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DECEMBER 8 -10, 2017

Walk through time and history.
Art and the artisans.
Culture and camaraderie.

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LALBAGH | MAHESHGUNJ | GHURNI |
KRISHNANAGAR | CHANDANNAGAR

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Walk through time and history in Lalbagh, Maheshgunj, Ghurni, Krishnanagar, Chandannagar
The Silk River India Walk offers you a unique opportunity for artistic exchange based on the year-long Silk River project this December.

Indian artists are invited to this exchange with 15 visiting artists from the UK and Kevin Rushby, eminent travel journalist covering Silk River for *The Guardian*.

Itinerary

8th Dec

- Morning walk at Motijheel (optional)
- 8am: Day journey by boat
- Introductions
- Talk by eminent historian Pradeep Gooptu
- Reflections on Silk River - Salon led by Ali Pretty, Artistic Director - Silk River and independent cultural producer Elizabeth Lynch with Korak Ghosh, Artistic Director - Silk River India and Ruchira Das, Silk River India Project Director.
- Vision for the Hooghly
- Songs of the river by Pranesh Som
- Reach Krishnanagar
- Visit to Balakhana estate in Maheshganj - an indigo planter's bungalow. Enjoy a walk in the estate gardens led by Ranodhir Palchoudhuri, the current owner of this beautiful 19th century villa.
- Overnight on the boat



9th Dec

- 9 am: Visit Ghurni, an artisans' village, and interact with clay artists
- 10 am : Walk from Ghurni to Krishnanagar Rajbari, along with students from Krishnanagar Academy. Led by Tamal Bandopadhyaya.
- 11am : Talk by Tamal Bandopadhyaya.
- Baul/Fakir - Subhadra Sharma, Babu Fakir
- Puppetry - Ranjan Roy
- Clay Doll artists: Saikat Mondal, Pranab Biswas
- Picnic lunch at Baganbari
- Visit local 'daaker shaaj' and shola artist Ashish Bagchi's studio
- Overnight on the boat

10th Dec

- Journey to Chandannagar passing Bandel, Hooghly Imambara, Chinsurah, Jubilee Bridge
- 9:30 : Presentation on the schools' participation in Silk River in India & the UK
- Greeted by local community members on reaching Chandannagar
- 5pm : Get-together at IMA Hall, followed by 'Mrityunjoy', a play based on Revolutionary leaders from this region, written by Sulogna Chakraborty
- Light display on the Strand by Babu Pal and local lighting artists
- Overnight on the boat

Participation fee of INR 10,000 should be paid in advance by 3rd December 2017.

Fee includes all meals, local transfers, cultural visits, 1 night at City Hotel, Motijheel and 2 /3 nights on boat provided by WB Tourism Department.

Limited places available. To sign up, please contact tamali@thinkarts.co.in

About Silk River <http://www.silkriver.co.uk/>

Silk River is an ambitious project which explores the unique relationship between London and Kolkata through artistic exchange between communities along the Thames Estuary and India's Hooghly River. Kinetika's Artistic Director Ali Pretty, with associate Artistic Director Ruchira Das (Think Arts, India) and an international team of artists, writers and photographers, will capture and interpret the experience of journeying along these two mighty rivers. Working in 20 locations from Murshidabad to Batanagar (Hooghly) and Royal Botanic Gardens Kew to Southend (Thames) to reinterpret a shared heritage, Kinetika's Silk River will raise cultural awareness of the Indo-British relationship through engaging diaspora communities who live alongside both rivers.

Silk River UK took place along the Thames between 15-24 Sept and will culminate in West Bengal along the Hooghly 7-17 Dec 2017 with two river walks where the stories of the 20 locations will be revealed to local, national and international audiences through the showing of 20 giant hand-painted Bengali silk scrolls and accompanying performances.