



Anak Collective

Gallery * Screenings * Workshops



12th & 13th February 2025

Bangalore International Centre, Domlur





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12-13 February 2025 | 10:30 AM to 4 PM





Overview

Aha! Collective is a unique fair that fosters imagination, inspiration and collaboration. The fair is an extension of Agastya International Foundation's Dhwani Media-on-a-Bike program, empowering government school children in India to express their creativity. Children participating in the fair showcase original films, photographs, and stories, sharing their voices and celebrating their artistic skills. The fair also features creative and immersive installations through which children's works are reimagined and transformed, showcasing new interpretations. A display of professional artworks and photographs alongside children's creations act as inspiration and demonstrate the impact of storytelling and artistic expression. Accompanying the gallery spaces are creative workshops and performances, which are aimed at sparking creativity and fostering collaboration.

Agastya's vibrant young instructors will lead the fair, guiding you through each experience and inspiring the creativity of all who attend. This two-day event promises to ignite imagination and highlight the endless possibilities of artistic expression.

The fair has been curated by Jinal Sangoi, a visual artist and educator who explores creative methodologies through participatory and collaborative practices that integrate art, design, pedagogy, and community. Since 2019, she has designed and led workshops for children and teachers, including those at the Kala Ghoda Festival and Kala Kootami with Agastya International Foundation. A CalArts alumna, she is currently the co-director of the Council for Arts and Social Practice and teaches at IIT Bombay. A recipient of the Arts for Good Fellowship, Gender Bender Grant, and Tim Disney Prize, she has exhibited and taught worldwide, fostering interdisciplinary dialogue through art and education.



Featured sections



- **Resonate**
- Lasting Imagination



- **Remix**
- Reimagined Creativity



- **Reflect**
- Shaping Inspiration



Resonate

Lasting Imagination

Agastya's Dhwani Program, supported by Adobe, equips over 9,000 children across India with skills in storytelling, photography, and filmmaking. Children document their culture and communities, completing projects like storybooks, photo stories, films, animations, or audio stories. This hands-on approach nurtures their creativity and imagination while equipping them with valuable skills for self-expression. Select works are featured in the Resonate section, offering audiences a captivating glimpse into the unique perspectives and creative brilliance of these young storytellers.





Remix

Reimagined Creativity

The Remix section celebrates collaboration and innovation, where students and artists draw inspiration from the creative works of children in the Dhwani Program. Using these stories, photos, films, and animations as a starting point, they craft their own installations and artworks. This process not only honors the children's imagination but also reimagines their creations in new and exciting ways, showcasing the transformative power of creative exchange.



Reflect

Shaping Inspiration

The Reflect section showcases the work of professional artists, illustrators, and photographers, offering children a window into the possibilities of creative expression. By presenting diverse and accomplished works, this section serves as a source of inspiration, encouraging children to dream big and see the potential of their own creative journeys. It bridges aspiration and achievement, sparking curiosity and ambition in the young minds exploring their talents.



Featured Artists



Abhinav Joshi
Photographer

Maniyarasan Rajendran
Photographer

Amitabh Kumar
Artist and Illustrator

Ramakrishnan N
Artist and Painter

Anita Khemka
Photographer

Upamanyu Bhattacharya
Illustrator, Animator and Filmmaker

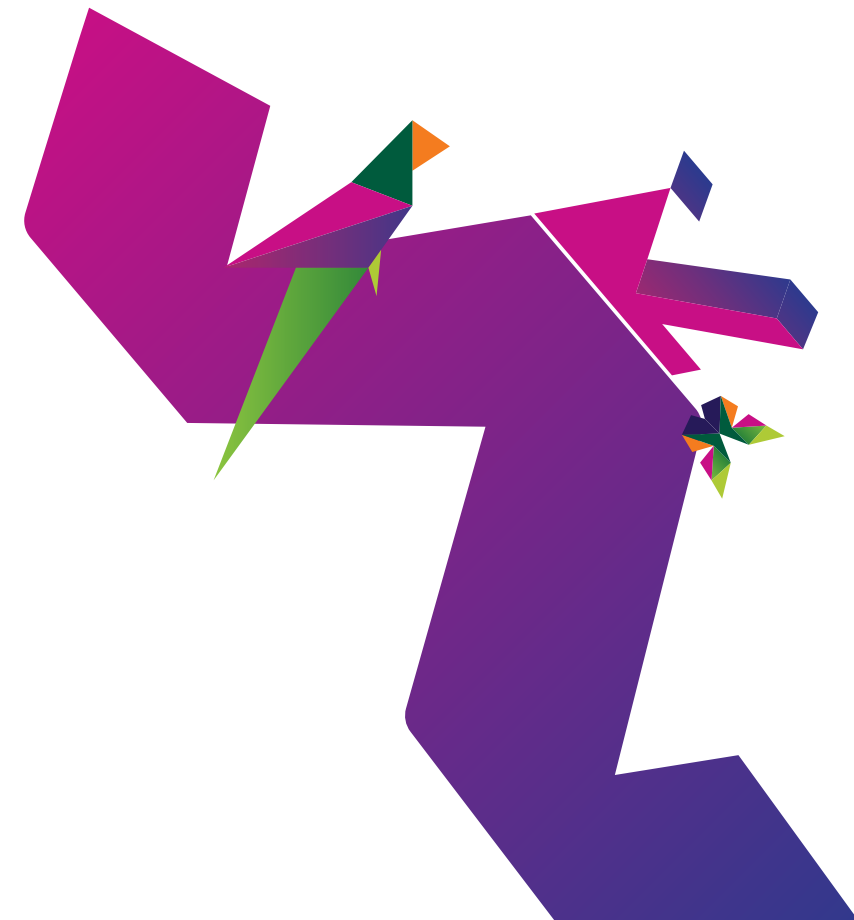
Deepa Balsavar
Illustrator and Educator

Vasant Nayak
Photographer

Jagath Narayan
Photographer

Learn Through Stories

Jeena Raghavan
Artist and Painter



Creative Workshops

Engage in interactive workshops designed to spark your imagination and creativity:

Music Workshop by Subramaniam Academy of Performing Arts

Join Kshitij S Kashyap and Ankita Pai from Subramaniam Academy of Performing Arts (SaPa), renowned for its immersive music education in Indian and global traditions. In this interactive workshop, participants will explore rhythm, sound, and teamwork through singing and percussion, fostering creativity and collaboration in a fun and engaging way.

Date: 12th February 2025 | Time: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Zine-Making Workshop with Megha Vishwanath

Join independent artist and illustrator Megha Vishwanath for a hands-on zine-making workshop! Explore the origins and cultural significance of zines, learn creative paper-folding techniques, and collaborate in a fast-paced, team-based activity to craft your own zine. Whether you're a storyteller, artist, or curious creator, this session is a chance to experiment, express, and discover the joy of DIY publishing!

Date: 12th February 2025 | Time: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Silly Billy Mimes with Suhasini Seelin

Step into the magical world of mime, where stories come to life without words! Led by actor and performer Suhasini Seelin, this workshop invites you to explore everyday moments through movement, expression, and a touch of silliness. Play with gestures, sounds, and imagination to create entire worlds out of thin air in this fun, interactive session for all ages!

Date: 13th February 2025 | Time: 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Math in Music with Sujatha Thiagarajan

Veteran Veena artist Sujatha Thiagarajan introduces young learners (11–14) to Carnatic music's core concepts—Shruthi (melody) and Laya (rhythm). Through interactive demonstrations on the Veena, Katapayadi system, participants will explore the 72 Melakarta raga system and the mathematical precision of rhythm and melody in this engaging session.

13 February 2025 | 12.15 PM to 1.30 PM

Printmaking for Kids with Ananya Ghadge

Discover the joy of printmaking in this hands-on workshop with artist Ananya Ghadge! Using beginner-friendly techniques like sunboard and collagraph, children will explore textures, patterns, and creative expression through the art of printing. A fun and accessible introduction to a timeless craft!

Agastya Ignators (educators) and young instructors will also host a range of dynamic and engaging workshops, adding even more opportunities for creativity and exploration during the fair.





Spotlight

Monster and Lil Boy - A Performance by Sanket Pethkar

Step into the world of Monster and Lil Boy, a captivating performance by Sanket Pethkar. Meet Bhooka, a quirky monster from the deep forests of Dahanu with a love for bizarre pickles. Do you want to find out what these pickles are?

The Rhythm Beneath Your Feet – An Installation by Yogendra Saniyawala

Step, listen, and discover the hidden symphony beneath your feet, where each surface tells its own playful story. What magical experiences will you uncover in the rhythm of your footsteps?

Creative and Immersive Installations

Discover stunning installations created by artists, design students and educators from Agastya's Campus Creativity Lab, showcasing inventive and imaginative works.

Adobe Creative Skilling Exhibition

Experience the creative visions of young artists from the Agastya Creative Skilling Program, supported by Adobe. This exhibition showcases striking photographs, films, and multimedia productions crafted by students as part of their journey in visual storytelling. A celebration of imagination, skill, and creative expression!

Create Change Stations

Dive into creativity at the Create Change Stations, where visitors can explore and experiment with Adobe's powerful creative tools. Get hands-on experience with digital design software, and discover how technology can bring your ideas to life.

Vidyashilp Academy Art Showcase

Explore the vibrant creativity of Vidyashilp Academy's Art Department in this special showcase. Featuring a diverse collection of artistic works, this exhibit highlights the talent, imagination, and expressive journeys of young artists.





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