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# RAINBOW Tales

AN EVENING OF PRIDE AND INCLUSIVITY

**JUNE 2023 | 14TH | WED**

5 PM ONWARDS

BANGALORE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE (BIC),  
DOMLUR, BENGALURU



Pride Month, celebrated in June every year, honours years of struggle for equal rights and justice for the LGBTQ+ community. An entire month is dedicated to celebrate LGBTQ+ rights, voices and culture through hosts of activities like pride parades, drag performances, live theatre, demonstrations, poetry and various other related activities across the world.

This June, Interweave Consulting brings to you ***Rainbow Tales - An evening of pride and inclusivity.*** The event is curated by a team of experts including allies, practitioners, members of the community and is aimed at creating an awareness on the unique challenges of the community and demystify perceptions and biases with respect to gender identity and sexuality. This event provides an inclusive platform for members of the community to tell their stories through various experiential performances.



# 1

## DANCE WITH THE QUEENS – A DANCE MEDLEY

Dancing Queens, India's first transgender dance troupe uses dance as a medium to highlight the stigma that sexual and gender minorities face in the country. Dancing Queens, over the last 19 years have performed 200+ performances. In 2019, Dancing Queens had performed its first international debut at Stockholm pride, Sweden with the support of Rainbow Riots and Sweden Institute.

The performance for the evening will include a mix of folk dance, Bollywood tribute and dance drama, highlighting the life of the transgender community in India.

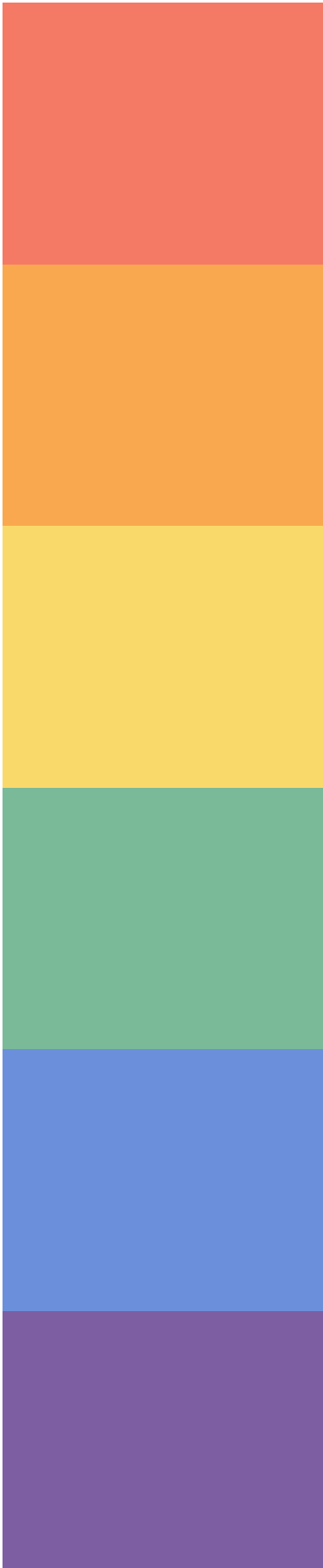


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## EERIE QUEERIES – NAVIGATING THE BARRIERS BETWEEN “REAL” AND “NORMAL”

Poems curated by Rohini Venkatesh Malur. Rohini is a poet, writer, tarot reader and one of the founding members and facilitator at All Sorts of Queer (ASQ).

Through Eerie Queeries, Rohini Malur and four queer poets explore the liminal, the borderless, the constrained and the iconoclastic.

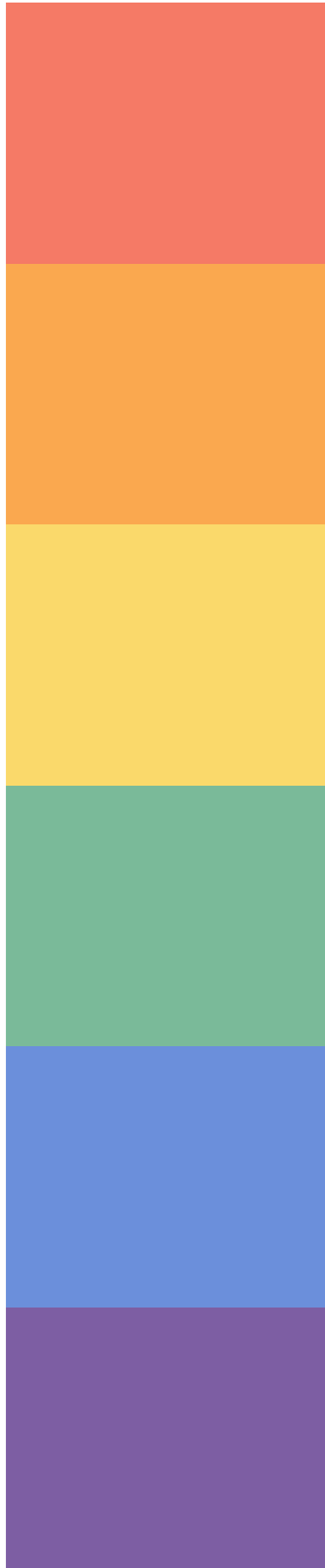


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## NAVIN NORONHA: LIVE AND GAY

Navin is India's first openly gay comedian and makes sure to represent the community as much as he can, through comedy. From monogamy and marriage as a heteronormative concept to pride month and the #MeToo movement, Noronha talks about it all. Through his podcast 'Keeping It Queer' and live shows, Navin shares his perspective about different things as a queer man in India.

Through this act, Navin Noronha: Live and Gay, we will see Navin embracing the angry, ranting homosexual as he enters his 30s. The many things that bother and amuse him end up being the target of his jokes. Navin will talk about queer dating, coming out, finding love and acceptance and hopes to contribute to a world that is inclusive and accepting of different identities and sexualities than it was a few years back. Navin will be joined by Joshua Trott, a stand-up comedian and host.

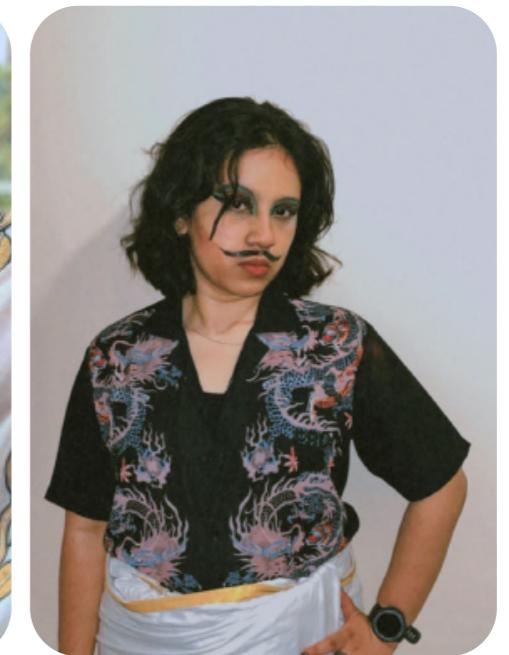
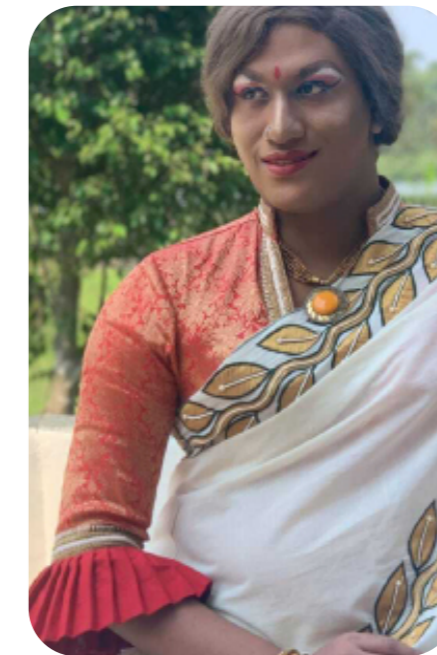


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## THAALAM-A THEATRICAL TREAT

Alex Mathew, who identifies as queer, is one of India's popular drag artists. Alex has been performing as a drag queen for close to a decade. Through his performance as Mayamma, Alex aims to tackle the stigma surrounding the LGBTQ+ community and empower people within the community and outside it to speak up against the abuse.

Thaalam is a theatre play where the characters are played by three drag queens and a drag king. The central theme of the play will revolve around a queer family and the importance it serves in a society that shuns queer people. The performance will integrate Bollywood, South Indian and Pop numbers and hopes to deliver the message of inclusion through entertainment.



# SCHEDULE



TIME	AGENDA	PRESENTERS
5 PM - 5:10 PM	Welcome	Aastha & Ayaan
5:10 PM - 6:10 PM	Dancing with the Queens	Dancing Queens
6:15 PM - 7 PM	Eerie Queeries	Rohini Malur & Team
7 PM - 7:15 PM	Tea Break	
7:15 PM - 8 PM	Navin Noronha: Live and Gay	Navin Noronha & Team
8 PM - 8:30 PM	Thaalam	Alex & Team
8:30 PM - 8:40 PM	Closing	Aastha & Ayaan

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