

Illustrating the sands

Stella Maris College (Autonomous), Fine Arts Department in collaboration with Goethe- Institut
Meeting Reinhard Kleist , German graphic designer and comic artist

An illustration workshop for 35 Fine Arts students was conducted in the department on 12 December 2017. The Goethe- Institut, while hosting the internationally renowned German graphic designer and comic artist Reinhard Kleist as part of their 'Meet the Author' proposed the conduct of a short training course. The workshop on 12 December at 10.30 am began with a presentation by the artist and ended with the students learning to create an illustrative story which was autobiographical. The programme concluded with Dr. Margaret Thomas, Head department of Fine Arts presenting the students with certificates; however this did not mark the end because there was something of a unique follow up intended for the next day

On 13 December a special event was planned from 4.00 to 6.00pm at the beach front in Besant Nagar. Elliots beach for the first time witnessed a planned collaborative art event where young student performers from Nalanda way, an NGO which trains underprivileged children came together with the Fine Arts students from Stella Maris College who illustrated the live performance alongside German artist Reinhard Kleist! Mr. Helmut Schippert, the Director of the Goethe-Institut, spoke at the opening of the event commending the young performers of Nalanda way and the Stella Maris College Fine Arts' students for their enthusiastic efforts. As the artists arrayed out their final artwork on the beach pavement the onlookers who had gathered applauded the hard work of all those involved.

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