

# museum of modern and contemporary art sri lanka

## **\_Here's to what's to be in 2023!**

We'd like to say a huge thank you to all those who have funded and sponsored our activities, training, and research during 2022. With your support the MMCA Sri Lanka is helping to build new audiences for modern and contemporary art in Sri Lanka. Culture plays an important role in creating greater understanding and reflection during the times we live in. Art histories remind us of this role, and your support helps us curate exhibitions that aim to explore and raise awareness about such histories.

If you have not visited Rotation 3 of 'Encounters' (closing 19 March 2022), please come and visit the exhibition. Visitor Educators are on hand in the galleries to take you around or answer questions in Sinhala, Tamil, and English. Works by A. Mark (1933–2000), George Keyt (1901–1993), Nelun Harasgama (b. 1959), and Janani Cooray (b. 1974) are all newly on display in the exhibition.

We have an exciting new programme for 2023 which includes our next exhibition titled 'The Foreigners' which opens in May, and our second Museum Intensive planned for October. We look forward to sharing more details on these, along with a host of other exciting events and exhibitions soon!

## **\_Looking back on 2022**

2022 was a year of political and economic turmoil in Sri Lanka. It was also a time when we saw the public come together to protest against the worst economic crisis since independence. In spite of closures caused by the protests and fuel issues, we welcomed over 16,000 visitors and delivered a free programme of exhibitions and events.

Opening a new venue on the ground floor of Crescat Boulevard, Colombo 3, the MMCA Sri Lanka launched its second exhibition titled 'Encounters' on 10 February 2022. The exhibition has opened three successive Rotations. From

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February to December 2022, 1,869 visitors joined 101 free public programmes which included 15 Gallery Talks, 19 Workshops, 31 Curator's Tours and 30 special events including Puzzle Days, performances, and film screenings. A further 656 visitors joined 28 Curators Tours conducted as part of the MMCA Sri Lanka's outreach programmes.

As the MMCA Sri Lanka grows, so do its training efforts. In 2022, we conducted our first Museum Intensive programme involving 18 organisations from across the island. This was conducted in collaboration with the Reinwardt Academy and the Cultural Heritage Agency in the Netherlands. During the course of the year, we also hosted 14 internships, and employed a total of 40 Visitor Educators as part of our public engagement efforts. Responding to the difficulties faced by schools to visit the museum, we launched MMCA AfterSchool which provides stimulating, fun, and collaborative learning experiences for school children between the ages 6–10.

## **\_Visit**

Ground Floor  
Crescat Boulevard  
Colombo 3

### **Admission Free (including all events)**

#### **Hours**

**Daily 10am—6pm**

#### **Closed on Poya days and public holidays.**

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