

"Best Performing Arts in Kolkata"

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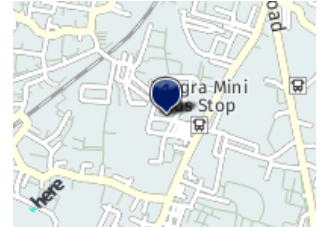


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Indian Mime Theatre

"Silent Acting in Kolkata"

The Indian Mime Theatre is a training center as well as a theater for the Indian version of Pantomime. The theater started in 1976 and has focused on the promotion and development of Mukabhinaya (Silent Acting) which is now recognized by the Government of India as a separate art form. The Indian Mime Theatre holds workshops and training courses for those who want to learn the art form. The theater also holds women's empowerment and awareness camps, seminars on social issues, training for unemployed youth and women, development programs for children and health camps, among other programs. Do contact them for information about their courses, shows and artists.



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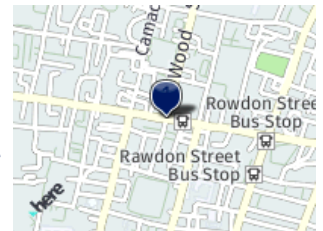


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Kala Mandir

"Cultural Venue"

In Kolkata, the city of art and culture, there is no dearth of entertainment venues, it has many premier and important spaces, Kala Mandir being one of them. Established in 1968, it is managed and operated by the Sangeet Kala Mandir Trust. The excellent acoustic and lighting equipments of this auditorium furthers the art experience. This 1100-seater theater plays host to diverse events like classical sangeet mehfil and dance performances. Call ahead for complete details on schedule and exact technical specifications.



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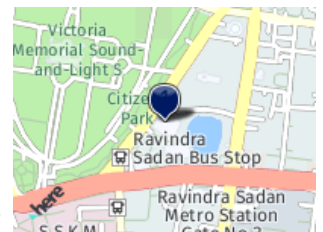
📍 48 Shakespeare Sarani, Kolkata



Academy of Fine Arts

"Art Beat"

What started as a small room loaned from the Indian Museum in 1933 has proceeded to become a foundation for exploring art in the center of the city. Located next to the Birla Planetarium and near Victoria Memorial, the Academy of Fine Arts shares its creative passion in the form of exhibitions spanning a multitude of expressions of art. The permanent galleries within the Academy include the Contemporary Art Gallery, Old Textile Gallery, Old Carpet Gallery, Miniature Gallery and the Rabindra Gallery which has Rabindranath Tagore's original writings, manuscripts and paintings. A big auditorium housed inside is known to host a variety of cultural programs, theater etc. Training programs and art classes are also held regularly. Around the main building, a number of interesting sculptures are sure to pique your interest. Do check the local paper or inquire with the office for current event schedules.



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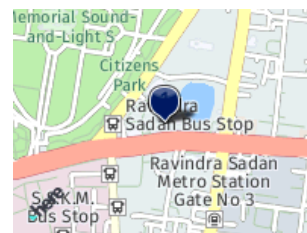


by ToastyKen

Nandan

"Art, Cinema and much more"

Nandan was a gift from the government to the cinema and art crazy citizens of Kolkata. Inaugurated by the legendary film-maker Satyajit Ray, the movie theater was opened to public on 2nd September, 1985. What distinguishes it from the current multiplexes is the amazing and vast collection of videos, journals, books and other cinematic research materials preserved and maintained at the in-house library. It also has an entire section, dedicated to the renowned and versatile writer, art director and winner of National awards, Satyajit Ray. Be it the annual Kolkata Film Festival or special movie screenings, there is not a single dull moment at Nandan. It also organizes seminars, lectures and workshops that cover different aspects of cinema. An integral part of the Bengali art and culture, it surely cannot be ignored and with each passing year, the glory furthers. You can also visit Bangla Academy, Gaganendra Prodorshonshala and other cultural centers that share space with Nandan. For more information on the current schedule, call ahead.



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1/1 Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Road, Rabindra Sadan Complex, Kolkata

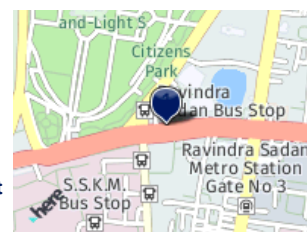


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Rabindra Sadan

"Cultural Seat"

Dedicated to the great poet and Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore, the Rabindra Sadan represents the cultural cult of Kolkata. Since 1967, it has been delighting art-enthusiasts and has been the focal point of Bengali art and culture. It can be termed as the hub of diverse art-forms comprising drama, dance and other performing arts. Every evening, entirely new dimension of entertainment is presented at Rabindra Sadan. Be it the experimental theater groups or the renowned music maestros; it is the dream of every Bengali artist to perform at this stage. This renowned stage also shares space with Nandan cinema, Bangla Academy and Aganendra Prodorshonshala, making the Rabindra Sadan complex a complete cultural zone. The major attractions around this art-space also include Victoria Memorial, Birla Planetarium and St. Paul's Cathedral.



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Cathedral Road, Kolkata

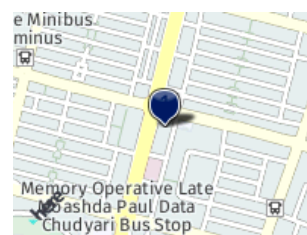


by Anne Varak

Purbashree

"Spacious Auditorium"

Purbashree in the Bharatiyam Cultural Multiplex is a 730 square meter (7850 square feet) auditorium fully equipped with air conditioning and a capacity of 900. This place is host to a large numbers of cultural events organized by the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre and is one of the venues for The Kolkata Film Festival (KFF).



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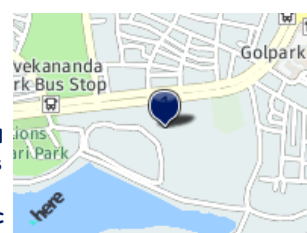
Broadway, IB-201, Bharatiyam Cultural Multiplex, Sector III, Kolkata



Najrul Mancha

"Popular Performance Arena"

Art and culture have always played an important role in Kolkata's past and continue to do so even today. Keeping the passion alive, Nazrul Mancha is one of the most prominent event venues in the city. Situated in Rabindra Sarobar, the auditorium is most famous as the locale for Dover Lane Music Festival, a week long event dedicated to Indian and Carnatic Classical Music and held every January. For the rest of the year, the venue hosts various local and international events including dance and musical soirees, college functions as well as conferences and auditions. The large



auditorium has a semi-circular stage and a seating capacity of approximately 3000. Regular performances by Bengali rock bands and other Indian groups make this a much-visited destination and especially popular among the youth of the city. However, the appearance of the space is not what you would expect of an auditorium of this standard to be and is in desperate need of renovation and modernization. It can be easily reached by buses and cabs.

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Southern Avenue, Rabindra Sarobar, Kolkata

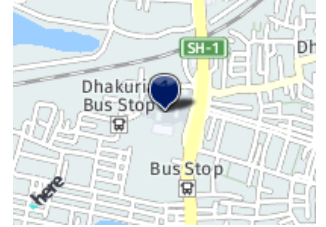


by Mickey Thurman

Madhusudan Mancha

"Staged!"

Madhusudan Mancha, the name itself is self-explanatory; mancha is nothing but a stage or a platform. Located within the Dakshinapan Shopping Centre, it stages dramas, dances and other forms of performing arts. Though not as famed as Rabindra Sadan and Najrul Mancha, this entertainment venue has its fair share of loyal patrons. There is not a single lazy moment here, each days brings forth a play or a creative program. For details on schedule and technical specifications, call ahead.



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Raja S.C. Mullick Road, Dakshinapan Shopping Centre, Dhakuria, Kolkata

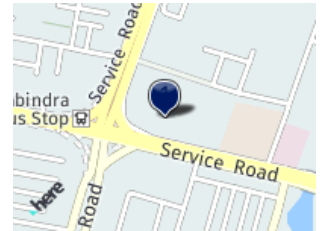


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Rabindra Tirtha

"Keeping Tagore's Memoirs Alive"

Rabindra Tirtha was built by the West Bengal Housing Infrastructure Development Corporation (WBHIDCO) and opened its doors in 2012. This cultural complex and research institute is an ode to Rabindranath Tagore, one of India's famous sons who inspired many across the world with his literature and Santiniketan. Reminiscent of his ashram, this center has a rustic appeal to it and is spread across 1.98 hectares (4.89 acres) of land. It comprises of art galleries, a mini movie theater, music room, an auditorium, a library, a cafe, souvenir shop and two exhibition halls, one with portraits of the Nobel laureate and the other has his paintings and archives. It also has dorms and cottages for researchers. You can catch all the movies inspired by this eminent author or documentaries on him at the cinema hall. Tagore fans will also enjoy the vast selection of his songs in the music room.



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