

Local Nepalese artists announced for global arts festival Micro Galleries Kathmandu.

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Renowned global arts festival Micro Galleries is coming to Kathmandu and after a successful 6-week call out for local artists, 20 talented Nepalese creatives have been selected to exhibit at the fortnight-long open-air arts festival kicking off in November.

Earlier this year, Micro Galleries: Changing the World...in small and creative ways, announced that it was partnering with local arts initiative Kaalo. 101, and bringing its acclaimed celebration of international art to the streets of Patan, Lalitpur.

Together with Kaalo.101, Micro Galleries ran an artist callout to find local talent to partner with its international artist. Micro Galleries were overwhelmed with submissions from local artists wanting to be involved, making it difficult to find twenty to get on board.

Micro Galleries artistic director Kat Roma Greer was blown away with the quality of artist submissions. *"This year we are focussing on empowerment and the quality and diversity of the artists who have responded to this call out has been amazing. We are extremely excited by the calibre of artists throughout Nepal, as well as their passion to discuss empowerment and generate positive change for local communities. We cannot wait for this creative force to be presented to the world."*

One of the local artists to be selected is Shree Noor Lal Rajbhandari, a digital artist who focuses his work on visual aesthetics and compositions to create various socio-political narratives. *"I see this as an amazing opportunity to collaborate with all these amazing creative individuals. I am looking forward to sharing my ideas and projecting them to the society, especially through such a renowned project like Micro galleries"*

Another selected artist, Michelle Lama, who believes that individuals are constantly evolving when it comes to themes of human curiosity and emotions, will be experimenting with a variety of artistic mediums ranging from projections, sounds, paintings, digital collaging, illustrations, and paper-cuts.

Micro Galleries will be taking place at Patan from the 23rd of November to the 7th of December and is a free public event, so head online now to <http://microgalleries.org/events/kathmandu/> to find out more about the art festival.

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About Micro Galleries

Micro Galleries: Changing the World...in small and creative ways is an international art initiative focused on bringing art, in its many forms, into local communities, making it accessible to everyone. Over the past five years, Micro Galleries has toured the world turning backstreets, laneways, and roads into open-air galleries. The secret to its success is engaging early with the local communities and artists to create an experience that suits the landscape. By doing this,



Micro Galleries shows the community that they can have ownership and involvement in the creation and appreciation of art-work that can change how its members perceive social issues or their environment in a positive way – even if it simply changes someone’s day for the better.

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Images are available upon request.

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