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SATURDAY
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Dance Recital

Bharatanatyam dancer Madhumita Sriram will perform today from 4.30 pm to 6 pm at the Kalapradharshini Natya Festival 2018 at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mylapore.

FOR DETAILS CALL:
24643420



Let's go to the mall

Forum Rocks Live with Karthik Iyer will be held at Forum Vijaya Mall today from 6.30 pm onwards. He will perform with his band IndoSoul. **FOR DETAILS CALL:**
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Paint for the Olympics

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MONDAY

22.1.2018

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Exhibit

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When the Gonds come skiing in

'Snowman: Imagining the Winter Olympics' uses winter sports as the pretext to combine the ancient art forms of the Gonds with calligraphy

•• PREETI ZACHARIAH

Snow-smothered Pyeongchang – all set to play host to the 2018 Winter Olympics this year – may be very different from the dense forests of Madhya Pradesh that inhabit Gond artwork. Yet, a few little icicles have managed to dislodge themselves from the South Korean snowscape and now hang off a classic Tree of Life.

'Snowman: Imagining the Winter Olympics', an art exhibition that will be showcased at the InKo Centre till March 20, attempts to bring together two ancient, traditional art forms on one platform: the brightly-hued paintings of India's Gond tribes and the stark strokes of calligraphy. The conceptual complementation of the two forms, that aims to commemorate the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics, was executed by two well-known artists: Gond artist Japani Shyam and Korean calligrapher and painter Song Dong Ock.

"India is participating this year and we plan to keep this going all through



the Olympics," says Insang Song, curator of the exhibition.

The difference in the artists' approach is reflected in the collection of work affixed all across the walls of the InKo Centre art gallery. Ock's paintings – a series of jet-shaded snowmen on Hanji paper – has been laid out in

broad, solid strokes. "I have been a calligraphy artist for over 40 years," he says, adding that he often complements his artwork with performance.

Bending over a white, framed piece of paper, Ock asks me what I would like written on it, and then proceeds to create a personalised message for me.

Mix and match Japani Shyam and Song Dong Ock experiment with their signature styles • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Skillfully wielding a thick ink brush, he paints across the paper in stylised Korean script, blots off the excess ink and offers it to me with a smile. "The technique I have used for this exhibition is a very contemporary take on traditional calligraphy," he adds.

Shyam's paintings retain the traditional bright dots, dashes and lines of a Gond painting. However, besides the typical trees, birds and animals that usually inhabit her canvases, there are also a few snowmen.

"The style is typically Gond, but I added in the snowmen," she laughs. It was hard, "since I've never seen snow," but she looked online, she says, to create her multi-hued snowmen that whiz through the skies with her birds, or ski down dense, green hillocks.

This way, even though the city of Chennai doesn't see snow, "I want people to imagine snow and get a cool message," grins Song.

TUESDAY

23.1.2018

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Apparao Galleries, 2nd Floor, 7, Wallace Garden, Nungambakkam, from 11am to 7pm, till Feb 24; A group art show.

Dawn To Dusk, Apparao Galleries, 7, Wallace Gardens 3rd Street, Nungambakkam, from 11am to 7pm, till Feb 24; Exhibition by artist Agata Patil.

Art Expo, East Coast Road, Cholamandal Artists Village, Injambakkam, Palavakkam from 9.30am to 6.30pm, till Feb 26; Thirty artists are displaying their work on the 50 years of Cholamandal Artists Village.

Images Speak Back, Gallery Veda, Rutland Gate

5th Street, Srirampuram, Thousand Lights West, Thousand Lights, from 11am to 7pm, till Feb 27; Solo art show by Sharmi Chowdhury.

Introspection, at Dakshina Chitra, East Coast Road, Muttukadu, from 10am to 6pm, till February 28; Exhibition by nineteen artists from Goa and Bhubaneswar.

'Snowman - Imagining the Winter Olympics!', InKo Centre, 18, Adyar Club Gate Road, from 10am to 6pm (except Sundays), till Mar 20; Curator, Insang Song based in Seoul, Korea and Indian Gond painter Japani Shyam, have brought Korean winter celebration on the canvas.

Journeys To The Centre, Sarala's Art Centre, Artworld, 1/12 Ganeshpuram, 3rd Street, from 10.30am to 6.30pm, till Feb 27; Exhibition of paintings and sculptures by Sovan Kumar.



WEDNESDAY

24.1.2018

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