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Making designs

The third edition of Art Bengaluru promises to leave an indelible imprint on the city



City. Look out for workshops and lectures and a luxury charity auction too. With 16 galleries participating from across the country, this promises to be a dream hub for artists. "Art Bengaluru isn't just a place to buy and sell art, but a celebration of all art forms. On the opening night, we have a performance by musician Toshi Raina, because music is also art," explains Uzma Irfan, founder of Sublime Galleria and conceptual head of the festival.

What's on

Artists like Farhad Hussain, Ganesh Doddamani, Nirmala Anand, Laxman Aeley and Niren Sengupta will be showcasing their works. Workshops including music art, cake



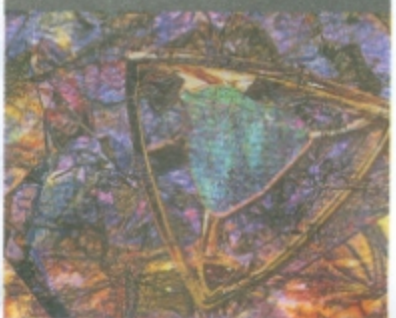
art, dance art, wax art, photography and music with junk will take place. There will be a children's exhibition also, because as Irfan puts it, "We should give their work exposure otherwise how will the unknowns of yesterday become the famous of tomorrow?" On the last day, there will be a luxury charity auction, featuring the works of legendary figures like MF Hussain and Jamini Roy.

August 10 to 24. ₹400 for the children's art workshop. ₹500 per person for other workshops. At Vittal Mallya Road. Details: 7760979451

— Shefali Rao

Bedazzled wonder

Jewellery designer Pallavi Foley and Hyderabad-based artist Viji Pillai have come out with a unique collaboration specially for this year's edition of Art Bengaluru. While Foley will display her jewellery as it is, Pillai will showcase a range of works inspired primarily by her designs. "I'm always inspired by travel, and my latest collection has South-East Asian influences," says Foley. So while viewing Pillai's work, you might notice not only embossed versions of Foley's rubies, diamonds and pearls, but also Buddha and Ganesha. "I have used them in my representation of her work, partly because I wanted some of them to only have elements of her pieces, rather than be replicas. And you'll find that there are Buddhist and Hindu influences in South-East Asia, which is what has inspired her work," he tells us. And the novelty in his work will be to try and figure out whether it is embossed or just an impression of her work.



RITER-POET Oscar Wilde famously wrote "Life imitates Art far more than Art imitates Life." But if he were to attend the third edition of Art Bengaluru, he would find art imitating jewellery as well. Artist Viji Pillai's work inspired by that of jewellery designer Pallavi Foley is only one of the several things lined up for the art lover, this year.

Starting this weekend, Art Bengaluru 2012, one of South India's most prominent contemporary art festivals, will take place at The Collection, UB



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