

PROGRAMME

27 January 2015

4.00 p.m. SBI auditorium

INAUGURATION:

Chief Guest: Mamata Banerjee, Hon'ble Chief Minister, West Bengal

Inaugurator: Anita Anand, British author

UK representatives: Rob Lynes, Director British Council India, Scott Fursessedonn-Wood, British Deputy High Commissioner.

5.30 p.m. SBI auditorium

Concert by Ghazalaw

The sublime sounds of India and Wales combine in this unique and exquisite collaboration that brings together the Indian Ghazal and Welsh folk traditions.

28 January 2015

3.00 p.m. SBI auditorium

Anita Anand, author of *Sophia, Princess, Suffragette, Revolutionary*, in conversation with Samita Sen, Vice-Chancellor, Diamond Harbour Women's University. Introduced by Rob Lynes, Director British Council India.

6.00 p.m. SBI auditorium

Shereen El Feki, author of *Sex and the Citadel*, in conversation with author-filmmaker Sangeeta Dutta. Introduced by Richard Everitt, Director Education, British Council India.

29 January 2015

5.00 p.m. SBI auditorium

Author Zia Haider Rahman delivers the Ashok Sarkar Memorial Lecture. Introduced by Scott Fursessedonn-Wood, British Deputy High Commissioner.

31 January 2015

1.30 p.m. UK pavilion

Filmmaker Ed Owles in conversation with British Deputy High Commissioner Scott Fursessedonn-Wood followed by the screening of *The Auction House: A Tale of two Brothers*.

The oldest auction house in India is fighting for survival in the age of eBay and a changing Calcutta. This film follows its owners, brothers Anwer and Arshad, as they struggle to save their family business and a piece of India's heritage which still brings people from across Indian society through its doors today.

4.00 p.m. UK pavilion

Will Buckingham, author of *The Descent of the Lyre*, in conversation with Souvik Mukherjee, Presidency University. Book to be launched by Sujata Sen, Director British Council East India.

1 February 2015

4.30 p.m. Nandan II

Screening of *The Auction House: A Tale of two Brothers* with an introduction by Ed Owles.

Contact British Council Customer Service Desk, 16 Camac Street, Kolkata 700017 for invitations.

The UK pavilion will have all information on studying in the UK, learning English, UK qualifications and British contemporary literature. There will be demonstration classes on English every day. Outreach events being held in partnership with Centre for Translation of Indian Literatures and Centre for Advanced Studies, Jadavpur University, Rani Birla College, Scottish Church College, South City International.

For more details logon to www.britishcouncil.in

2 February 2015

2.00 p.m. SBI auditorium

Professor Vivienne Baumfield in conversation with scholar Bharati Ray on "Vivekananda: Internationalism and the 21st Century."

4.30 p.m. SBI auditorium

Scottish poet Bill Herbert and Alexandra Buchler, Director Literature Across Frontiers, in conversation with writer Sampurna Chatterjee.

Preceded by a translation workshop from 29th to 31st January at Centre for Translation of Indian Literatures, Jadavpur University.

4 February 2015

4.00 p.m. UK pavilion

Interactive session on maths and numeracy between teachers from the UK and Association for Improvement of Mathematics Teaching, Kolkata.

5.00 p.m. UK pavilion

Performance by professional storyteller Sarah Rundle on 'The Art of Storytelling'.

5 February 2015

10.00 a.m. British Council, 16 Camac Street, Kolkata 700017

Workshop by professional storyteller Sarah Rundle. Open to 18 years and above. For registrations contact the British Council Customer Services Desk.

6 February 2015

3.30 p.m. SBI auditorium

UK storyteller Sarah Rundle in conversation with author Bani Basu. Moderated by Richa Wahi.

7 February 2015

5.45 p.m. Press Corner, Kolkata Book Fair

Tracy Irish, Warwick Business School Shakespeare Scholar at The University of Warwick, in conversation with Abhijit Gupta, Professor of English, Jadavpur University, on "Shakespeare and Communication to Wider Audiences".

6.30 p.m. SBI auditorium

Walking Cities: Welsh poets Joe Dunthorne and Johnathan Edwards, poet-author Jeet Thayil and author Tishani Doshi. Moderator Anjum Katyal.

Pairing up Welsh and Indian writers to commemorate Dylan Thomas' birth centenary. The writers tour Kolkata encountering a foreign city through the eyes of a local host.

8 February 2015

2.00 p.m. SBI auditorium

Authors Amit Chaudhuri and Adam Foulds in conversation. Moderated by Sujata Sen.

3.30 p.m. UK pavilion

Launch of *Inspired by My Museum* by Adam Foulds and Jayanta Sengupta, Secretary and Curator, Victoria Memorial Hall.

8.00 p.m. CLOSING CEREMONY

Closing concert by British musicians Soumik Datta and group.

Programme is subject to change