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Our newest exhibition titled 'The Foreigners' curated by Sandev Handy and Sharmini Pereira opened on 3 May 2023! During just its first two months the show has attracted over 3700 visitors who have come to enjoy the works of Arjuna Gunaratne, Danushka Marasinghe, Dinelka Liyanage, Hema Shironi, Hania Luthufi, Imaad Majeed, Isuru Kumarasinghe, Janani Cooray, K K Srinath Chathuranga, Nina Mangalanayagam, Reginald S. Aloysius, S.H. Sarath, Shyama Golden, Stephen Champion, and Sumudi Suraweera.

Don't miss out on this amazing show that brings together the works of 15 contemporary artists, who use varying media to address the entangled ways in which foreignness is inscribed onto them, marking them as strangers, outsiders, or transgressors. If you haven't checked it out yet, make sure to drop in at the MMCA Sri Lanka premises on the ground floor of Crescat Boulevard, Colombo 3. Entrance to the museum and all its public programmes is free, and 'The Foreigners' is open for you until 22 October 2023!

Our regular programming is back, with exciting new Workshops, Gallery Talks, Reading Groups, and much more offered as part of Education and Public Programmes of 'The Foreigners'. Head over to our website and social media linked below to see what intriguing events await you!

We are very excited to announce that the MMCA Sri Lanka will present an evening of artists' films from 'The Foreigners' at The Photographer's Gallery in London during Frieze London from 11–15 October 2023!

In February our brilliant Chief Curator Sharmini Pereira spoke to Claire Voon of [Art In America](#) on building a new museum in the global south. In addition to that, 'The Foreigners' has been mentioned in the [Artguide](#) by Artforum as a must-see exhibition in Colombo!

Following the very successful visit to New Delhi at the beginning of the year, our Founding Patrons visited Jaffna from 23–25 June. They met several artists, arts organisations and professionals based in Jaffna including the Jaffna Cultural Center, designed by Madhura Prematillike of Studio TeamArchitrave, Sri Lanka's first architect designed multi-purpose cultural venue.

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