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JANUS

CENTRE FOR VISUAL
& PERFORMING ARTS

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Janus, Sanskrit for birth, origin and creation.

Janus, a realisation of a dream of Mahmud Alam and Sanchayita Bhattacharjee Alam.

Janus, a Centre for Visual and Performing Arts.

It's aim, to encourage the practice of the arts.

Janus has been formed by theatre practitioners and visual artists, with a vision to bring together the fine arts and performing arts under one roof.

Janus, the White Cube and the Black Box, aims to work individually and symbiotically, with the vision of bridging the gap between the arts, in order to facilitate and encourage inter disciplinary work and showcasing new, contemporary and innovative work.

It has been established as a 'not for profit' organisation having on it's advisory board, nationally reputed personalities from both fields.

Aims & Objectives

To encourage and collaborate with artists / groups, and help them achieve their long term plan and vision.

To produce it's own plays or performance pieces, with special emphasis on, but not limited to , new or original work as well as contemporary interpretation of existing works.

To curate works by new visual artists and present classical works for the new generation.

To give a platform and showcase deserving performers from across the country in any language.

To showcase contemporary movement in visual art from all over the country.

To grant residencies to artists and writers / directors, specially in pursuit of new content or form.

To help and facilitate the younger generation by bringing theatre and the arts to schools and colleges, and the students to the arts and theatre.

To present it's plays/ performances in other parts of the city, state and country.

Founder President



Mahmud Alam's love affair with the written word started at the age of thirteen when he wrote his first Urdu poem.

After graduating from St Xavier's College he joined his family business. A successful businessman, he has continued to pursue his passion for theatre.

He started his theatre journey in 1987 and went on to work with directors like Shyamanand Jalan, Fritz Bennewitz, Rodney Marriot, Dr. Govind Deshpande and W. Staniewski.

He has also directed plays which received popular and critical acclaim. The play 'Safarnama' was recently chosen to be performed at The 8th International Theatre Olympics. His latest directorial venture on the partition of Bengal Called "East Side Stories" is running to full houses and has also been performed successfully in US.

JANUS, a centre for visual and performing arts, is his brainchild and his gesture of wanting to give back to the arts and artists of the city.



Co-founder

Artistic Director, Black Box

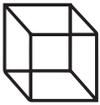
Sanchayita Bhattacharjee Alam was born into a family of artists.

A first class holder in her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in International Relations she joined an English language theatre group in Kolkata and was highly acclaimed for the roles she portrayed.

She has continued to work in Hindi and English theatre with legendary directors like Satyadev Dubey, Fritz Bennewitz, Anmol Vellani, Rodney Marriot, Usha Ganguly, John Britton and W. Staniewski among others.

Professionally she has followed her other passion and is a qualified chef having passed out with a Grand Diplome from Le Cordon Bleu in London. She has written a book 'Travelling Flavours' about the cuisine of Middle East and Africa.

She has co founded JANUS with Mahmud Alam to continue her passion for theatre and to provide a platform for both visual and theatre artists of the city and beyond.



White Cube

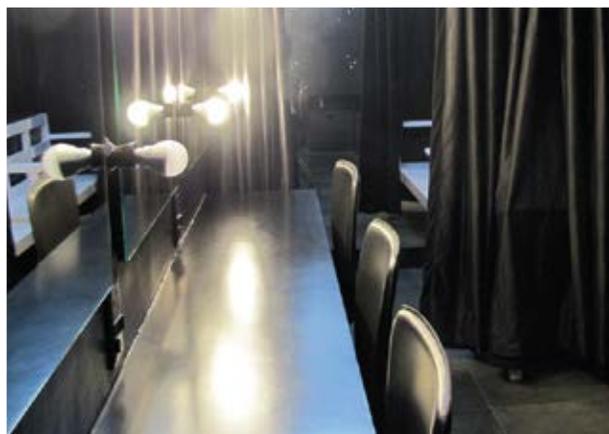
The White Cube is a 600 sq ft air conditioned Art Gallery, fully equipped to hold exhibitions, workshops and master classes.





Black Box

The Black Box is a 600 sq ft air conditioned 50 seater Auditorium, fully equipped with a green room, light and sound equipments and a flexible space to hold workshops and performances.





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