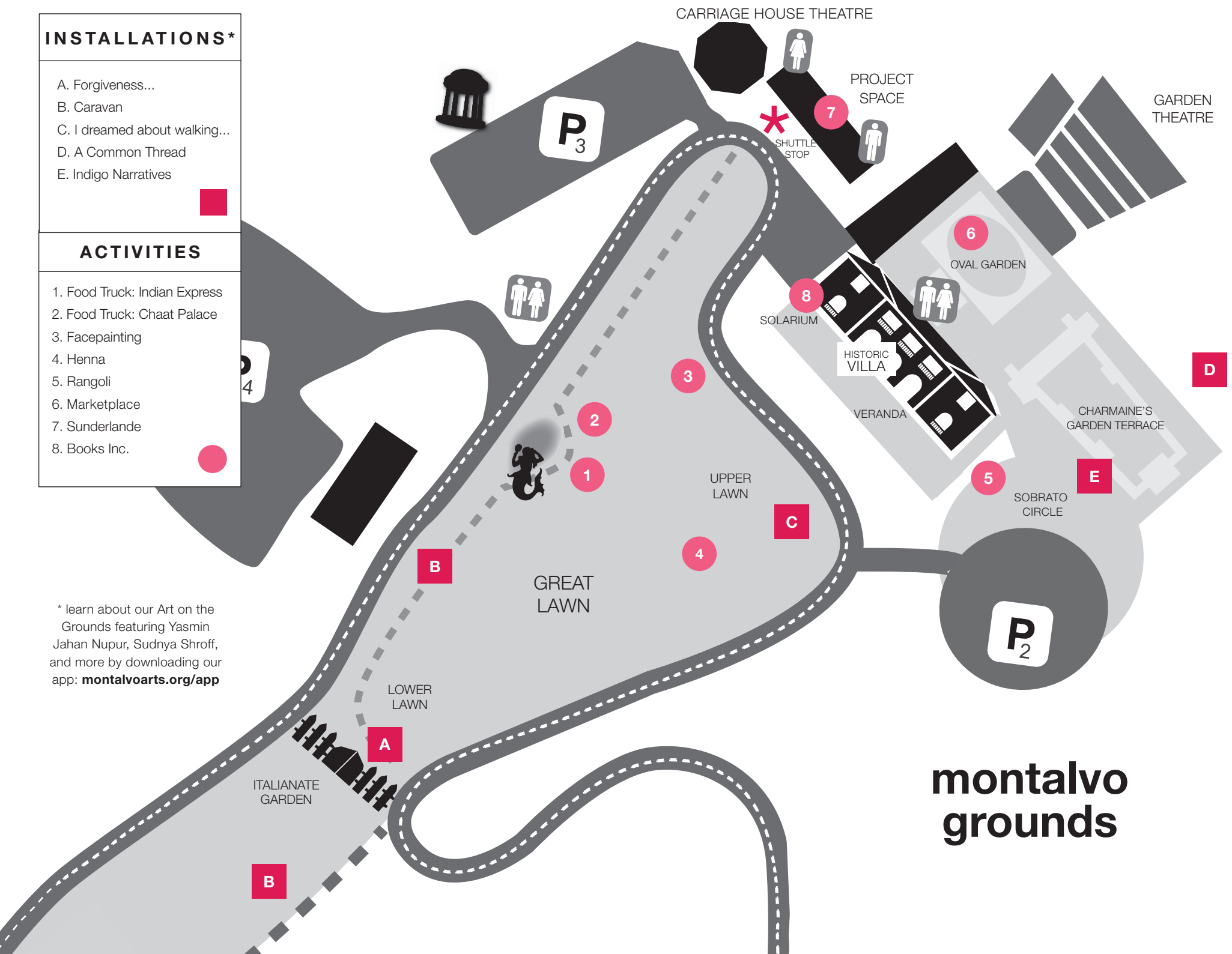
INSTALLATIONS*

- A. Forgiveness...
- B. Caravan
- C. I dreamed about walking...
- D. A Common Thread
- E. Indigo Narratives

ACTIVITIES

- 1. Food Truck: Indian Express
- 2. Food Truck: Chaat Palace
- 3. Facepainting
- 4. Henna
- 5. Rangoli
- 6. Marketplace
- 7. Sunderlande
- 8. Books Inc.

* learn about our Art on the Grounds featuring Yasmin Jahan Nupur, Sudnya Shroff, and more by downloading our app: montalvoarts.org/app



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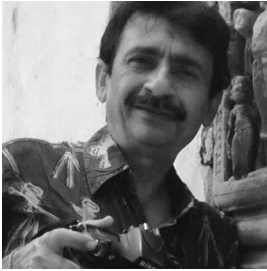
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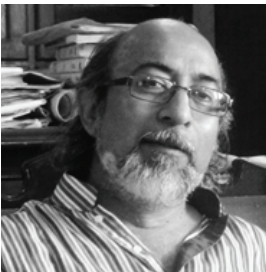
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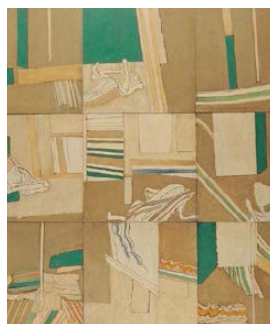
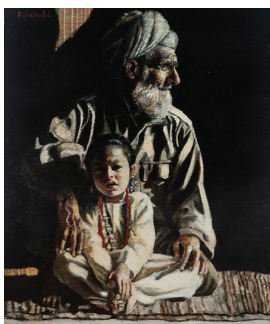
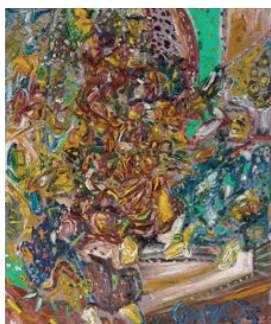
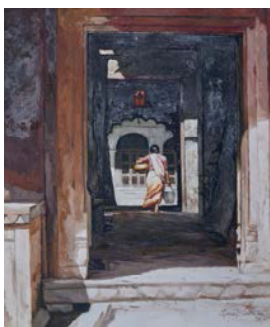
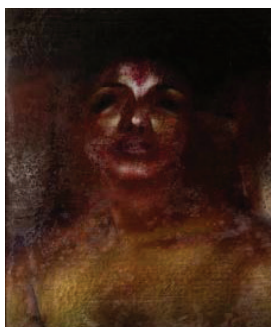
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and programs of the festival**

sunderlande art agency presents

Revelations: The Evolution of Modern and Contemporary Indian Art

Sunderlande is delighted to present the current exhibition, featuring iconic works by Jamini Roy, M. F. Husain, F. N. Souza, Krishen Khanna, Anjolie Ela Menon, Sanjay Bhattacharya, Prabhakar Barwe, and others. The exhibition follows the remarkable birth and incredibly diverse path of 20th Century South Asian art from its beginnings with Jamini Roy and the Bengal School, to the golden age of the post-Independence Modernists, and on through the critical experimentations of India's second generation of modern painters. The works on view trace the passing of the Modernist baton (often back and forth) through the course of three generations, as they inspired and influenced one another to achieve constantly evolving new heights of experimentation and creativity. But special attention is drawn to those first and second generation Modern Masters who may have been underappreciated during their lifetime, or historically overlooked until a very recent new wave of scholarly exploration and intensifying critical interest which promises a long overdue rethinking of the traditional canon of South Asian Modern art.

Revelations is on view in the Project Space



additional festival programming

join us for extended festival events through October 18

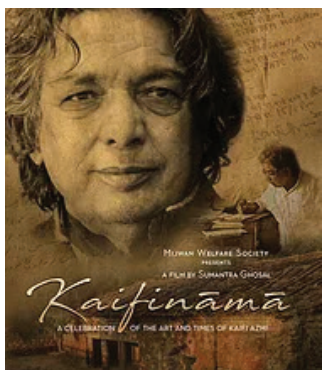


Salon Session

Fri, October 11 • 7:30pm
Montalvo Arts Center • Free

Revisiting Gandhi: The Art of Shelly Jyoti
+
The Romance of Champaner Straight from the Digs: The Photography of Rahul Gajjar

Moderated by Kalpana Desai, President of the Society for Art and Cultural Heritage of India (SACHI)



Festival Closing Film

Sun, October 13 • 2pm
Serra Theatre (Milpitas) • \$15

GuruCool
Directed by Sangita Iyer
Produced by Mettle
India/Canada | 32 mins | English

Kaifinama
Directed by Sumantra Ghosal
Produced by Mijwan Welfare Society
India | 90 mins | Hindi, Urdu with English subtitles

Plus, actress Ashvini Bhawe will be in attendance and available for a Q&A after the screenings



From Text to Screen: Vikram Chandra & Anurag Kashyap in Conversation

Fri, October 13 • 7:30pm
Montalvo Arts Center • \$25-40

Vikram Chandra, award-winning author of the crime novel *Sacred Games*—which was adapted into a hit Netflix original series in India—will discuss the journey of taking a book to the screen with award-winning director Anurag Kashyap. This insightful conversation will touch on topics of Chandra's inspiration, the challenges of adapting a book into a series, and the vision needed in order to bring a story to life.

for more information and tickets, visit
artforumsf.org/sala-program

about artforum sf

Art Forum is a not for profit that strives to define and promote all art forms emerging from South Asia. We endeavor to present the visual, the literary and the performing arts in their manifold versions thus promoting a wider reach for South Asian voices. Art Forum provides a confluence for various artistic forms to develop and collaborate while retaining the identity yet relating to the global.

about montalvo arts center

Montalvo Arts Center's mission is to engage the public in the creative process, acting as a catalyst for exploring the arts, unleashing creativity, and advancing different cultural and cross-cultural perspectives. We achieve our mission by creating and presenting arts of all types, nurturing artists, and using our historic property in innovative ways. This extraordinary physical environment coupled with a rich diversity of multigenerational visitors and artistically excellent programs make Montalvo a unique multidisciplinary arts organization that has become a place for people of all ages and all walks of life to engage in meaningful, accessible, and inspiring arts experiences.

about the lucas artists program

Housed within Montalvo Arts Center, the Sally and Don Lucas Artists Residency Program (LAP) is a creative incubator dedicated to supporting the creative process for artists from all creative disciplines and geographical locations. The LAP encourages the creation of new and adventurous works, supports risk taking, collaboration and cross-disciplinary investigation of contemporary issues. It's also a cultural producer and presenter, continually seeking new ways to engage the public in the artistic process and works of its Artist Fellows.

See what's happening at the LAP by visiting the online archive:

montalvoarts.org/lap





LEE MINGWEI THE MENDING PROJECT

September 19–December 8, 2019 | Open Thu–Sun, 12–4pm*

The Mending Project is an interactive installation featuring several simple elements—thread, color, and sewing—as a point of departure to create meaningful connections between strangers. Originally conceived as an installation that would bring people together in conversation, *The Mending Project* has since been shown in museums nationally and internationally and continues to be a catalyst for connection.

You are welcome to bring a garment or textile in need of repair to Montalvo. At a table, a volunteer “mender” will invite you to sit and talk while they creatively mend your item. Garments may remain in the installation space as part of the art work until the closing reception, when visitors may return to retrieve them.

Lee Mingwei creates participatory installations that are open-ended experiences designed to foster everyday interaction and bring people together to explore issues of trust, intimacy, and self-awareness. Through one-on-one encounters, the artist invites visitors to contemplate topical issues with others as they eat, sleep, walk and converse. Each project is shaped by the involvement of the participants, allowing for evolution of the work over time.

**hours are subject to change; please visit the website to ensure the installation will be open*

Learn more and plan your visit at
montalvoarts.org/mending

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Friends of the LAP are advocates, donors, and partners with the Lucas Artists Program at Montalvo, who sustain the program as it presents the work of multidisciplinary artists at increasingly high levels and in increasingly ambitious ways. Friends of the LAP enjoy inside access to resident artists and their creative process.

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art on the grounds



caravan

HELLEN ASCOLI



a common thread

SUDNYA SHROFF



I dreamed about walking in the sky...

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forgiveness, the misplaced grace

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indigo narratives

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(pictured left)