



**Prakriti
Foundation**

**Short+Sweet Theatre Festival South India
(2016)**

About Short+Sweet 2016

Short+Sweet (originally known as Short & Sweet) is a multi-form arts platform presenting festivals in theatre, dance, music-theatre, comedy and cabaret across Australia and Asia. Short+Sweet's vision statement is: a more creative world ten minutes at a time. The flagship festival is Short+Sweet Theatre Sydney, the largest ten-minute play festival in the world.

Short+Sweet Theatre was founded at the Newtown Theatre in Sydney, Australia in January 2002 by Mark Cleary, beginning with the first ever Short+Sweet Theatre festival. Festivals are now held across the globe. Short+Sweet Theatre Sydney is now the largest ten-minute theatre festival in the world, with around 180 new plays being produced every season.

There are many unique elements to this festival, some of which are, a strict time-limit, limit of one play per playwright, one play per director and two plays per actor, people's choice voting and the competitive aspect of the festival where plays are chosen from each week to progress to the Gala Finals.

Short+Sweet South India started as Short+Sweet Chennai in 2011. Since 2014, the festival has opened to entries from the four southern states in India. The jury members for the weeks are not known to the public, and consist of a good mix of connoisseurs from diverse fields.

The festival is presented in association with Blu Lotus Foundation and Alliance Francaise of Madras. Currently, Meera Krishnan, senior programme coordinator at Prakriti Foundation, is the Festival Director.

This year, the festival was supported by TI Cycles, Chennai Live, Studio Bas, Silk Worm Boutique, Amdavadi, Mangala Rural Retreat.

45 scripts were shortlisted in this year's edition with 12 new ITCs and 12 new emerging directors.

Plays shortlisted for the gala finals: Man & Monkey, Chennai Pattinam 2065, Shakespeare – As you like it, Pain, A Tale of a Tall Girl or 27/F/5'11, The Ordinary City, Damayanthi, Makku Police Mangutu Thirudan, Yours Urgently, First Day First Show, Objectum Sexuality.

The winner of this edition was “A Tale of a Tall Girl or 27/F/5'11”, submitted by ITC Evam Lab and directed by Sunil Vishnu K.

Schedule

Venue: Alliance Française of Madras.

Rounds	Date	Timings
Top 30 Week 1	6 th , 8 th , 9 th and 10 th July 2016	7pm - 9 pm
Wildcards I	9 th and 10 th July 2016	3pm - 5pm
Top30 Week 2	13 th , 15 th , 16 th and 17 th July 2016	7pm - 9 pm
Wildcards II	16 th and 17 th July 2016	3pm - 5pm
Top30 Week 3	21 st – 24 th July 2016	7pm - 9 pm
Gala Finals	27 th , 29 th , 30 th and 31 st July 2016	7pm - 9 pm

Artiste Profile

1. Mathivanan Rajendran

Mathivanan Rajendran is an Indian Film and Stage Actor and Director and a Media Producer. He is the Founder of Stray Factory a Performance Arts and Digital Media company based out of Chennai. He is known for his work in Mayakkam Enna and Sawaari. He is also the co-founder of Rascalas an online platform for South Indian content. In 2016 he produced one of South India's first web series Black Sheep, a coming of age story of a college drop out.

His plays have been performed at festivals across the globe including National Arts Festival and Hollywood Fringe Festival. His notable plays include My Name is Cine-maa, Who is your Osama and Carpouram and feature his frequent collaborators Pooja Devariya and Venkatesh Harinathan. He studied automobile engineering in Sri Venkateswara College of Engineering, Chennai and holds a master's degree in Industrial Engineering from Virginia Tech.

Short+Sweet Theatre Festival South India 2016: Won Best Scriptwriter for 'Chennai Pattinam 2065'.

2. Bhargav Ramakrishnan

Bhargav Ramakrishnan aka Baggy! Baggy is an actor, director, stand-up comedian, and a theatre professional with more than 8 years of experience on stage. He started the brand evam Standup Tamasha, initially as a producer, before deciding to take up the stage for himself (there's usually no space left for anyone else once he's taken it).

The Mad-Hatter on stage, Bhargav has performed over 200 shows across Chennai, Coimbatore, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Kochi, Singapore, Thailand, Canada and USA. Apart from being the funny guy on stage, he has starred in the stage adaptation of Chetan Bhagat's 'Five Point Someone' and directed 'The 39 Steps' - a comic adaptation of Alfred Hitchcock's movie which has won 2 national awards and nominated in 6 other categories.

Short+Sweet Theatre Festival South India 2016: Won Best Director for 'Shakespeare – As you like it'.

3. Lakshmi Priyaa Chandramouli

Lakshmi Priyaa Chandramouli is a Tamil film and television actress. A post graduate in human resource management from Madras School of Social Work, she joined the English theatre company Evam as a full-time employee, before venturing into the Tamil film industry. She is also a former National Level cricket player, and national Ultimate Frisbee champion.

While selling tickets for one of Evam's plays, director Magizh Thirumeni approached and asked her to play a supporting role in his film Mundhinam Paartheney. She took leave from work and shot for ten days for the film. After working with director K. Balachander on one of his teleserials, and starting to audition for a role in the TV show, Dharmayudham, she decided to pursue acting full-time. She quit her job and attended several auditions for different roles in the show, eventually landing the role of Sharada. Her first film in a lead role was the black comedy Sutta Kadhai. She played a bold tribal girl called Silanthi in the film, which required her to perform stunts as well, and reviews on her performance were positive. Her sole 2014 release was Angels, which marked her Malayalam debut. Her next Tamil release was Kallappadam by debutant director Vadivel. About her role, she said that it was a "well defined and powerful character" and "emotionally very strong". Her portrayal of a retired actress, which Baradwaj Rangan described as the "most fascinating, refreshing character" in the film, was lauded by critics, with Sify stating that "Lakshmi Priya shines in the role".

Short+Sweet Theatre Festival South India 2016: Won Best Actor Female for 'Damayanthi'.

4. V. Balakrishnan

V. Balakrishnan is an alumnus of Sri Ram Centre for Performing Arts and the prestigious National School of Drama (1998). He was later awarded the Charles Wallace Scholarship to attend the International Residency for young directors, hosted by the Royal Court Theatre,

London. He has taught over two thousand students in the past decade with his chosen method of teaching acting - the Meisner Technique. As an actor, he has acted in over 150 plays since he started his career in 1994. He is the artistic director of Theatre Nisha.Short+Sweet Theatre Festival South India 2016: Won Best Actor for 'Objectum Sexuality'.

5. Evam Lab

Founded in 2003 by Sunil Vishnu K. and Karthik Kumar, 'Evam' today is a profitable young thriving arts organization making people believe in the power of the Arts. Evam is one of India's foremost Performing Arts Organizations with the mission of 'making a positive impact' in the lives of people through the medium of arts, especially theatre.

Evam has 4 core areas of operation- Performing Arts Creation, Arts Management, Arts Education & Behavioral Training using the Arts. Evam has two companies under it – Evam Entertainment and Training Sideways, operating across India and Singapore.

Some of their accolades

- Won Director's fellowship programme, Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, Washington DC.
- Won the Young Performing Arts Entrepreneurship (YPAE) award, British Council.
- 'The 39 Steps' nominated under 8 categories and won two national awards.
- 'Ali J', the first Indian Theatre production to perform a full run at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

According to the founders "We choose to go beyond entertainment; we choose to promote transformation through art. And that means each and every experience with Evam leaves you with something more. A change. An ampersand quite like the one in our logo that seeks to add a little bit to your life experience. Take back laughter. Take back a life lesson. Take back a solution. Take back a small understanding of yourself and of the world around you. And above all else, take back some joy."

Short+Sweet Theatre Festival South India 2016: Won Mithran Devanesan Award for Best Production for "A Tale of a Tall Girl or 27/F/5'11", directed by Sunil Vishnu K (Independent Theatre Company – Evam Lab).

Playing Order

Week - 1

1. The Blind Date

Director: Charan Saravana; **Writer:** Joe Starzyk

Cast: Prakash (Dave), Sravanth (Waiter), Sharada (JJ), Shreya (Julie)

Synopsis: Age is just a number, if you are blind.

2. First Day First Show

Director: Pooja Devariya; **Writer:** Arjun Chidambaram

Cast: Arjun Chidambaram (Ganesan), Sainath Saikrishnan (Reddy), Naveen George Thomas (Nair)

Synopsis: Cinema le konjam politics irukku, politics le nariya cinema irukku.

3. Shakespeare - As you like it

Director: Bhargav Ramakrishnan; **Writer:** Balakumaran Murugesan

Cast: Shravan Ramakrishnan (Actor 1), Lakshmi Priyaa C (Actor 2), Sarvesh Sridhar (Shakespeare Sarvesh)

Synopsis: @Mad_Sad_Ophee likes @Ro_meow's tweet - @Juli8 <3 <3 <3 || Ceasar says Et tu Bro? What happens next will blow your mind || 7 Signs that Hamlet was a Lunatic and you could be one too || This is the Bard of the Millenials. This is Shakespeare 'as U lik it!'

4. Manidha Uravugal

ITC: Stage Friends; **Director:** Lalitha Dharini; **Writer:** Lalitha Dharini

Cast: Jayakumar S.K (Ravindran), Uma.Shankar (Annam), Karthik Sridhar (Ashok), Aneesh (Murugan)

Synopsis: An Old couple living in loneliness , as their only son who left them for higher studies to USA eight years back never turned back to see them. Suddenly he rings up and comes to India to their excitement... Do their excitement lasts??

5. The Ordinary City

Director: Janardhanan Raghavan; **Writer:** Balajee GE

Cast: Ayan Shukla (Varun), Preethika Hari (Neighbor Aunty)

Synopsis: What makes a city ordinary??

6. Ballet of Death

ITC: White Canvas; **Director:** Anand Ravichandran; **Writer:** Anand Ravichandran

Cast: Ajith Jayasankar (The Voice), Raja Divagar (Kunjidhapaadham), Siddharth Varma (Periya Kundalam), Radhakrishnan (Thunder), Sasikumar (Bolt), Naresh Raj (Chinna Kundalam), Guru Bharath (Kudigaaran)

Synopsis: All Kunjidhapaadham wants to do is to sit peacefully and have a drink in the bar. But things go haywire by a faceless intruder.

7. How to find Joy in Nothingness?

Director: Adhira Pandilakshmi; **Writer:** Charles Britto

Cast: M Shankar (A war veteran/security guard in his early 70s)

Synopsis: A war veteran in his 70s working as a security guard shares his story of how he finds joy in the small things of life.

8. That Funny Big Girl

Director: Vinod Anand; **Writer:** Syama Harini Chilukuri

Cast: Syama Harini Chilukuri

Synopsis: The quest of funny fat girl who is in search of a boy who can find the girl inside her. Fat Chance!!!

9. Never Give-up

Director: Jagadeesh Kanna; **Writer:** Jagadeesh Kanna

Cast: kalieaswari Srinivasan (Shanthi)

Synopsis: Falling is normal... Rising up makes you special... Be special...

10. Jam

Director: Venkatesh Harinathan; **Writer:** Nick White

Cast: Mathivanan Rajendran

Synopsis: Sometimes, Jams can also be in a pickle.

Week - 2

1. Goonda (The Goon)

Director: Ramakrishna Dhanasekaran; **Writer:** Pete Malicki

Cast: Prabhu Vijayan (Super Saet), Vijay Babu (Danger Dilip), Anand Krishnan Janakiraman (Assault Arumugam)

Synopsis: In a world of Super Heroes and Super Villains with extra-ordinary super powers, two ordinary goons struggle to take over the whole world. How do they do it? Or do they ever do it? But before anything do they deserve to do it?

2. Objectum Sexuality

Director: Meera Sitaraman; **Writer:** Ron Burch

Cast: Balakrishnan Venkataraman (Mike), Janani Narasimhan (Dr. Santos)

Synopsis: A man comes to a doctor with a strange problem with his partner, a rather odd partner.

3. Who Am I?

ITC: Koothu -P- Pattarai; **Director:** R. Baskar; **Writer:** Prasanna Ramkumar

Cast: Prasanna Ramkumar

Synopsis: Man trying to find himself. Who am I?

4. Unsubscribe!

ITC: The Stirfry Collective; **Director:** Drishya Gautam; **Writer:** Drishya Gautam

Cast: Prarthana Chandrasekaran (Woman), Punya Srikanth (Berline), Aarti Aney (Cosmo Aunty)

Synopsis: We could give you 5 Reasons To Watch This Play... But then, we'd be a bunch of hypocrites. Come, explore the mad, mad world of digital feminism with us!

5. Nee

Director: Udhaykumar Gunasekaran; **Writer:** John Pradeep J

Cast: Rajesh (Sudhakar), kalieaswari Srinivasan (Mom), Bhagirathy S (Girl), Mrithula Chetlur (Jiji), Vicky (Mime), Naresh (Mime)

Synopsis: How will ideologies, history, religion, philosophy and morals affect me? I am deaf, dumb and blind.

6. Real or Reel

ITC: The Drama Troupe; **Director:** Sabarish Menon; **Writer:** Sabarish Menon

Cast: Shireen Saadiya Ali (Mia), Karthik Gowrisankar (Vikram), Suresh Balachandran (Ghost), Prabhakaran Kandasamy (Inside the Cupboard), Hari Prasad

Synopsis: What seems real may be an illusion. A perceived illusion may be a hard reality. You may be tricked into traversing seamlessly. YOU are the judge!

7. Damayanthi

Director: Guru Narayan Chandrasekaran; **Writer:** Janardhan Raghavan

Cast: Lakshmi Priya Chandramouli (Damayanthi), Ramesh Thilak (Kumaran), Denver Nicholas (Arjunan), Krithika Ganesan (Swarna)

Synopsis: Letting go!

8. Making a Supershero

Director: Bhargav Prasad; **Writer:** Bhargav Prasad

Cast: Kiran Naig (Hahoba), Sindhuri Nandhakumar (Felili)

Synopsis: In the world of Manslopia where being a hero and being sloppy is attributed to men, a supershero has been something of a myth. Until today.

9. Sweep Sweep

ITC: Theatre Nisha; **Director:** Janani Narasimhan; **Writer:** Balakrishnan Venkataraman

Cast: Meera Sitaraman (The Boy)

Synopsis: A balladic representation of poverty struck little boys and girls whose lives were not work the soot they swept.

10. A tale of a tall girl or 27 f 5 11

ITC: Evam Lab; **Director:** Sunil Vishnu; **Writer:** Shruti Parasuram

Cast: Mrithula Chetlur (Anu's mother), Shalini Vijayakumar (Anu), Abishekh Joseph George (Ajay), kalesh S Ramanand (Narrator), Akshay Yesodharan (Guitar boy)

Synopsis: Based on a true story, this is 'coming of marri-AGE' story of a tall chennai girl called 'Anu Subramaniam' also known as 'Tall Anu'. Her matrimonial profile says 27/f/5'11"/180cms and she is searching for her 'perfect match'. Will she find 'the one'?

Week - 3

1. Hammer Time

Director: Sushant Alexander; **Writer:** Sasha Siljanovic

Cast: Nithin Ram (MC Hammer), Sasi Kumar (Michael), Tanuja Prasad (Jenny)

Synopsis: A tragicomic play that deals with the sad and lonely lives of three characters. The predicament of modern urban life.

2. War Kiss

Director: Karthik Anantharaman; **Writer:** Alex Broun

Cast: Dev DKS (Karim), Kamatchi Kaleeswaran (Perihan)

Synopsis: Love story of perihan in the war hit times in Berut and other parts of middle east with Karim. What happens next is the story.

3. Sweet

ITC: Azhagammai Theaters; **Director:** Manibharathi; **Writer:** S. Ramakrishnan

Cast: Dellphine (Shyamala), Chinna Suresh (Arul Selvam), Harish Ori (Kannaiya), Prasanna (Stephen), Kousalya (Mother), Mano (Shetty), Nandhini (Blind Vendor 1), Venkatesh (Blind Vendor 2), Priya (Blind Vendor 3)

Synopsis: Kannaiya, a money minded-real estate mediator. A visually challanged, good hearted, well educated couple is about to buy a land from Kannaiya. The plot has lot of litigation problems and also a waste land. Did the good-will of the couple saves their money or not is the story.

4. A Lumberjack, A Eunuch and A Pope

Director: Denver Anthony Nicholas; **Writer:** James Hutchinson

Cast: Prasanth Oliver (Mr. Kensington), Anusha Prema Balakrishnan (Clerk)

Synopsis: A man Dies, and stands in front of the Pearly Gates, and is questioned by an attending After Life Clerk as to what he has done with all the lifetimes given to him, that he deserves another chance at life to find the true essence of life.

5. Yours Urgently

ITC: MP Sabha; **Director:** Rajiv Rajaram; **Writer:** Rajiv Rajaram

Cast: Shravan Ramakrishnan (Mr. Skinner), Sandeep John (Mr. John)

Synopsis: Is there an urgency in death? Only if you are under a deadline.

6. Chennai Pattinam 2065

ITC: Stray Factory; **Director:** Mathivanan Rajendran; **Writer:** Mathivanan Rajendran

Cast: Pooja Devariya, Venkatesh Harinathan, Kiran Naig

Synopsis: Future is stranger Fiction.

7. Makku Police Manguttu Thirudan

Director: John Pradeep J; **Writer:** Karthikeyan Ravi

Cast: Karthikeyan Ravi (Thief), Ghouse Mohammed (Policeman), Vicky (Member 1), Narain (Member 2), Yogi (Member 3), Dinesh (Assistant)

Synopsis: A thief meets a person inside the prison and makes an escape plan. Will he succeed? Do you get his message?

8. Red Wire Blue Wire

Director: Shravan Karthikeyan; **Writer:** Albert Jamae

Cast: Tanuja Prasad (Trish Parker), Kaushik Gurunat (Marty Craigmor), Jaytish Sridhar (Gary)

Synopsis: The clock is ticking and Marty is trying to diffuse the actual bomb strapped to his ex-girlfriend Trish, while she tries to diffuse the metaphorical bomb strapped to their relationship.

9. Thaathaavin Petti

ITC: Theatre Zero; **Director:** Amit Singh; **Writer:** Vinodhini Vaidyanathan

Cast: Jayanth Kumar (Mohan), Jagadeesh Kanna (Doctor Peethambaram), Smrithi Parameshwaran (Dhanalakshmi), Ashwath Subramanian (Muthu)

Synopsis: The mystery box that was always a part of childhood stories. The petti that we always long to open. Is it just a box, or a Pandora's box?

10. Boob Job

Director: Balakrishnan Venkataraman; **Writer:** Meera Sitaraman

Cast: Krithika Anand (Prema), Saadiya Ali (Mala)

Synopsis: A to-be sister-in-law has the weirdest gift planned for her brother's wife.

WildCards - 1

1. Andha Oru Nimidam

Director: Easwaran Ramanathan; **Writer:** Easwaran Ramanathan

Cast: Jayakumar S.K (Nallasivam), Uma.Shankar (Shenbagam), Venkat(Hari), Suraj (4 Small Roles)

Synopsis: Today's problems and circumstances, may turn even, Gauthama, The Buddha, into a killer. Money has become vital that it kills the love between couples - who lived happily all along - in just seconds.

2. The Serenity Prayer

Director: Krithika Anand; **Writer:** Brinda Lakshmi

Cast: Brinda Lakshmi (Ruby)

Synopsis: A group therapy session for the family of members from Alcoholics Anonymous.

3. Testing 1...2...3.

ITC: The North Madras Naadaga Company; **Director:** Hassanali; **Writer:** Chandrasekar V

Cast: Ramprasad (Salesman), Chandrasekar. V (Scientist), Delli Kannan (Thief), Karthikeyan (Man), Shivani (Girl)

Synopsis: It is a Science fiction about the advantages of new inventions.

4. Time Mines

Director: Krishnamurthy Narayanaswamy; **Writer:** Vasanthi S Pillai

Cast: Mekhala Kulkarni (Mother), Anusha Prabhu (Daughter)

Synopsis: A play that involves delving into each other's thoughts and passion, asking question to find answers difficult to answer. What happens when you are overcome with emotions.

5. The Social Butterfly

Director: Vijayalakshmi Rajagopalan; **Writer:** Vibha Batra

Cast: Rupam Mishra (Shilpa), Suraj Seetharaman (Harish)

Synopsis: A young Indian wife who is obsessed about being important in the social circle is handled smartly by her husband.

6. Murder in the Title

Director: Bhagirathy S; **Writer:** Anjani Balu

Cast: Supriya (Wilma), Gladwin (Ramanujam), Siddharth (Farmer), Gnanesh (Corpse)

Synopsis: Wilma has never had a male family member return from war. She is hoping that the return of her idiot son from war would finally break the family curse.

7. What are you wearing today?

Director: Karthick Sekar; **Writer:** Gitanjali Jeganathan

Cast: Anusha Prabhu (Vedha), Rupam Mishra (Tara), Pruthvi Kanth (Vikram), Anthony Arun (Suraj)

Synopsis: What reveals more about a woman's character? The dress she wears or her eyes?

8. Yuddaya

Director: Vivek Raju; **Writer:** Faisal Al Yafai

Cast: Athulya Madhu (Tamizh Priya), Karthick Sekar (Sivanesan (a) Colonel. BalaSingham)

Synopsis: This play happens in the middle of a warfield in Jaffna between a srilankan soldier and his childhood love. The play talks about humanity, love and war crimes happening around the globe and slowly unfolds towards some unexpected turn of events.

9. Enjoy!

Director: Susanna Lazarus; **Writer:** Pamela Western

Cast: Sabarish Menon (The Waiter), Sundar S (Jack), Shibani Naidu (Alice)

Synopsis: A relationship on the rocks might just be fixed by an over attentive waiter.

WildCards - 2

1. Forgive me Father

Director: Dharish Kumar; **Writer:** Sally Bartley

Cast: Nithin Ram (Michael), Vignesh Chellapan (Father Lambert), Vijayalakshmi (Sarah)

Synopsis: How far you would go far to protect your loved ones?

2. A Play on Consent

Director: Prarthana Chandrasekaran; **Writer:** Tarana Reddy

Cast: Drishya Gautham (Woman), Shlok Menon (Man)

Synopsis: A couple relives their night together, and face an unexpected revelation.

3. Ariyanai Ki. Mu. 234

ITC: Saaral Koothu Pattarai; **Director:** Prasanna M; **Writer:** Kishore

Cast: Jamal Mohamed (Raja), Krishna Priya (Rani), Muthu Annamalai (Raja Manthiri), Jerome Zachariah (Thalapathi), Threka A.S (Rani Thozhi), Vigneshwar.S (Civilian),

Synopsis: Battle preparations are on full swing. Will the mighty King win the war? Is there a twist in the war or the tale itself? Keep guessing...

4. Man & Monkey

ITC: Theatre of Maham; **Director:** Hari Ramakrishnan; **Writer:** Cordis Paldano

Cast: Sravanth Ramani (Joseph), Vaidhi (Garnab), Nishant Ramakrishnan (Gorilla)

Synopsis: The play revolves around a situation where a egoistic news reporter interviews a intelligent and popular gorilla and a comical display of what unfolds during the conversation.

5. The Animal

ITC: Theatre Zilch; **Director:** Sudarsun Raghavan ; **Writer:** Sudarsun Raghavan

Cast: Karthik sridhar (Inspector), Aneesh (Sub-Inspector), Vignesh Chellappa (Father), Delli kannan (Taxi Driver), Karthikeyan (Constable)

Synopsis: A girl was raped and Killed, Polices investigates to find the convict. It is a suspense thriller.

6. Debutantes

ITC: Applause Theatric Activities; **Director:** Shakila Arun; **Writer:** Shakila Arun

Cast: Subha Menon (Director), Bhodana Pugal (Actor 1), Stephen Joseph (Actor 2), Swetha Vittal (Actor 3)

Synopsis: A group of actors auditioning for their debut in a play.

7. Pain

Director: Vasanth Subramaniam; **Writer:** Vasanth Subramaniam

Cast: Gokul Anand (Pain), Arjun Chidambaram (Wheelchair)

Synopsis: True pain is not something we know of. Do you know what true pain is?

8. Right Swipes and Wrong Moves

Director: Charles Britto; **Writer:** Susan Goodell

Cast: Shibani Naidu (Zara), Sainath Saikrishnan (Arjun)

Synopsis: It's about Zara's many encounters with her dates through an online dating app.

Plays Shortlisted for the Gala Finals:

1. Man & Monkey
2. Chennai Pattinam 2065
3. Shakespeare – As you like it
4. Pain
5. A Tale of a Tall Girl or 27/F/5'11"
6. The Ordinary City
7. Damayanthi
8. Makku Police Mangutu Thirudan
9. Yours Urgently
10. First Day First Show
11. Objectum Sexuality

Reviews

The Hindu, Chennai, 11 July, 2016 – Two hours, myriad emotions

<http://www.thehindu.com/features/metroplus/events/Two-hours-myriad-emotions/article14483364.ece>

Live Mint, Chennai, 30 June, 2016 - Keeping it short and sweet

<http://www.livemint.com/Leisure/aEen8tVeJuTvUm0E5EyW4N/Keeping-it-short-and-sweet.html>

Prizes

Week - 1		
Best Director		
Prize	Director	Play
Winner	Pooja Devariya	First Day First Show

Best Actor		
Prize	Actor	Play
Winner	Ayan Shukla	The Ordinary City
	Mathivanan Rajendran	Jam

Best Actress		
Prize	Actress	Play
Winner	Kalieaswari Srinivasan	Never Give Up
Special Mention	Lakshmi Priyaa Chandramouli	Shakespeare – As you like it

Best Script		
Prize	Writer	Play
Winner	Arjun Chidambaram	First Day First Show
	Balakumaran Murugesan	Shakespeare – As you like it
	Balajee G.E	The Ordinary City
Special Mention	Jagadeesh Kanna	Never Give Up

Week - 2		
Best Director		
Prize	Director	Play
Winner	Sabarish Menon	Reel or Real

Best Actor		
Prize	Actor	Play
Winner	Prasanna Ramkumar	Who am I?
	Balakrishnan Venkataraman	Objectum Sexuality

	Best Actress	
Prize	Actress	Play
Winner	Meera Sitaraman	Sweep Sweep

Best Script		
Prize	Writer	Play
Winner	Prasanna Ramkumar	Who am I?
	Balakrishnan Venkataraman	Sweep Sweep

Week - 3		
Best Director		
Prize	Director	Play
Winner	Karthik Anantharaman	War Kiss

Best Actor		
Prize	Actor	Play
Winner	Shravan Ramakrishnan	Yours Urgently
Special Mention	Karthikeyan Ravi	Makku Police Mangutu Thirudan

	Best Actress	
Prize	Actress	Play
Winner	Kamatchi Kaleeswaran	War Kiss
	Anusha Prema Balakrishnan	A Lumberjack, A Eunuch and A Pope

Best Script		
Prize	Writer	Play
Winner	Alex Broun	War Kiss

Wildcard 1		
Best Director		
Prize	Director	Play
Winner	Bhagirathy S	Murder in the title
Special Mention	Sussanna Lazarus	Enjoy!

Best Actor		
Prize	Actor	Play
Winner	Sabarish Menon	Enjoy!
Special Mention	Jayakumar	Antha Oru Nimidam

Best Actress		
Prize	Actress	Play
Winner	Anusha Prabhu	What are you wearing today?
Special Mention	Rupam Mishra	The Social Butterfly
Best Script		
Prize	Writer	Play
Winner	Chandrasekhar V	Testing 1... 2... 3...
	Easwaran Ramanathan	Antha Oru Nimidam

Wildcard 2		
Best Director		
Prize	Director	Play
Winner	Hari Ramakrishnan	Man & Monkey

Best Actor		
Prize	Actor	Play
Winner	Vaidhya M Sundar	Man & Monkey
	Gokul Anand	Pain

Best Actress		
Prize	Actress	Play
Winner	Drishya Gautam	A Play on Consent
	Swetha Vittal	Debutantes
Special Mention	Shibani Naidu Khatri	Right Swipes and Wrong Moves
Best Script		
Prize	Writer	Play
Winner	Cordis Paldano	Man & Monkey

Special Mention	Tarana Reddy	A Play on Consent
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Gala Finals Prizes		
Best Play		
Prize	Play	Director
Winner	A Tale of a Tall Girl or 27/F/5'11"	Sunil Vishnu
Runner-up	Damayanthi	Guru Narayan Chandrasekar
Runner-up	The Ordinary City	Janardhanan Raghavan

Best Actor		
Prize	Actor	Play
Winner	Vaidhya M Sundar	Man & Monkey
	Gokul Anand	Pain
	Balakrishnan Venkataraman	Objectum Sexuality
Runner-up	Shravan Ramakrishnan	Yours Urgently

Best Actress		
Prize	Actress	Play
Winner	Lakshmi Priyaa Chandramouli	Damayanthi
Runner-up	Mrithula Chetlur	A Tale of a Tall Girl or 27/F/5'11"
	Pooja Balu	Chennai Pattinam 2065

Best Director		
Prize	Director	Play
Winner	Bhargav Ramakrishnan	Shakespeare – As you like it
Runner-up	Mathivanan Rajendran	Chennai Pattinam 2065
	Guru Narayan Chandrasekar	Damayanthi

Best Script		
Prize	Writer	Play
Winner	Mathivanan Rajendran	Chennai Pattinam 2065
	Cordis Paldano	Man & Monkey
Special Mention	Arjun Chidambaram	First Day First Show
	Rajiv Rajaram	Yours Urgently