



6th Edition of the
Kochi-Muziris Biennale

Opening Week Programme



The Programmes are hosted across several public venues on the Islands to celebrate the spirit of its unique context and communities

12th December 2025

11:45 am / Aspinwall House

Gates open to public

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Thayambaka

Margi Rahitha Krishnadas and team perform percussion on *Chenda* (traditional drums)

12:00 pm / Aspinwall House

Hoisting of the Kochi-Muziris Biennale flag

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm / Aspinwall House

Public walkthrough:

KMB Curators Nikhil Chopra with HH Art Spaces



12th December 2025

1:00 pm / Courtyard, Aspinwall House

Performance: A New Alphabet by Monica de Miranda

1:30 pm / Coir Godown, Aspinwall House

**Performance: Procession for a Shifting Storm
by Zarina Muhammad**

3:00 pm / Island Warehouse

**Walkthrough at Willingdon Island: Nikhil Chopra
with HH Art Spaces**

*Modes of travel: Water Metro, Mattancherry or a short taxi or
auto ride. Please start at 2:30 pm*

4:00 pm / SMS Hall

**Performance: Hallucinations of an Artefact,
Mandeep Raikhy**

5:30 pm / Parade Ground, Fort Kochi

**Official Inauguration of the Sixth Edition of the
Kochi-Muziris Biennale by Shri Pinarayi Vijayan,
the Honorable Chief Minister of Kerala**

7:00 pm / Parade Ground, Fort Kochi

Concert with Shanka Tribe



13th December 2025

11:00 am / VKL Warehouse

Opening of the Students' Biennale 2025-26

12:00 pm / Armaan Collective & Cafe

Edam

Curated by Aishwarya Suresh and KM Madhusudhanan

1:00 pm / SIMI Warehouse

Walkthrough of Invitations exhibitions with Alice Yard and Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Panamá

2:30 pm / Durbar Hall, Ernakulam

**Opening: KBF Special Project - Gulam Mohammed Sheikh
Conversation: Gulam Mohammed Sheikh in conversation with Roobina Karode and Nikhil Chopra**

3:00 pm / Parliament of Ghosts, Anand Warehouse

Conversation: Ibrahim Mahama (also on 14th at 3:00 pm)

3:00 pm / Jail of Freedom Struggle

Invitations Programme:

Walkthrough with **Alkazi Theatre Archives**



13th December 2025

3:45 pm / David Hall

Invitations Programme:

Walkthrough with **Nairobi Contemporary Art Institute**

4:30 pm / Oottupura, Pazhayannur Bhagavathi Temple

Opening of Conflictorium

5:30 pm / Cube artSpace

Opening of **Six Stations of a life pursued: Vivan Sundaram**

5:30 pm / Aspinwall House

Performance:

Paakkalam by Smitha M. Babu & collaborators

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm / Devassy & Sons

Opening of the Invitations Exhibitions and Residency:

Bienal das Amazônias, Dar Yusuf Nasri Jacir for Art and Research,
The Packet and ruangrupa/Gudskul

8:30 pm / Parade Ground

Mehfil-e-Sama'a

Sufi-Hindustani classical music ensemble



14th December 2025

10:00 am / Various Venues

Opening of the Collateral Programme

Featuring Ardee Foundation, Forplay Society supported by Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan Bangalore, Gallerie Splash, Lakshmi Madhavan Studio, massArt, Monsoon Culture, Pipio, supported by Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan Pune, Rizq Art Initiative, and Sarah Chandy

12:00 pm / Space, Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mattancherry

Walkthrough with **Nikhil Chopra, KHOJ, and Govandi Arts Festival**

2:00 pm / Water Metro Station, Fort Kochi
Opening of the Art By Children Programme

3:00 pm / The Stage, Cochin Club*

South as Method

Gathering: Institutions from the Invitations Programme and Curators unpack their work and contexts through discussions and the presentation of projects.

4:00 pm / Aspinwall House

Performance: Yuko Kaseki

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14th December 2025

5:00 pm / Jail of Freedom Struggle

Circle of Fragments: A Spiritual Architecture of Care

Designed by Meriem Chabani - NEW SOUTH, in collaboration with Nirmiti Collective. A site specific - lecture performance curated by Anissa Touati with philosopher Mohamed Amer Meziane and design critic Malkit Shoshan

5:00 pm / SMS Hall

Performance: Hallucinations of an Artefact, Mandeep Raikhy

5:00 pm / Pepper House

Performance: Chicago Boys, Hiwa K

5:30 pm / Aspinwall House

Performance: Paakkalam by Smitha M. Babu & collaborators

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm / Arthshila Kochi & St. Andrew's Parish Hall

Vernissage of Students' Biennale 2025-26

7:30 pm / Parade Ground

Amma Kala Sangam

Folk music performance by indigenous artists
Nanjiyamma and Team

9:00 pm / Parade Ground

Chavittu Nadakam

Yuva Kerala Chavittu Nadaka Kalasamithi, Kurumbathuruth, performs the Latin Christian theatre believed to have originated in 16th-century Kochi. It is known for its energetic, rhythmic style, blending of dance, music and theatre



15th December 2025

11:00 am / The Pavilion, Bastion Bunglow

Conversation: HH Art Spaces, Nikhil Chopra and Mario D'Souza

Unpacking the themes, processes, challenges and adventures of making this edition.

11:15 am / The Pavilion, Bastion Bunglow

Lecture Performance: Statues Must Die, Naeem Mohaiemen & Mallika Taneja

5:00 pm / The Pavilion, Bastion Bunglow

Ackroyd & Harvey: The Art of Activism

Film Screening by Fiona Cunningham Reid

Venue: The Stage, Cochin Club*

5:00 pm / 111 Markaz & Cafe, Bazaar Road

Performance: Uriel Barthelemi

5:00 pm / Island Warehouse, Willingdon Island

Performance: Yuko Kaseki

7:00 pm / The Pavilion, Bastion Bunglow

The F16s

Alternative Rock Band

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16th December 2025

11:00am / The Pavilion, Bastion Bunglow

Lecture: Brook Andrew

5:00 pm / SMS Hall

Performance: Hallucinations of an Artefact, Mandeep Raikhy

7:30 pm / The Pavilion, Bastion Bunglow

Mehboob Memorial Orchestra

Named after the legendary Malayalam playback singer H. Mehboob, this orchestra is the first in Kerala to popularise ghazal singing.

17th December 2025

7:30 pm / The Pavilion, Bastion Bunglow

Karinthalakootam

Karinthalakootam – meaning 'generations' in Porulicha language from the Pulaya community of Central Kerala – is a folk band presenting art forms like Thira, Vattamudi Kolam, Karimkali Kolam, and more

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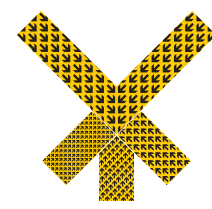
Students' Biennale



Art By Children



Invitations Programme



Let's Talk Series



Music of Muziris

