

Creative Convergence

Bengaluru
5–6 Nov

Growth
Reimagined



Schedule

Day 1

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Wednesday | 5 Nov 2025

10.00–10.45

Inauguration and Keynote Session

11.15–11.30

Inauguration of the Innovation Space

11.00–17.00

Arts Bazaar

A two-day platform spotlighting innovative creative enterprises, celebrating the vibrant economy and ties to sustainability.

Curator: Rashmi Dhanwani, Founder-Director, Art X Company & Festivals from India

11.30–13.30

Policy conference

Imagining and Designing Creative Cities

Curated discussion on festivals (including literature), resilient infrastructure, and public-private partnership networks for the creative economies of both countries as part of UK-India's living bridge.

Curator: Rashmi Dhanwani, Founder-Director, Art X Company & Festivals from India

Speakers: Amahra Spence, Arjun Bahl, Dipti Rao, Gayle McPherson, Malini Goyal, Manasi Prasad, Poornima Sukumar, V. Ravichandar

14.30–16.30

Pitch Fest

(By invitation only)

A formal pitch session for 10–15 creative brands to engage with angel investors.

Curator: Rashmi Dhanwani, Founder-Director, Art X Company & Festivals from India
In association with NICE.org

14.30–16.30

Sector Network Talk

Workshop on Music City Futures

Capacity building | Music export | Intellectual property | Opportunities for young and emerging talent to enhance and grow their skills, knowledge, and expertise in the music industry.

Curator: Vishruti Bindal, Co-founder, Linear Festivals

Fellow of the British Council x Factory International Creative Producers Programme 2025–2026

Speakers: Anthony Yates, Arpito Gope, Manojna Yeluri, Maureen Gonsalves, Rafael Pereira

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Day 2

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Thursday | 6 Nov 2025

10.00–19.00

Skill Conference: Workshop

Art of the Possible: Towards skilled and confident art workforce in India

Curator: Bruce Guthrie,

Head of Theatre and Film, National Centre for the Performing Arts (NCPA)

Speakers: Eric Gautron, Jarnail Sandhu, Mark Dakin, Sam Woodward

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Roundtable

Curating with Care

A spotlight on the role artists, curators and visual art spaces play through a consideration of collaborative creative practice and the opportunities for new forms of storytelling, imaginative and relevant skill building and inclusion.

Curator: Padmini Ray Murray, Founder and Director, Design Beku

Speakers: Amahra Spence, Fakkir Hulikottal, Gayle McPherson, Kunal Lokhande, Meg Jayanth, Tabitha Percy Kaki, YSK Prerana

16.00–18.30

Tech Tonic Shifts: Navigating the groundbreaking world of art-science-tech futures

(By invitation only)

This session builds upon British Council's report, *Arts and Technologies in India: Reimagining the Future*, which provides insight into the ideas informing the arts and technologies ecosystem in India.

Curator: Kamya Ramachandran,

Festival Director & Co-curator, Future Fantastic and Be Fantastic

Speakers: Jahn timer Phalkey, Marie McPartlin

17.30–19.00

Sector Network Talk

Innovation Space

Curator: Rashmi Dhanwani, Founder-Director, Art X Company & Festivals from India

Speakers: Janhavi Kulkarni, Nidhi Bala

19.00–19.50

Neural Natak: A Techno-Magic Performance

An audio - visual performance by Spryk

The performance re-imagines generative AI as a present-day jadoogar (street magician). Unfolding in four continuous 'reels,' the piece plays like an Indian sci-fi short film edited and scored live.

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