Maven – The Art Academy is conducting drawing competition for children from 3 to 15 years.
Date: July 10
Time: 10 am to 4.30 pm
Venue: 23, Rathinammal Street, Kodambakkam.
Contact: 98404 73664 / 90949 90718.

InKo Centre, in association with the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism and Korea Arts Management Services, will stage the play *Paper Window* by Ccotbbat.
Date: July 14 to 16
Time: 11 am
Venue: Museum Theatre, Egmore.
Contact: 2436 1224

If a story writer in you is awaiting an audience, here’s your chance! *Storeach* is an open mic short story reading session that encourages budding writers in the art of writing.
Date: July 16
Time: 6 to 7.30 am
Venue: Besant Nagar Beach.
Admit two

For kids
Date: July 14, 15 and 16
Venue: Museum Theatre, Egmore
Tel: 2436 1224

Style up
Amethyst presents an exhibition of Indian Parisian label 'Peachoo', which features crop tops, blouses, sarees, kurtas, dresses and more.
Date and Time: Till July 10, 11 a.m. - 7.30 p.m.
Address: Whites Road, Royapettah

Handcrafted
All India Handlooms and Crafts organises an exhibition of sarees, jewellery, home décor and more, till July 15.
Address: 57, Arcot Road, Saligramam
Tel: 74185 01101
Colour me happy
Colour your stress away at Ashvita Nirvana, Besant Nagar on July 16. FOR DETAILS CALL: 9003365436

A little festival
Paper Window by Cootbbat, a theatre company based in Seoul is priming at The Little Festival from July 14 to 16 at The Museum Theatre. FOR DETAILS CALL: 24361224

Science for kids
ThinkDiffS'kool will hold a session about science for children (6-15 years) on July 9. The topics include computer programming and the science behind water and light. FOR DETAILS CALL: 8056100293

Math made simple
Smart Kids will conduct a workshop where kids will be taught tricks in multiplication, division, squares and square roots at T Nagar. It will be held from 10 am to 5 pm on July 10. Register to participate. FOR DETAILS CALL: 9445316363

Aqua zumba
Beat the heat with low-impact, high-energy Aqua Zumba exercises at Park Hyatt on all Saturdays in July. FOR DETAILS CALL: 71771234
The big, Little Festival

The seventh edition presents two in-house productions and two international ones

RAVEENA JOSEPH

Kids are a highly perspective audience. Also, a really difficult one — they get fidgety, raucous and bored all too easily. “Technology gives children a really immersive experience. So, the bar is set higher for theatre professionals to present them with something really engaging to hold their attention,” says Krishnakumar Balasubramaniam (KK), artistic director, The Little Theatre.

He adds that though technology is immersive, it is not inclusive. “With theatre, the child can be a part of something immediate and original, and get involved to move the story forward.”

KK, who made his directorial debut with the first edition of The Little Festival in 2010, is now at the helm of two productions — The Garage Gang and Two Teeth Button Nose — to be staged at the seventh edition of the festival, which commences on Thursday.

“I scripted and acted in Atita, where we experimented with Japanese Kabuki theatre in 2010. Every year since, we’ve been improvising with formats for the festival. This year, with The Garage Gang, we use movement, percussions and rhythm to celebrate the power of human imagination. The joys of being naive and silly are lost in today’s mechanical world. This piece is a celebration of all that, with a lot of humour thrown in,” says KK, adding, “While the play is for children, adults absorb it in a different way.”

While The Garage Gang is a play about the possibilities of human imagination, Two Teeth Button Nose — starring KK, Egypt Dinesh and Ashley Shillong — is an interactive piece about three clowns who set out on a magical journey looking for treasure.

The Little Festival also showcases two international performances, from South Korea and Germany, in collaboration with the InKo Centre and Max Mueller Bhavan, respectively. “We have a lot of interest from schools because children have an opportunity to get introduced to other cultures, as all the pieces are highly interactive, and get to see things from a different perspective,” says KK.

Paper Window by CCOTBBAT, a virtual theatre company from Seoul, blends animation and performance. The story emerges from a white wall, almost like a sketch book coming to life. Oops, iCassoo, produced by Theatre for Young Audiences in Munster, is the adventure of two actors as they discover the world of colours and see themselves in a new and different way.

“The Little Festival presents these shows so that the children of Chennai can experience high-quality productions. If they grow up with good quality theatre, it will not only ensure continued audiences but also the growth of theatre as an art,” says Aysha Rau, founder of The Little Theatre, who created the festival.
Dedicated to MSV
Mohanakularan Kalaimamani
S N Surendar’s Payanangal
Mudivadhillai music concert
dedicated to MS Viswanathan
will be held today at Sir Pitty
Thiyagaraya Hall, T Nagar.
FOR DETAILS CALL: 9840822285

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at The Little Festival at The Mueseum
Theatre, 6pm onwards today.
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Stress management
Rajalakshmi will be giving a
talk on stress management
on July 17 on P S Road,
T Nagar. FOR DETAILS
CALL: 9003126596
Pregnancy practices
Green Minds center brings a unique mindfulness program for mothers to be. Understand the key points and positive practices for the child at Brand New Studio, Kotturpuram on July 23.
FOR DETAILS CALL: 9841001724

Ogambakkam High Road CALL: 9884446747

OTHERS

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Crazy with crochet
Anne of HappyKnots, Bangalore brings to you a crochet workshop. The event is happening at Ashvita Nirvana, Besant Nagar on July 23. End the session and take home a craft designed by you. **FOR DETAILS CALL:** 9003365436

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Media Exhibits
ITPO and FICCI is organising an International Exhibition on Broadcast Equipment & Media Technologies at Convention Trade Centre on July 15 and 16.
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