

## **Gaysi's Zine Bazaar returns with its third edition Back Home in Bombay: Zine Bazaar explores Desi Fantasies**

After the incredible success of its Mumbai (September 2018) and Delhi (January 2019) editions, **Zine Bazaar is back in its home city, Mumbai for its third edition** and is all set to spread the love for art, design, dynamic content, radical conversations and ideas to a variety of minds this September. Keeping with Gaysi's tradition of providing a platform for diverse voices from all across since a decade now, Zine Bazaar will highlight the talent and range of creators, thinkers, and consumers of all kinds of art on the **21st and 22nd of September, 2019**. This edition of Zine Bazaar will also witness some wonderfully mind-bending conversations that explore all the possible and impossible versions of Desi Fantasy - the multiverse, its pleasant fantasies, and horrifying realities and more, through our **Activities, Talks, Workshops and a curated set of 60+ Exhibitors**.

### **Highlights of the 2-day event include:**

- A spread of 50+ independent artists and publishers exhibiting their work at pop up stalls
- Design and storytelling workshops, meant to make you challenge what you already know and build skills in new exciting areas
- Talks designed to discuss questions plaguing the community
- Wonderful storytellers, expressionists and artistes, all under one roof

### **Details:**

Date: 21st & 22nd September 2019

Time: 11AM - 7PM

Venue: The G5A Foundation for Contemporary Culture, Mahalakshmi, Mumbai

Community Partners: Tinder and the G5A Foundation for Contemporary Culture

### **Entry Pass:**

[Exhibit Area ONLY - INR 200/per person, per day](#)

[Single Day All Access Pass - INR 750/per person, per day](#)

[Weekend All Access Pass - INR 1400/per person, two days](#)

*\*All Access Pass - Includes participation in Workshops & Activity Talks*

Zine Bazaar 2019 Mumbai Edition is on a quest to dig deeper into our imaginative minds, explore what is unknown and conserve the fantastic visions humankind has introduced to our linear stories to make them more interesting. Our imaginations could be slight alterations, or the creation of entirely different worlds. They could be written as erotic fantasies or as worlds for children to delve into and enjoy. They could give fresh meanings to romance or climb into the darkest parts of our fears. Or, they could play with existing stories and give life to

the most fantastic fan theories.

With newer mediums and opportunities available to artists today, the independent art scene has never been more exciting. Even within the comics and narrative illustration mediums, there is so much worth exploring. It suffices to say, artists, and their art, are receiving a lot more focus from mainstream media than ever before. After having explored various ideas and perspectives on *Identity* and *Vision* during their earlier editions, Gaysi wants to take the conversation in a fantastically explorative direction with ***Desi Fantasy***, the theme for this edition of the Bazaar.

Our world as we know it is a set of patterns, rules and a society created on the known. But what happens when some of these patterns break? What alternative worlds come to the fore when reality as we know it is altered?

Perhaps a world in which Shaktiman did exist, or a world where drawing with a special pencil does grant the creator anything they wished for. Perhaps our Folk stories, and Myths that guided the morals we grew up with and the cultural significance of even our female sari-clad ghosts within forests were all somehow inspired by 'reality'. *Desi Fantasy* is a culmination of everything fantastic, whether in the larger scheme of things or in the little details.

At its heart, a bazaar is a space for celebration and collaboration. Our community partners, Tinder and G5A ensure that the experience of the Zine Bazaar is something that leaves you energized because there's always something for everyone! We can't wait to share all of Zine Bazaar's different sights, scenes, colours, people, and exchange thoughts and ideas with you.

#### WHO IS THE ZINE BAZAAR FOR?

The Zine community

The LGBT community

NGOs and other Small Collectives

Comic enthusiasts

Art and Culture enthusiasts

Independent publishers

Artists

Illustrators

Authors

Collectors

Storytellers

#### ABOUT GAYSI FAMILY

Gaysi Family started as a blog that provided a voice and a safe space for desis (people from the South Asian Subcontinent) that identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or Queer. What began as a simple idea of sharing stories about what it meant to be gay and desi (thus, Gaysi!) has, over the last ten years, evolved into a space with a roster of authors worldwide contributing to diverse content and traffic from countries all over.

Gaysi Family has been regularly featured in several mainstream media publications such as The Hindu, Asian Age, Hindustan Times, Mumbai Mirror, DNA, and so on. Gaysi has made international news on the pages of The Guardian, Boing Boing, Huffington Post, Gay Star News, and Diva Magazine; and popular online media platforms such as Scroll, BuzzFeed, Homegrown, ScoopWhoop, and Storypick.

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

### **G5A**



The G5A Foundation for Contemporary Culture is a not-for-profit organization that encourages contemporary art and culture that is experimental and courageous, good governance that is inclusive and participatory, and ecosystems that are equitable and resilient.



### **Tinder**

Tinder is the world's leading app for meeting new people. Available in 190 countries and 40+ languages, Tinder was the highest grossing non-gaming mobile app globally in H1 2019.

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