

# IlluminAsia

## A Festival of Asian Art, Food, and Cultures

Saturday, October 14, 5 pm–12 am

Sunday, October 15, 11 am–5 pm

Free and open to the public



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## Welcome!

We are so glad you have joined us to celebrate the reopening of the Freer|Sackler, the Smithsonian's museums of Asian art. [Don't miss these ILLUMINASIA highlights!](#)

For the weekend's full lineup, check out the digital screens inside the museums, or visit [asia.si.edu/events](http://asia.si.edu/events).

## Taste

### Street Food Market

Saturday, October 14, 5 pm–12 am  
Sunday, October 15, 11 am–5 pm  
National Mall

Stroll through an open-air market to discover culinary treasures from Asia.

### Savor Asia: Food Demo Tent

Saturday, October 14, 5–9 pm  
Sunday, October 15, 11 am–4 pm  
National Mall

Go behind the scenes to check out chefs' ingredients and techniques.

## Hear

### Performances

Saturday, October 14, 5 pm–12 am  
Saturday, October 15, 11 am–5 pm  
Outdoor stages on the Freer plaza and in the Haupt Garden

Don't miss performances of Sri Lankan dance, Persian trance, Asian American DJs, Tuvan throat singing, and more.

### Red Baraat

Saturday, October 14, 5:30 and 11 pm  
Sunday, October 15, 1:30 pm  
Freer plaza

Red Baraat energizes the reopening with a gut-busting fusion of jazz, hip-hop, rock, go-go, and bhangra.

### Silkroad Ensemble

Saturday, October 14, 6 pm–12 am  
Sunday, October 15, 2–3:30 pm

Catch members of the Grammy Award-winning Silkroad Ensemble performing in the museums and outdoors. Secret locations will be announced on Twitter immediately before each performance!

Sunday, October 15, 11 am and 12:30 pm  
Freer, Meyer Auditorium

Free tickets required: [asia.si.edu/performances](http://asia.si.edu/performances). Any remaining tickets distributed one hour before each show time.

Sunday, October 15, 4:30 pm  
Freer plaza

Members of the Silkroad Ensemble close the weekend with a final outdoor performance, joined by other festival performers.

## See

### Live Projection: A Perfect Harmony

Saturday, October 14, 8 pm, 9:15 pm, 10:30 pm, 12 am  
Freer plaza

Prepare to be dazzled as the Freer's façade transforms into a living sculpture.

### Visit the National Museum of African Art

Saturday, October 14, 10 am–10 pm  
Sunday, October 15, 10 am–5:30 pm  
Across the Haupt Garden from the Sackler Gallery

### Disruption: Video Art from Asia

Saturday, October 14, 6 pm–12 am  
Freer, Meyer Auditorium

Watch video works by Asian artists who question and reimagine the past.

### Shadow Puppet Theater from Bali

Saturday, October 14, 9:30 pm, Haupt Garden  
Sunday, October 15, 11:30 am, Ripley Center, Discovery Theater

Puppet master Gusti Sudarta tells a legendary story from Indonesia.

### Exhibitions

*Divine Felines: Cats of Ancient Egypt*  
Gallery 24

*Encountering the Buddha: Art and Practice across Asia*  
Gallery 22

*Resound: Ancient Bells of China*  
Gallery 25

*Subodh Gupta: Terminal*  
Sackler pavilion

## Create

### Lantern Making

Saturday, October 14, 5–10 pm  
Sunday, October 15, 11 am–5 pm  
Haupt Garden

### Live Screen Printing with Soul & Ink

Saturday, October 14, 5–11 pm  
Sunday, October 15, 12–4 pm  
National Mall

### Kolam: Rice Flour Drawing

Saturday, October 14, 5 pm–12 am  
Sunday, October 15, 11 am–5 pm  
Haupt Garden

### The Art of Illumination

Saturday, October 14, 5 pm–12 am  
Sunday, October 15, 11 am–5 pm  
Haupt Garden

### Hangeul and Hanji: The Korean Alphabet and Paper Arts

Saturday, October 14, 5 pm–12 am  
Sunday, October 15, 11 am–5 pm  
Haupt Garden

### CULTURUNNERS Pop-Up Open Studio

Saturday, October 14, 5 pm–12 am  
Sunday, October 15, 11 am–5 pm  
National Mall

## Learn

### Meet the Curator

Saturday, October 14, 7–11 pm  
Sunday, October 15, 11 am–4 pm  
Freer|Sackler

Discover stories behind new installations and special exhibitions in these in-gallery conversations with Freer|Sackler curators.

### Conversation: Curator Carol Huh with Artist Subodh Gupta

Sunday, October 15, 3 pm  
Freer, Meyer Auditorium

Listen in as Carol Huh speaks with artist Subodh Gupta about the installation *Terminal* and his creative practice.

## Participate

### Tai Chi for All Ages

Sunday, October 15, 11 am  
Freer plaza

Enjoy a tai chi class for all ages and levels of experience.

### Storytelling across Asia

Sunday, October 15, 1:30, 3, and 4:30 pm  
Ripley Center, Discovery Theater

Professional storyteller Xanthe Gresham brings to life classic tales from Iraq, India, and the Himalayas.

### Drum Circle with Silkroad Ensemble

Sunday, October 15, 2:30 pm  
Freer plaza

Percussionists Shane Shanahan and Haruka Fujii lead a dynamic drum circle exploring world rhythms.

# Schedule of events

Note: Activities are subject to change without notice. In the event of rain, the festival will continue inside the Freer|Sackler and the adjoining S. Dillon Ripley Center.

## Saturday

<b>Freer Plaza</b>	Performance: Red Baraat	5:30 pm
	Performance: DJ Qbert	6 pm
	Performance: Alash with Shodekeh	7 pm
	Live Projection: A Perfect Harmony	8 pm
	Performance: Mamak Khadem and Mehdi Bagheri	8:30 pm
	Live Projection: A Perfect Harmony	9:15 pm
	Performance: DJ Qbert	9:45 pm
	Live Projection: A Perfect Harmony	10:30 pm
	Performance: Red Baraat	11 pm
	Live Projection: A Perfect Harmony	12 am
<b>Haupt Garden</b>	Performance: Washington Samulnori	7:15 pm
	Performance: Amadou Kouyate	7:30 pm
	Performance: Rizqi Rachmat	8:15 pm
	Performance: Shadow Puppet Theater from Bali	9:30 pm
	Performance: Alash with Shodekeh	10:45 pm
<b>National Mall</b>	Food Demo: Flavors of Bahrain	5 pm
	Food Demo: Flavors of the Philippines	6 pm
	Demonstration: Korean Calligraphy	6:15 pm
	Food Demo: Farm to Table Asian Secrets	7 pm
	Food Demo: Flavors of Indonesia	8:15 pm
<b>Freer Sackler</b>	Meet the Curator: Galleries 1, 6, 10, and 17	7 pm
	Meet the Curator: Galleries 22, 24, and 26	8 pm
	Meet the Curator: Galleries 21, 25, and 29	9 pm
	Meet the Curator: Galleries 10, 24, and Sackler pavilion	10 pm

## Street Food Vendors

Global spice lounge by [Bazaar Spices](#)

Tea tastings by [Ching Ching Cha](#)

Uyghur cuisine by [Queen Amannisa](#)

Tibetan momos by [Dorjee Momo](#)

Japanese and Vietnamese cuisine by [Himitsu](#)

Asian-inspired beverages by [Krubu](#)

Afghan cuisine by [Lapis Bistro](#)

Pan-Asian bao buns by [People's Bao](#)

Sri Lankan rotis by [Short Eats](#)

Hong Kong street food by [Tiger Fork](#)

Middle Eastern street food by [Z&Z](#)

## Sunday

<b>Freer Plaza</b>	Interactive Activity: Tai Chi	11 am
	Performance: Sri Lankan Dance by Asanga Domask	11:45 am
	Performance: Alash with Shodekeh	12:30 pm
	Performance: Red Baraat	1:30 pm
	Drum Circle with Silkroad Ensemble	2:30 pm
	Performance: District of Raga with Nistha Raj	3:30 pm
	Performance: Festival Finale with Silkroad Ensemble	4:30 pm
<b>Haupt Garden</b>	Performance: Mamak Khadem and Mehdi Bagheri	11:15 am
	Performance: Washington Samulnori	12:15 pm
	Performance: The Pinstriped Rebel	1 pm
	Performance: Alash with Shodekeh	2:15 pm
	Performance: DJ Ayes Cold	3 pm
	Performance: Mamak Khadem and Mehdi Bagheri	4 pm
<b>National Mall</b>	Food Demo: Flavors of the Himalayas	11 am
	Food Demo: Flavors of Laos	12 pm
	Food Demo: Flavors of Asia and Peru	1 pm
	Demonstration: Korean Calligraphy	1:15 pm
	Food Demo: Flavors of Indonesia	2:15 pm
	Food Demo: Flavors of Bahrain	3 pm
<b>Freer, Meyer Auditorium</b>	Performance: Along the Silk Road*	11 am
	Performance: Along the Silk Road*	12:30 pm
	Conversation: Thomas Wide and Nicholas Cords	2 pm
	Conversation: Carol Huh and Subodh Gupta	3 pm
<b>Sackler B1</b>	Conversation: Debra Diamond and Stanley Staniski	11 am
<b>Sackler B1 Shop</b>	Trunk Show and Cookbook Signing	1 pm
<b>Ripley Center, Discovery Theater</b>	Shadow Puppet Theater from Bali	11:30 am
	Storytelling across Asia	1:30 pm
	Storytelling across Asia	3 pm
	Storytelling across Asia	4:30 pm
<b>Freer Sackler</b>	Meet the Curator: Galleries 3 and 14	11 am
	Meet the Curator: Galleries 8, 13, and 15	12 pm
	Meet the Curator: Galleries 1, 3, and 5	1 pm
	Meet the Curator: Galleries 1, 8, and 13	2 pm
	Meet the Curator: Galleries 7, 15, and 22	3 pm

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