



Asia-Europe Cultural Festival brings together artists from Asia & Europe to Brussels

Celebrating long-standing cultural connections between arts communities in the two regions through showcasing and exchange.

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The *Asia-Europe Cultural Festival: Cultures Connect* is a public arts festival that celebrates the artistic diversity of Asia and Europe and promotes the dialogue and exchange amongst artists from Asia and Europe. On Saturday, 26 and Sunday, 27 November, audiences in Brussels will get to experience showcasing of dance, film and music performances by artists from Cambodia, France and Spain.

Opening on 26 November with the premiere of the exquisite documentary film, *The Perfect Motion*, by French filmmaker, Xavier de Lauzanne, the festival highlights the richness of cultural diversity. The film tracks the creation of a production by Cambodia's royal dancers called "Metamorphosis," under the direction of Princess Buppha Devi, and the history of the Royal Ballet since 1906. HRH Prince SISOWATH Tesso, Director of the Royal Ballet of Cambodia and Advisor for the film, will grace the opening with his presence. On 27 November, renowned festival directors, producers and artists will engage in a public panel titled, *What future for Arts Festivals?*. For the closing, dynamic duo, Vignesh Melwani, a singer-musician trained in Kathak theatre and dance, and Carla González Ferrer, singer-musician from Spain will perform *Improvisuals* featuring free form improvisations with diverse musical genre influences.

Ambassador Toru Morikawa, ASEF Executive Director, "In times of global change, mutual understanding and dialogue between Asia and Europe are more important than ever. Through showcasing of cultural diversity and artistic collaborations from the two regions, the Asia-Europe Cultural Festival reaffirms culture's unique role in connecting people within and beyond borders."

See full list of events and ticket details on: [Asia-Europe Cultural Festival: Cultures Connect | Bozar Brussels](#)

The Asia-Europe Cultural Festival is co-organised by the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) in cooperation with the European Union and with the support of Casa Asia (Spain) and Ministry of Culture & Fine Arts of Cambodia.

About the Organisers



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