

Hello friends,

I am back again after a lot of cajoling from friends.
As we get into the BUSY shopping season everyone wants their info in ONE place
so that they do not miss out on anything!!
And of course we have a fair share of entertainment too in this season.
So here goes.

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BE THE CHANGE

Over the last year, there has been a strong buzz around #MakeinIndia. <https://milaap.org/communities/makeinindia>

We believe (and you'd agree too!) this goes beyond big companies and MNCs to encouraging thousands of small businesses - craftsmen, artisans, weavers.

This Independence Day, we are showcasing the inspiring stories of 16 artisans and their communities who are doing this without fanfare.

From Bashir who weaves Khatan Cashmere shawls in Kashmir and exports it to famous labels in US, to Rajalakshmi who makes home decor products that adorn the IKEA stores in Europe, we have rural artisans from across India with a single common aspiration to weave their magic in the global sphere.

Our goal is to make their businesses grow and create a 1000 jobs this month.

Thanks to our impact partners, through August, every contribution made to these artisans on Milaap will be matched 2X, thereby *Doubling Your Impact*.

Join us in empowering the grassroots to #MakeinIndia.
Visit: <https://milaap.org/communities/makeinindia>

Warmly,
MILAAP

Last week I saw an amazing play MERA WOH MATLAB NAHI THA
starring Anupam Kher & Neena Gupta.

I look forward to another MUST WATCH play - BETWEEN THE LINES
A nail biting courtroom drama starring the gorgeous & acclaimed Nandita Das & her husband Subodh Maskara.
A contemporary play, Thought provoking & Intelligent.

SG50 promo - 10% off when you buy 4 tickets.
www.sistic.com.sg/events/lines0815
www.facebook.com/teamwithtaste DONT MISS THIS

Dear Students, Parents and Art Lovers,

We at Temple of Fine Arts would like to invite you all to - Dharma Ashoka - a stage production that brings to life the metamorphic journey & spiritual uplift of the mighty Mauryan Emperor Ashoka, who upon witnessing the suffering brought about by his greed and desire for conquest, sought inspiration from teachings of the Buddha, relinquishing violence and instead adopting peaceful models of rule.

The production will be held at TRCC Theatre (Republic Polytechnic) 9 Woodlands Avenue, Singapore 738964, on the evenings of 27, 28 and 29 August 2015 at 8pm. Admission is by Invitations which are available at TFA office.

6.30pm onwards - Display & Sale of artefacts by Lavanya Arts
6.30-7.30: Dinner by Annalakshmi - EAT what U want, PAY what U feel.

Please call, email or come down to our office to reserve or collect your invites.

Kind regards
Temple of Fine Arts [6535 0509](tel:65350509)

<http://www.tfasg.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/events/439589459546982/>

SAMARPANA the Asian Festival of Classical Dance is back!
Aug. 21-23 Fri- Sun at various venues at the Esplanade.
The versatility, beauty and heritage of dance in a contemporary, engaging showcase!

Virtuoso singer Kavita Krishnamurti, top Odissi artiste Sujata Mohapatra, author & mythologist Devdutt Pattanaik, UK's contemporary star Aakash Odedra, Holland's acclaimed choreographer Kalpana Raghuraman, renowned Bharatanatyam duo Shijith & Parvathy Nambiar with Lalitha Vaidyanathan's music orchestra and more!

Tkts \$10-90 on SISTIC.
<http://sistic.com.sg/events/samarpana2015>

WWW.SAMARPANAFESTIVAL.NET or CALL [97530531](tel:97530531)

Apsaras Arts' latest Bharatanatyam production "Alapadma: The Lotus Unfolds",
premiers on September 4th and 5th, 2015 @ The Esplanade 8pm

The many aspects of the lotus such as Srishti Sarasija (signifying creation), Pada Pankaja (mythology), Leela Kamala (romance), Alankaara Ambuja (iconography) and Sahasrara Padmam (human wisdom) will be brought alive through music and dance.

(1 hr 30mins, no intermission)

150 ladies in 'Redsaris' will join the 'One Community Walk'. Those interested please register your name and details at [8168 6892](tel:81686892) by text or whatsapp only. Please remember it's on a first come basis. Registration will close as soon as we have 150 numbers. Hurry and message. It's on a first come basis...
Aug 30, 7.00am "DEMURE DRAPES" on facebook

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All are invited for the pre festive fair on this Saturday on 15 August from 1-7 pm
Rakhis, Clothing, Home decor, Suits, Sarees, Alteration services
AT: Costa Rhu Condo, Dolphin Room, Tanjong Rhu Road.

DIVA's Closet at Regent Hotel, Tomlinson Road
Friday 28th August, 10am to 7pm
2015 Festive collection of saris, Lehengas, Skirts & Blouses.
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SILK ROOT is Launching the Avante-Garde of the Indian Fashion Movement- Rohit Gandhi + Rahul Khanna, Eina Ahluwalia and Namrata Kumar for the First time in Singapore.

Tuesday September 1, 2015, 10:30am - 6:00pm.

Four Seasons Hotel, 190 Orchard Boulevard

<https://www.facebook.com/events/837157453072258/>

VMall's Pre-Festive BAZAAR on Wednesday 2nd September 2015, from 10am-6pm

CRYSTAL BALLROOM, Holiday Inn Orchard
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/vmallbazaars/?fref=nf>

The Boutique is a One Day Fashion and Lifestyle event in Singapore at YANTRA, Tanglin Mall
SNNA - Banaras Revisited, Madison by Trishna Bajaj, KRASSA, by Vikram Phadnis, etc
Thursday 3rd Sept, 10.30am to 6.30pm
<https://www.facebook.com/theboutiquesingapore?fref=ts>

De Ideaz joins hands with the DIVAlicious to bring over 60 reputed fashion designers including MASABA to showcase their collections in Singapore.
Friday 4th Sept, 9am to 10pm
Hotel Fairmont, Stamford Ballroom Level 4, 80 Bras Basah Road
Saturday 9am to 2pm.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/475027222660005/>

Showcase of Chikanwork creations from ALANKRIT, Lucknow!
Sept 4th Friday & 5th Sat.
At The Colonial @ Scotts, a cozy boutique hall housed in the quaint Black & White bungalow along Scotts road (next door to 'Song of India' restaurant). There is free parking (limited) at the venue and its a short walk from Newton MRT Stn.

Sarees, Salwar Suits (readymades and materials), Tops/Tunics, Dupattas, Pants/Palazzos etc. We also have the Concepts range this year. Lightweights, casuals, wovens etc...a more affordable range that promises to be easier on your pockets :))
<https://www.facebook.com/events/949070341820476/>

ARPITA MEHTA, Aartivijay Gupta, Gaurang, Pinnacle by Shruti Sancheti, etc @ NUMAISH. Over 40 Designers presenting Festive Collections of Traditional & Fusion Apparel, Jewelry & Accessories.
NUMAISH Festive Fair on 10th & 11th September 2015, at Holiday Inn Singapore Orchard City Centre.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/370766086450079/>

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For the very first time, witness 7 Hijras (3rd Gender) taking pride and honour in being Indian and singing the National Anthem of India, by Yathartha Pictures
<https://youtu.be/WBRtIxMtGfA>

Alexander McCandless "Happiness is only real when shared."