

Kathalaya launches a Diploma Course in storytelling

Kathalaya means the *House of stories*. Storytelling was a childhood passion for Geeta Ramanujam that soon transformed into a creative methodology during her years as a teacher. Kathalaya was established in 1998 with a vision to make a positive change in education through the medium of storytelling. Geeta Ramanujam is also the Indian Coordinator of the International Storytelling Network [RIC].



Since the initial days where Geeta would go from one school to another with her stories, Kathalaya has blossomed to include an academy of storytelling today. Training prospective storytellers and thereby also building a network of well trained & passionate storytellers, the academy has also enriched Kathalaya with close associates who are deeply involved in fulfilling Kathalaya's vision of making education interesting and meaningful through stories. Operating out of Bangalore in India, Kathalaya has trained around 50,000 teachers in the last decade by way of their 'Intensive Course in storytelling'. The week long course covers modules like listening, voice & body language, childhood memories and the self, creativity in storytelling, creation & story presentations. Designed to bring out individual strengths of participants by encouraging them to carve out their unique personality traits, the intensive course is the first step towards professional storytelling.

This summer, Kathalaya is happy to announce the launch of its Diploma course. The 100 hours session at the Kathalaya Academy Centre will be followed by a 3 months project with individual submissions. Affiliated to the Scottish Storytelling Centre & the University of Gothenburg, the Diploma has on board eminent storytellers from around the world.

The program will cover:

- The different genres of storytelling - history and narrative structures around the world
- Body language & voice culture: an in-depth workshop with professionals from the field of Art & Theatre.
- Folklore traditions in a contemporary context
- Expanding skill sets in storytelling-Shadow play, Puppetry & Others
- Journey into professional storytelling: Individual project submission with research, documentation & fieldwork

Upcoming Course Calendar: 2012

Month/Dates	Course Name	Course Fee	International Facilitator	Remarks
April 16 th -21st	Intensive Academy Certification Course	10,000		Minimum Age- 18 years
April 23 rd -28th	Diploma Course affiliated to Scottish Storytelling Centre & University of Gothenburg	15,000		Eligibility: Those who have completed the Intensive Course in Storytelling
June 25 th -July 1st	Intensive Academy Certification Course	20,000	Special Intensive course with certificate in Puppetry & storytelling conducted by Dr.Mirella, Sweden	Minimum Age- 18 years
August 20 th -25th	Intensive Academy Certification Course	10000		Minimum Age- 18 years
August 27 th -September 1st	Diploma Course affiliated to Scottish Storytelling Centre & University of Gothenburg	15,000		Eligibility: Those who have completed the Intensive Course in Storytelling
October 8 th -13th	Intensive Academy Certification Course	10000		Minimum Age- 18 years
Nov 19 th -24th	Intensive Academy Certification Course	10000		Minimum Age- 18 years
Dec 10 th -15th	Intensive Academy Certification Course	10000		Minimum Age- 18 years
Dec 17 th -22nd	Diploma Course affiliated to Scottish Storytelling Centre & University of Gothenburg	15000		Eligibility: Those who have completed the Intensive Course in Storytelling

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