



# Festival Programme

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06  
Thursday

09:30 - 12:30

TBA

**Your Life in Words**

Marguerite Richards

Workshop



10:15 - 11:15

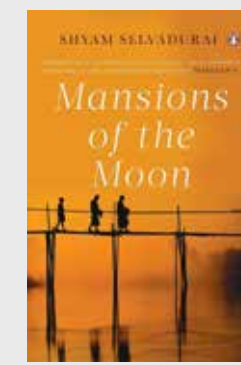
Maritime

**Decolonising My Body**

Afua Hirsch

with Kalpanee Gunawardana

In Conversation



10:15 - 11:15

Hall De Galle

**Mansions of the Moon**

Shyam Selvadurai

with Ameena Hussein

In Conversation



11:30 - 12:30

Hall De Galle

**Empireworld**

Sathnam Sanghera

with Nihal Arthanayake

In Conversation



11:30 - 12:30

TBA

**Lyrical Landscapes: Crafting Narrative across Mediums**

Sharanya Manivannan, Shyala Smith & Justin Whyte

Panel



11:30 - 12:30

Maritime

**Dystopia: Our Fascination with an Alternative Future**

Greg Mosse, Helen Macdonald & Yudhanjaya Wijeratne with Kiran Dass

Panel



12:30 - 14:00

TBA

**Razeen Sally**

Literary Lunch

12:30 - 14:00

TBA

**Growing Up Wild**

with Saba Douglas-Hamilton & Frank Pope

Literary Lunch

14:00 - 15:00

Hall De Galle

**Thirty Years in Print**

Kate Mosse with Julia Wheeler

In Conversation



14:00 - 15:00

TBA

**Reshaping the Modern-Day Museum: Digital Collections in South Asia**

Aanchal Malhotra & Johann Peiris with Anisha Dias Bandaranaike

Panel



14:00 - 16:00

TBA

**Urban Sketching**

Devni Jay

Workshop

15:15 - 16:15

Hall De Galle

**Running in the Family: Unravelling Trauma through Memoir**

Peter Godwin, Helen Macdonald & Sathnam Sanghera with Jill Macdonald

Panel



15:15 - 16:15

Maritime

**Sati Savitri**

Devdutt Pattanaik

with Artika Bakshi

In Conversation



15:15 - 16:15

TBA

**Tea Stained Lines**

Tea & Poetry

16:30 - 17:30

Maritime

**Morning TV to Murder Mystery**

Louise Minchin with Hen Tatham

In Conversation



16:30 - 18:00

TBA

**Vietnam Through Time: A Nat Geo Photographer's 25-Year Journey**

Catherine Karnow

Solo



16:30 - 18:30

TBA

**Galle Fort Photo Walk**

The Streets of Colombo

Workshop

18:00 - Onwards

Doornberg

**30 Years of Reef**

Romesh Gunsekera & Rashmika Mandawala with Savithri Rodrigo

Cocktails

18:00 - Onwards

TBA

**Jazz with Justin Whyte**

Recital

19:30 - 21:45

TBA

**Jayaflava**

Tasha Marikkar

Literary Dinner

19:30 - 21:45

TBA

**Philippe Sands**

Literary Dinner

19:30 - 21:45

TBA

**Afua Hirsch**

Literary Dinner



Afua Hirsch



Tasha Marikkar



Philippe Sands

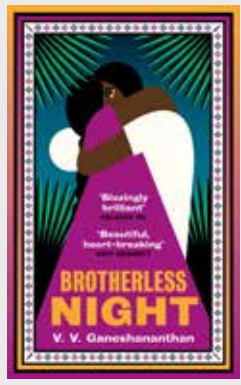


**07**  
**Friday**

**07:00 - 08:00**  
*The Garden Stage*  
**Yoga**  
Hosted by Sri Yoga Shala  
**Yoga & Meditation**

**08:00 - 10:00**  
*TBA*  
**Galle Fort Photo Walk**  
The Streets of Colombo  
**Workshop**

**09:00 - 10:00**  
*Maritime*  
**Catalysts of Creativity: Why Writing Prizes Matter**  
Romesh Gunesequera, Maduranga Kalugampitiya & Kate Mosse with Louise Minchin  
**Panel**



**09:00 - 10:00**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**Brotherless Night**  
V.V. Ganeshanathan with Shyam Selvadurai  
**In Conversation**

**10:15 - 12:15**  
*TBA*  
**Writing Poetry**  
Ramya Jirasinghe  
**Workshop**

**10:15 - 12:15**  
*TBA*  
**How to Write a Children's Book**  
Shyala Smith  
**Workshop**

**10:15 - 12:15**  
*TBA*  
**Ceylon Artisanal Tea Tasting**  
Ceylon Artisanal Tea Association  
**Workshop**

**10:15 - 11:15**  
*Maritime*  
**Legacy: Who do we choose to remember?**  
Afua Hirsch, Simon Lister & Ben Macintyre with Julia Wheeler  
**Panel**

**10:15 - 11:15**  
*When In Galle*  
**Storytelling as Peoples' Histories**  
Radhika Hettiarachchi, Aanchal Malhotra & Eithne Nightingale with Johann Peiris  
**Panel**

**11:00 - 12:00**  
*TBA*  
**Andi Oliver**  
**Gourmet Galle Masterclass**



**11:30 - 12:30**  
*When In Galle*  
**The Landscape of a Lost Kingdom**  
Sunela Jayewardene with Razeen Sally  
**In Conversation**

**11:30 - 12:30**  
*Maritime*  
**Connecting Cultures: The Art of Literary Translation**  
Michael Hofmann, Rashmika Mandawala & Aube Rey Lescure with Amita Arudpragasam  
**Panel**

**12:30 - 14:00**  
*79 Leyn Baan St*  
**Shyam Selvadurai**  
**Literary Lunch**

**12:30 - 14:00**  
*TBA*  
**Devdutt Pattanaik**  
**Literary Lunch**

**12:30 - 14:00**  
*Fort Bazaar*  
**Soviet Bus Stops**  
**Screening**

**12:30 - 14:00**  
*Halle de Galle*  
**Sunera Foundation**  
**Dance**



**14:00 - 15:00**  
*Maritime*  
**Beyond Kairos: Opera, Literature & Language**  
Jenny Erpenbeck with Julia Wheeler  
**In Conversation**

**14:00 - 15:00**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**Foreigner, Expatriate, Immigrant**  
Peter Godwin, Sashi Perera & Aube Rey Lescure with Nihal Arthanayake  
**Panel**

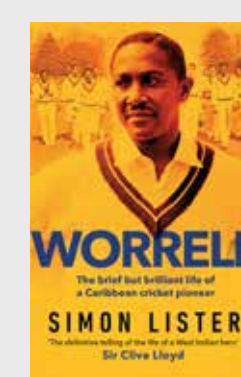
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*TBA*  
**Songwriting: Turning Ideas into Music**  
Justin Whyte  
**Workshop**

**15:15 - 16:15**  
*Maritime*  
**Tattoo: Reclaiming Ancestral Traditions**  
Afua Hirsch & Nicholas Thomas with Radhika Hettiarachchi  
**Panel**

**15:15 - 16:15**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**The Future of War**  
Peter Frankopan & Philippe Sands with Adam Rutherford  
**Panel**

**15:15 - 16:15**  
*Elliot House*  
**Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai & Ramya Jirasinghe**  
with Curtis Jobe  
**Tea & Poetry**

**15:30 - 17:30**  
*TBA*  
**Galle Fort Heritage Walk**  
Yasiru Epsa  
**Tour**



**16:30 - 17:30**  
*Maritime*  
**Worrell: Cricket & Caribbean Identity**  
Simon Lister with Simon Parker  
**In Conversation**

**16:30 - 17:30**  
*When in Galle*  
**Shaking Things Up: Mr Lyan and Modern Cocktail Culture**  
Ryan Chetiyawardana  
**In Conversation**



**16:30 - 17:30**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**The Pepperpot Diaries**  
Andi Oliver with Susan Jung  
**In Conversation**

**18:00 - Onwards**  
*TBA*  
**ARTRA Magazine Launch**  
Artists with Azara Jaleel  
**Cocktails**

**18:00 - Onwards**  
*TBA*  
**Growing Leaders**  
Vidusha Nathavitharana with Savithri Rodrigo  
**Cocktails**

**19:30 - 21:45**  
*TBA*  
**Peter Frankopan**  
**Literary Dinner**

**19:30 - 21:45**  
*TBA*  
**Sustainably-Conscious Architecture**  
Channa Daswatte & Sunela Jayewardene  
**Literary Dinner**

**19:30 - 21:45**  
*TBA*  
**Ravinder Bhogal**  
**Literary Dinner**

**21:00 - Onwards**  
*TBA*  
**MAYHEM PAST MIDNIGHT**  
Nihal Arthanayake, DJ Niro  
**Party**



Channa Daswatte



Sunela Jayewardene



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**08**  
Saturday

**07:00 - 08:00**  
*The Garden Stage*  
**Yoga**  
Hosted by Sri Yoga Shala  
**Yoga & Meditation**

**08:00 - 10:00**  
*TBA*  
**Galle Fort Photo Walk**  
The Streets of Colombo  
**Workshop**

**09:00 - 10:00**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**Climate Crossroads: The Imperative to Act**  
Peter Frankopan, Sunela Jayewardene & Philippe Sands with Amita Arudpragasam  
**Panel**

**09:00 - 10:00**  
*Maritime*  
**LOVE: In Literature as in Life**  
Saraid de Silva & Aube Rey Lescure with Kiran Dass  
**Panel**

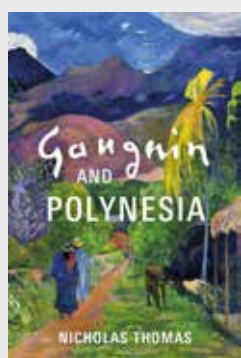
**09:00 - 10:00**  
*When In Galle*  
**With Fresh Eyes: The Insider & Outsider in Travel Writing**  
Simon Parker & Razeen Sally with Simon Lister  
**Panel**

**10:15 - 12:15**  
*TBA*  
**Writing a Crime-Thriller: Creating a Storyboard**  
Greg Mosse  
**Workshop**

**10:15 - 11:15**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**Fusing Fact with Fiction in the Historical Novel**  
V.V. Ganeshanathan & Aanchal Malhotra with Artika Bakshi  
**Panel**

**10:15 - 11:15**  
*When In Galle*  
**Inheriting the Past: Vietnam's Legacy Through Two Lenses**  
Catherine Karnow & Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai with Radhika Hettiarachchi  
**Panel**

**10:15 - 11:15**  
*Maritime*  
**AI in Writing: Friend, Foe or Tool?**  
Adam Rutherford & Yudhanjaya Wijeratne  
**Panel**



**11:30 - 12:30**  
*Maritime*  
**Gauguin in Polynesia**  
Nicholas Thomas  
**In Conversation**

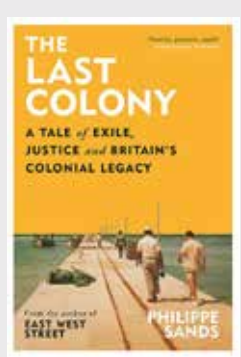
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*Hall De Galle*  
**LGBTQ+ Identities On & Off the Page**  
Saraid de Silva, Rosanna Flamer-Caldera & Shyam Selvadurai with Kalpanee Gunawardana  
**Panel**

**11:30 - 13:00**  
*TBA*  
**Child Migrant Voices**  
Eithne Nightingale & Hajra Williams with Marguerite Richards  
**Panel**

**11:30 - 13:00**  
*TBA*  
**Muslim Cookery Demonstration**  
Crescent Ladies Association  
**Cookery Demo**

**12:30 - 14:00**  
*Fort Bazaar*  
**Louise Minchin Literary Lunch**

**14:00 - 15:00**  
*TBA*  
**A Photographic Guide to the Wildlife of Sri Lanka**  
Gehan de Silva Wijeyeratne  
**In Conversation**



**14:00 - 15:00**  
*Maritime*  
**The Last Colony**  
Philippe Sands  
**In Conversation**

**14:00 - 15:00**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**The Stuff of Legend**  
Sunela Jayewardene & Devdutt Pattanaik  
**Panel**

**14:00 - 16:00**  
*Sydney Hotel*  
**Illustration Builds Character**  
Lalith Karunatilaka  
**Workshop**

**15:15 - 16:15**  
*TBA*  
**In the Footsteps of Elephants**  
Saba Douglas-Hamilton  
**Solo**

**15:15 - 16:15**  
*When in Galle*  
**Cuisine as Community: Tales from the Diaspora Kitchen**  
Ravinder Bhogal, Dom Fernando & Andi Oliver with Susan Jung  
**Panel**



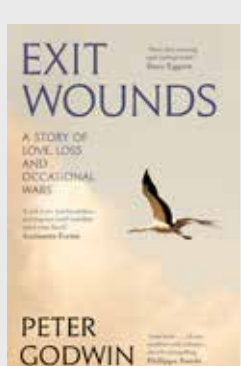
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*Hall de Galle*  
**A Ride Across America**  
Simon Parker with Anushka Wijesinha  
**In Conversation**

**15:15 - 16:15**  
*TBA*  
Michael Hofmann & Helen Macdonald with Curtis Jobe  
**Tea & Poetry**



**16:30 - 17:30**  
*Maritime*  
**The Dark History and Troubling Present of Eugenics**  
Adam Rutherford with Simon Lister  
**In Conversation**

**16:30 - 17:30**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**Behind the Curtain: Writing for Theatre**  
Michael Attenborough, Jenny Erpenbeck & Greg Mosse with Tracy Holsinger  
**Panel**



**16:30 - 17:30**  
*When in Galle*  
**A Story of Love, Loss and Occasional Wars**  
Peter Godwin with Georgina Godwin  
**In Conversation**

**16:30 - 18:30**  
*TBA*  
**Galle Fort Photo Walk**  
The Streets of Colombo  
**Workshop**

**16:45 - 17:45**  
*Galle Fort Hotel*  
**Mixology Masterclass with Mr Lyan**  
Ryan Chetiyawardana  
**Gourmet Galle Masterclass**

**18:15 - 20:45**  
*Galle Fort Hotel*  
**Cocktails with Mr Lyan**  
Ryan Chetiyawardana  
**GG Cocktails**

**18:00 - Onwards**  
*TBA*  
**Women's Prize for Fiction**  
V.V. Ganeshanathan, Aube Rey Lescure, Louise Minchin, Kate Mosse  
**Cocktails**

**18:00 - 19:30**  
*TBA*  
**In Concert**  
Lakshman de Saram with Rahul Jacob  
**Recital**

**19:30 - 21:45**  
*TBA*  
**2024 International Booker Prize**  
Jenny Erpenbeck, Michael Hofmann & Romesh Gunesequera  
**Literary Dinner**

**19:30 - 21:45**  
*TBA*  
Nihal Arthanayake & Sathnam Sanghera  
**Literary Dinner**



Nihal Arthanayake



Sathnam Sanghera

**19:30 - 21:45**  
*TBA*  
Ben Macintyre  
**Literary Dinner**

**18:00 - 22:00**  
*GLF Market*  
**Music At The Market**  
**Party**



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**09**  
Sunday

**07:00 - 08:00**  
*The Garden Stage*  
**Yoga**  
Hosted by Sri Yoga Shala  
**Yoga & Meditation**



**08:00 - 11:00**  
*TBA*  
**Galle Fort Unveiled:  
An Architectural Journey**  
Channa Daswatte  
**Tour**

**09:00 - 10:00**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**The Podcast Era**  
Nihal Arthanayake  
& Adam Rutherford  
with Saraid de Silva  
**Panel**



**BEN MACINTYRE**  
**THE SIEGE**  
**09:00 - 10:00**  
*Maritime*  
**The Siege**  
Ben Macintyre  
with Julia Wheeler  
**In Conversation**



**09:00 - 10:00**  
*When in Galle*  
**A Way with Words:  
The Magic of the  
Multilingual Writer**  
Sharanya Manivannan  
& Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai  
with Georgina Godwin  
**Panel**



Sharanya Manivannan



Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai

**10:15 - 12:15**  
*TBA*  
**The Art of Poster Design**  
Mads Berg  
**Workshop**



Mads Berg



Jenny Erpenbeck

**10:15 - 12:15**  
*TBA*  
**Creative Writing**  
Nadeesha Paulis  
**Workshop**



Michael Hofmann



Romesh Gunsekera



**10:15 - 11:15**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**Kairos:  
The International  
Booker Prize**  
Jenny Erpenbeck,  
Michael Hofmann &  
Romesh Gunsekera  
with Jill Macdonald  
**Panel**



**10:15 - 11:15**  
*Maritime*  
**A New Wave of  
Democracy in South Asia?**  
Daniel Alphonsus & Peter  
Frankopan with Rahul Jacob  
**Panel**



**11:00 - 12:30**  
*TBA*  
**Ravinder Bhogal**  
**Gourmet Galle Masterclass**

**11:30 - 12:30**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**Repatriation:  
Objects of Empire**  
Naazima Kamardeen, Sathnam  
Sanghera & Nicholas Thomas  
with Georgina Godwin  
**Panel**



**11:30 - 12:30**  
*Maritime*  
**Seeing Ourselves: South  
Asian Representation in  
Children's Books**  
Lalith Karunatilaka, Sharanya  
Manivannan & Shyala Smith  
with Marguerite Richards  
**Panel**



**11:30 - 12:30**  
*When in Galle*  
**Comedian, Writer,  
Recovering Lawyer**  
Sashi Perera  
with Kalpanee Gunawaradana  
**In Conversation**



**12:30 - 14:00**  
*TBA*  
**Food Writing  
with Susan Jung**  
with Rahul Jacob  
**Literary Lunch**

**12:30 - 14:00**  
*TBA*  
**Kate & Greg Mosse**  
**Literary Lunch**

**12:30 - 14:00**  
*TBA*  
**Shakespeare  
with Michael Attenborough**  
with Tracy Holsinger  
**Literary Lunch**

**13:30 - Onwards**  
*TBA*  
**Andi Oliver**  
**Gourmet Galle Lunch**

**14:30 - 15:30**  
*Maritime*  
**Wild Encounters,  
Wise Choices: Shaping  
Sustainable Wildlife Tourism**  
Saba Douglas-Hamilton  
& Manori Gunawardena  
with Anushka Wijesinha  
**Panel**



**14:30 - 15:30**  
*Hall De Galle*  
**Understanding Sri Lankan  
Identity through Novels**  
V.V. Ganeshanathan, Ameena  
Hussein & Shyam Selvadurai  
with Maduranga Kalugampitiya  
**Panel**



**14:45 - 18:00**  
*Malabar Hill*  
**Birding on the Hill**  
Gehan de Silva Wijeyeratne  
& Helen Macdonald  
**Tour**



Saba Douglas-Hamilton



Shyam Selvadurai



V.V. Ganeshanathan



Gehan de Silva  
Wijeyeratne



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