

KOCHI-MUZIRIS BIENNALE

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LOCATION	**Panchayath/ Municipality/ Corporation**	Kochi Municipal Corporation
	District	Ernakulam
ACCESSIBILITY	**Nearest Town/ Landmark/ Junction**	Kunnumpuram Junction – 66 m
	Nearest Bus station	Kunnumupuram Bus Stop – 50 m
	Nearest Railway station	Ernakulam South Railway station – 12.3 km
	Nearest Airport	Cochin International Airport – 41 km

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TIME	DATES	FREQUENCY	DURATION
	December – March	Once in 3 Years	3 Months

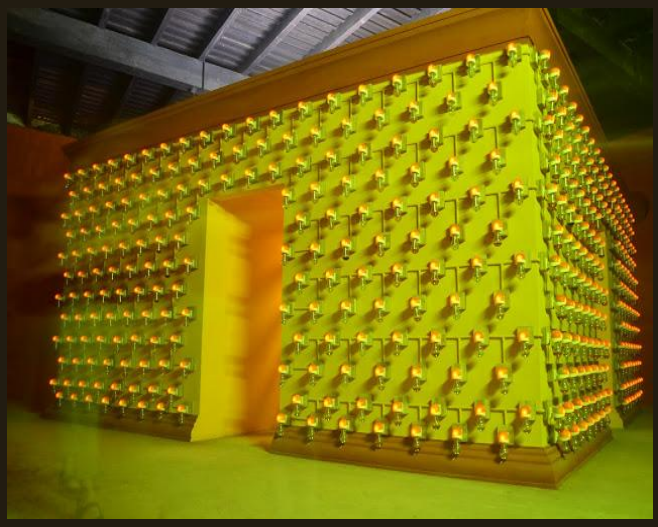
ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The Kochi-*Muziris* Biennale is an international exhibition of contemporary art held in Kochi, Kerala. It is an initiative of the Kochi-Biennale Foundation with support from the Government of Kerala. As an artist-initiated organization, the Kochi Biennale Foundation was founded on the conviction that art is essential in our society today. The exhibition is set in spaces across Kochi, Muziris and surrounding islands with shows being held in existing galleries, halls, and site-specific installations in public spaces, heritage buildings and unused structures. Indian and international artists exhibit artworks across a variety of mediums including film, installation, painting, sculpture, new media and performance art. Through the celebration of contemporary art from around the world, the Kochi-*Muziris* Biennale seeks to invoke the historic cosmopolitan legacy of the modern metropolis of Kochi, and its mythical predecessor, the ancient port of Muziris. Alongside the exhibition, the Biennale offers a rich program of talks, seminars, screenings, music, workshops and educational activities for school children and students. The organizers rely on sponsorship and online crowd funding for meeting the expenses. The second edition of Biennale witnessed about 5 lakh visitors.









RELEVANCE- (Local / National / International)	International	NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED	Approximately 5,00,000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Art exhibition
Seminar
Screenings
Workshops



DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

The Kochi-*Muziris* Biennale seeks to invoke the latent cosmopolitan spirit of the modern metropolis of Kochi and its mythical past, *Muziris*, and create a platform that will introduce contemporary international visual art theory and practice to India, showcase and debate new Indian and international aesthetics and art experiences and enable a dialogue among artists, curators, and the public. The exhibition features around 80 artists. It includes site-specific projects, installations, paintings, performing arts, sculptures, digital media and other contemporary art mediums. The theme of artwork mainly revolves around the history of Kochi-*Muziris*.











