



**Prakriti
Foundation**

**Short+Sweet Theatre Festival, South India
(2017)**

About Short+Sweet 2017

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. The title sponsor for this edition was Mindscreen Film Institute. Studio Bas and Silkworm Boutique were Gala Finals Prize Sponsors; Amdavadi Restaurant and Mangala Rural Retreat were Prize Sponsors; and Zebronics was Sound Partner. Ticketing Partner was Eventjini.com.

In 2017, we had an overwhelming submission for directors and ITC's. Out of the 150 entries we received, we showcased 70 plays. The winner of this edition was a tie between "The History Boys", directed by Mathivanan Rajendran and "Song of Love or a boy, a girl and a song", directed by Sunil Vishnu K.

Schedule

Venue: Alliance Française de Madras

Rounds	Dates (July 2017)	Show Time
Top 40 - Week 1	5 th , 7 th , 8 th and 9 th	7pm - 9 pm
Wildcards 1	8 th and 9 th	3pm - 5pm
Top 40 - Week 2	12 th , 13 th , 14 th and 15 th	7pm - 9 pm
Wild Cards 2	14 th and 15 th	3pm - 5pm
Top 40 - Week 3	19 th , 21 st , 22 nd and 23 rd	7pm - 9 pm
Wild Cards 3	22 nd and 23 rd	3pm - 5pm
Top 40 - Week 4	25 th , 26 th , 27 th and 28 th	7pm - 9 pm

Gala Finals	29 th and 30 th	3pm - 5pm	7pm - 9 pm
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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 2017: Won the Best Ensemble for 'The History Boys'. The play won the Mithran Devanesan award for the Best Production.

2. Sunil Vishnu K

Sunil Vishnu K aka Shoosha is a theatre-preneur who co-founded Evam Entertainment and Training Sideways. With more than 5 years of experience as a life skills trainer and an actor who has done over 90 plays, Sunil dabbles as an actor, director, and a voice over artiste.

Short+Sweet Theatre Festival South India 2017: Won the Best Ensemble for 'Song of Love or a boy, a girl and a song'. The play won the Mithran Devanesan award for the Best Production.

3. Krishnakumar Balasubramanian

Krishnakumar Balasubramanian (KK) is a Theatre & Film Actor, Director, Playwright, Set & Light Designer and Stunt Choreographer. He is the Artistic Director of The Little Theatre, Chennai.

Since 2007 he has acted, scripted and directed in numerous critically acclaimed and commercially successful theatre productions, including 5 Christmas Pantomimes and 6 original home productions that played at the International Theatre Festival for Young

Audiences (The Little Festival) by The Little Theatre. His shows played in Iran and Malaysia to standing ovations.

His productions are known for daredevil stunt sequences using free style and traditional martial arts forms and the innovative use of technology. He was selected to represent India as an Actor in an International collaboration at the 2010 ASSITEJ Korea Winter Festival of Performing Arts. His production 'The R.E.D Bean Can' which was critically acclaimed when it played at The Little Festival in July 2015 was selected from among more than 60 productions from various countries to play at the 22nd Theatre Festival for Children and young adults at Hamedan, Iran.

He is a member of the Global Shapers community, an initiative of the World Economic Forum (2012). He was a panelist at the World Economic Forum on India 2012 (South Asia's Children—Are We Thinking about South Asia's Tomorrow) with Sarah Jane Brown and Ulhas Yargop. He was voted as one of the 37 Young Indians of Tomorrow by 'India Today' in its 37th anniversary issue giving him the title 'Theatre Technocrat' 2012.

KK leads India's first hospital clown troupe by The Little Theatre. It is an initiative to bring laughter and relief in hospitals in Chennai through clowning. The concept was introduced in Malaysia at Hospital Kuala Lumpur in Aug 2017.

In 2016 he directed the play "I am an Actor, Your Honour" written by Suhasini Manirathnam featuring YG Mahendran for the Gollapudi Awards.

He is a TEDx speaker (TEDx ChMCollege, TEDx Youth Chennai and TEDx Delhi Salon), a trained martial artist and a fitness enthusiast.

Short+Sweet Theatre Festival South India 2017: Won the Best Actor (Male) for the play 'Auckland'.

4. Shakthi Ramani

Shakthi Ramani has been an actor with Theatre Nisha for the past six years and has acted in over 25 plays that have travelled to several festivals in India. She also teaches theatre in some city schools and conducts movement workshops. She holds a Diploma from Attakalari, Bangalore, and has been exploring physical theatre work for the past 3 years.

Short+Sweet Theatre Festival South India 2017: Won the Best Actor (Female) for the 'Gunapthy'.

5. 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 2017: Won the Best Scriptwriter for the play 'Gunapathy'.

6. Maya S Krishnan

A gymnast, athlete, singer and clown doctor; Maya has been dabbling in theatre and films for a few years now. Having undergone training for 13 years in gymnastics, Maya has been able to use those skills on stage, when she performed as the lead in the critically-acclaimed plays called The Garage Gang at The Little Festival produced by The Little Theatre. The play is also travelling to many parts of the country by August 2017. She also performed as one of the leads in the pantomime by The Little Theatre and was declared the "Crowd favourite."

Maya debuted in films in a Tamil college musical movie Vaanavil Vaazhkai directed by Mr. James Vasanthan. She also sang in this movie. Since then she has acted in Magalir Mattum, Thodari, My Son Is Gay, Velaikaran and yet to release dhruvanatchathiram and Endhiran 2.

Maya is one of the few hospital clowns in India. She has been clowning regularly in Egmore children's hospital, Apollo cancer institute and Kauvery hospital. Part of team that introduced clowning in schools and hospitals in Malaysia like Hospital Kuala Lumpur, Hospital Putrajaya and Permara Kurnia, a school by the Malaysian Prime Ministers wife, for high performance autistic children.

Playing Order

Top 40 - Week 1

1. Meelavattam

ITC: Theatre Paradisso Director: Sudarsun R Writer: Vasanthi S Pillai

Cast: Karthik Sridhar (Karthik), Aadhavi Chandrashekar (Swetha), Aravind Ram (Hari), Vasanthi S Pillai (Narrator from Back Stage)

Synopsis: A couple realizes Love is never ending but there are some pauses & snoozes.

2. Under The Microscope

Director: Charles Britto Writer: Karen Lothan

Cast: Anusha Premabalakrishnan, Bhavika G



Synopsis: Two amoebas break their evolutionary traits to fall in love.

3. Nilavin Kanavu

Director: Vikram Dhanasekar Writer: Kamatchi Kaleeswaran

Cast: Kriti Srinivas (Nila), Robinsingh (Male Voice), Padmashree Srinivas (Female Voice), Mayuri Raman (Friend 1), Dhakshini (Friend 2), Venkat Sharma (Mridangam), +3 singers

Synopsis: All of us fantasize, but do we choose that over reality?

4. Build a wall

Director: Krithika Anand Writer: Cary Pepper

Cast: Kamatchi Kaleeswaran (Left), Parshathy Nath (Right)

Synopsis: When you build a wall...things happen.

5. Jippugal Jakirathai

ITC: Koothu-P-Pattarai Director: Ravi Writer: Baskar R

Cast: Baskar (Baskar), Prasanna Ramkumar (Narrator), Chandrasekhar (Panneer), Santhosh Sellam (Ranganathan), R.P Rajanayahem (Siva Ram), Ranjith (Moi Moi)

Synopsis: An 11 year old boy gets caught in an awkward and funny kind of situation and how he comes out of it.

6. Phoenix

ITC: Naveena Koothupattarai Director: Jagadeesh Kanna Writer: Jagadeesh Kanna

Cast: Sameera (Amateur actor performing on stage), Aadhira Pandilakshmi (Lady with phone), Karthi Kak, Gokul Rangarajan, Aneesh, Sankar, Aarumugam (Shadow Theatre)

Synopsis: Play name says it all.

7. Sexy Beth's Giant Dildo Collection

Director: Vinod Anand Writer: Greg Gould

Cast: Arvind R Vyaas (Dale), Mitra Visveswaran (Beth), Krishna Kumar. S (Philip)

Synopsis: No. We are not talking about a giant, ugly extinct bird. Ask your Dad.

8. Rice Water

Director: Regin Rose Writer: Nallasivan

Cast: Porkodi (Shaki), Sarah Monu (Irom Sharmila), Vidhur Rajarajan (Narrator), Gnani, Dinesh, Manikavel, Roy (Chorus)

Synopsis: What would have happened if the ordeal of the iron lady of Manipur ended much earlier? A story retold from the point of view of the mother.

9. Flight of the Cows

Director: Sushant Alexander Writer: Rex McGregor

Cast: Madhumeetha B (Clover), Candice Rozario (Lucille), Anandhakrishnan



Janakiraman (Tiger)

Synopsis: Clover & Lucille are two cows on a farm just outside Chennai city, the plot thickens when Tiger-the horse arrives.

10. Gunapathy

ITC: Theatre Nisha Director: Meera Sitaraman Writer: Balakrishnan Venkataraman

Cast: Shakthi Ramani, Vishwa Bharath and Srivaralaxmi Maya

Synopsis: The story of Gunapathy, the other brother of Ganesha, with the human head and elephant body.

Top 40 – Week 2

1. 28 Down, Eight Letters

Director: Krishna Kumar S. Writer: Julie Johnston

Cast: Vinod Anand, Shakila Iqbal Arun

Synopsis: Patrick and Joyce are enjoying their evening ritual of tea and crosswords when Patrick makes a sudden confession, and is left shocked by Joyce's reaction

2. Ramayaa Vastavayya

Director: Bhargav Prasad Writer: Bhargav Prasad

Cast: Shyam Renganathan, Kiran Keshav, Dileep Rangan, Ayshwarya Ramakrishnan, Kiran Naig

Synopsis: When the town of Mallapuram is riddled with a murderer, it's upto you to decide who could be it.

3. Oru Oorla

Director: Antony Writer: John Pradeep

Cast: John Pradeep, Gabrella

Synopsis: A clown play featuring the father clown & a daughter clown where the father clown is trying to tell a story to his daughter to put her to sleep. This play will have a touch of shadow puppets, finger puppets, hand puppets, music etc.

4. Payback Points

ITC: 4swithin Director: G. Krishnamurthy Writer: Hemalatha Swaminathan

Cast: Aarthi Ravi, Hemalatha Swaminathan

Synopsis: Two women chance upon a diary. A past. Will it affect the present? Will it destroy the future.

5. 'Song of love' or 'a boy, a girl & a song'

Director: Sunil Vishnu Writer: Shruti Parasuraman

Cast: Akshay Yesodharan, Georgina Mathew, Kalesh Ramanand, Shalini Vijayakumar, Vinod Ramanarayanan, Shravan Sridhar, Jayanth Kumar, Mrithula Chetlur



Synopsis: A mute boy struggles to express his love. Will he discover his voice...his song of love?

6. Mr. Munusamy

ITC: Quid Pro Quo Director: Guru Narayanan Chandrasekar Writer: Adapted by Guru Narayanan Chandrasekar

Cast: Janardhanan Raghavan (Mr. Munusamy), Vishwa Bharath (Venpa), Deepak (Musician 1), One more guy (Musician 2)

Synopsis: It is a medical miracle. But, is it?

7. Cold Feet

ITC: Guduguduppukkari Director: Sunandha Raghunathan Writer: Vibha Batra

Cast: Prateeksha Chandrasekaran, Niran Viktor Benjamin

Synopsis: Mythili and Vijay are about to be married in a few minutes but will they go through with it?

8. Vietnam Zippos

Director: Shravan Kartikeyan Writer: J Weintraub

Cast: Dileep Rangan, Uzzuff Razeen, Mitra Viveswaran

Synopsis: They were incendiary devices and more. An empty canvas to be decorated with images, art. A signal. A rescue beacon. A sign of life.

9. Dharmam

ITC: Medai Director: Arivazhagan Writer: Indira Parthasarathy

Cast: Jaicinth, Rajeev Ananth, Aasha, Sasikumar, Abhilash, Prabhakar, Jeeva, Vidhur, Krithavarman, Dinesh & Abhilash

Synopsis: Ashwathama considered his gift immortality as a curse after witnessing so.

10. Shiny Disco Balls

ITC: Tell a Tale Productions Director: Vinodhini Vaidhyanathan Writer: Swathi Parasuraman

Cast: Lakshmipriyaa Chandramouli

Synopsis: To what lengths would someone run, so that their dream doesn't get 'run out'?

Top 40 – Week 3

1. The Wedding Night Tweets

Director: Vivek Raju Scriptwriter: Daniel Guyton

Cast: Rupam Mishra (Monu/Monika), Siddhartha SS (Sonu)

Synopsis: Sonu and Monu are recently married couple. What happens when socially conscious Sonu gets a shock of his life from his social-networking addict wife Monu



forms the crux of the play. This will tickle your funny bones with an underlying message and sarcasm all through.

2. Kurukshetra

ITC: Narjaya Director: Anantharaman Karthik Scriptwriter: Vikram S Vaidhya

Cast: Karthik Gowrisankar (Narrator, Duryodhana, Arjuna), Kamatchi Kaleeswaran (Krishna)

Synopsis: An episode from The Mahabharata, where Arjuna and Duryodhana go to Krishna seeking his support during the Kurukshetra war.

3. The Writer

Director: Varun Aiyer Scriptwriter: Chip Bolcik

Cast: Sunandha Raghunathan (MAN), Prarthana Chandrasekaran (WOMAN)

Synopsis: Does the fundament of our feeling(s) lie in our imagination or are our feelings the bedrock of the imagined? Is there a writer? What is written and what isn't? Why write at all?

4. Kuladheivam Uththaravu

ITC: Alagammai Theatre Director: Parimala Thangarasu Scriptwriter: Imayam

Cast: Manibharathi

Synopsis: A thief wants to get permission from his family deity to go for his work. The deity gives permission or not is the knot.

5. Ill-thakka-saiyya

Director: Kiran Keshav Scriptwriter: Vaidhya M Sundar

Cast: Shyam Renganathan (Boy), Vikram Arul Vidyapathi (Love), Vaidhya M Sundar (Lust), Pavithra Muralidharan (Happiness), Mayuri Ramanan (Sadness)

Synopsis: A conversation between "Love" and "Lust" when a boy contemplates his future with the girl that he has found.

6. Nishadin

Director: Rohini Rau Scriptwriter: Gowri S

Cast: Pranav Giridharan

Synopsis: Epics are always written by the victors! But there are stories untold by the ones caught in the crossfire. This is one of those stories.

7. The History Boys

Director: Mathivanan Rajendran Scriptwriter: Naren Weiss

Cast: Abishek Joseph, Kiran Naig, Nikhil Kedia, Aravinth Sundar, Rahul Sridhar, Shravan Sridhar

Synopsis: The Story of the One in Six.



8. Ennoda Nai Odi Pochu

ITC: North Madras Nadaga Company Director: M Karthikeyan Scriptwriter:

Chandrasekar Venkataraman

Cast: Chandrasekar (Chandru), Vivek Raju (Surya), Vilambika (Julie), Swetha Iyer (Geetha), Vishal (Karnigan)

Synopsis: Many times people misunderstand communications and land up in confusions. One such episode in a common man's life is 'Ennoda Naai Odipochu'. Julie - a name, a dog, a lover, a wife and a confusion.

9. Late Night Pizza

Director: Karthick Sekar Scriptwriter: Frank Leggett

Cast: Anusha Prabhu (Mary), Aravind Ram (Paul)

Synopsis: Paul and Mary wait for a pizza to be delivered on the night they hooked up - but there is much more than pizza on the menu.

10. Character Assassination

ITC: Oho Productions Director: Rajiv Rajaram Scriptwriter: Balajee GE

Cast: Subiksha Raman (J), Shravan Ramakrishnan (WC), Ayshwarya Ramakishnan (K), Vaidhya M Sundar (M,A)

Synopsis: Caution. Unhappy characters seeking redemption ahead.

Top 40 – Week 4

1. Mouna Ragam 2

Director: Amarendran Ramanan Scriptwriter: Swaminathan G

Cast: A.Pradeep Raj (Interviewer), S.Shriram (Interviewee), Gokhul Ram (Caller1), Kamini Mathai (Caller 2), V.G. Chander Mouli (Caller 3)

Synopsis: A comic take on movies and movie critics.

2. My Knight in Dull Armour

ITC: Stagefright Productions Director: Freddy Koikaran Scriptwriter: Pete Malicki

Cast: Vinithra Madhavan Menon

Synopsis: Cara loves her husband. So much so, that she would do ANYTHING for him.

3. Great Sexpectations

ITC: Elephantify Director: Prarthana Chandrasekaran Scriptwriter: Drishya Gautham

Cast: Arjun Chidambaram (B2), Shalini Vijaykumar (G2), Varsha Ramesh (G), Akshay Yesodharan (B)

Synopsis: What do you do when your baggage gets in the way of sexy times?

4. Man Up

Director: Drishya Gautham Scriptwriter: Shariq Rafeek

Cast: Sandeep John (Man)

Synopsis: What does it take to be a real man?

5. B.I.T

ITC: L & B Theatre Company Director: Shyam Kamal Scriptwriter: Hari Ramakrishnan

Cast: Hari Ramakrishnan Jayakumar (Hari), Shruthi Parasuraman (Jaya), Sudarshan Navaneetha Krishnan (Mahadevan), Supraja Sriram (Sister), Jayakumar KR (Sambu), Kamal (Mahesh), Srijith (Sandeep), Pavitra (Madhu)

Synopsis: A humorous play about a teenage boy trying to explore 90% of the internet influenced by his peers and gets caught with his parents. The plot revolves around him trying to validate his actions and fails miserably.

6. The Blind Side

Director: Janardhanan R Scriptwriter: Janardhanan R

Cast: Praveen Kumar, Dr Shobana Swaminathan

Synopsis: Blindsided?? By Love??

7. Marriage and Monsters

Director: Krishnakumar Balasubramanian Scriptwriter: Jamie Hughes

Cast: Samyuktha Vishwanathan (Wife), Ashley Shillong (Husband)

Synopsis: A super hero couple fight their greatest nemesis; being married.

8. Once a Year

ITC: Nicholas Production Director: Ashley Peter Shillong Scriptwriter: Denver Anthony Nicolas

Cast: Vinithra Madhavan Menon (Women 1), Ananya Shankar (Women 2), Denver Anthony Nicholas (Man)

Synopsis: When you have just 1 day, once a year for true love, you take it...

9. Cleanse

ITC: The Debauch Company Director: Niran Viktor B Scriptwriter: Sunandha Raghunathan

Cast: Prateeksha Chandrasekaran (Ramya)

Synopsis: What do you do when you have an unwanted visitor in your bathroom?

10. 'Game of Navagrahas' Or 'The Appraisal'

Director: John Pradeep Scriptwriter: Gopal Krishnan

Cast: Surender (Suryan), Shadiq (Naradhar), Milton (Guru), Imam (Sukran), Saravana (Shani), Naviya (Chandra)

Synopsis: The Navagrahas are sitting on an emergency appraisal meeting chaired by Goddess Durga to select their next leader. Are these Grahas really doing their job?

Wild Cards 1

1. Why should the Victim Cry?

ITC: Saaral Koothu Pattarai

Director: Kishore Adirajan Writer: Kishore Adirajan

Cast: Aishwarya (Female lead), Durga Abhishek (Male Lead), Sharan Kumar (Friend), Veena (Second Lover)

Synopsis: A sex worker narrates her journey from love to prostitution.

2. Aval

ITC: Sparkling Colours Director: Raghavan Writer: Madhan Padmanaban

Cast: Karthik Sekar (Karthikeyan)

Synopsis: A guy who is very skeptical to accept his love to a girl finally realizes his love for self.

3. The American Dream

ITC: Here and Now Theatre Director: Rehan Shaurya Writer: Aakash Prabhakar

Cast: Aakash Prabhakar, Simran Jha

Synopsis: Karthik narrates his shattered American dream, yet realising that no matter what life moves on in the end.

4. Sonna Namba Mattenga

ITC: Theatre Sellam Director: Sella Sellam Writer: Sella Sellam

Cast: Sarah Monu (Thogupalani), Santhosh Sellam (Oruvan 1), Kalai Chozhan (Oruvan 2), and Ranjith, Virupakshi, Sai Dinesh, Hari (All audiences who help in lifting up the mentally ill people)

Synopsis: The play satirically questions about democratic rule in our country and how people take part in it.

5. Purpose

ITC: Red Dawn Productions Director: Vasanth Subramaniam Writer: Vasanth Subramaniam

Cast: Lakshmi Priyaa C (Soldier1), Arjun Chidambaram (Soldier 2)

Synopsis: Sometimes, we are put in the most difficult of situations. What we choose to do then, define us as who we are.

6. Altered Expectations

Director: Karthik Gowrisankar Writer: Suzy Wilds

Cast: Karthik Anantharaman (Steven), Krithika Anand (Christine)



Synopsis: A married couple deal with a life-changing event which challenges their relationship and forces them to face their altered expectations.

7. Kai Bomb

ITC: Kalakara Chandru Director: Hasan Ali Writer: Nithya Chandrasekaran
Cast: Chandrasekar(Chandru), Hari Ramakrishna (Small Chandru), Nishant Ramarishnan (Bin Laden), Swetha Iyer (Paapa), Sudarsun (Mady), Gnanesh Raj (Manager), Joel Mark (Major)

Synopsis: How Mr Bin laden was tortured to death by an Indian IT engineer – The Untold Story.

8. Naramugai - Aval Oru Aruveruppu

ITC: Mirror-Z Director: Navaneetha Krishnan Writer: Navaneetha Krishnan & Samyuktha Senthil

Cast: Praveen Kumar (Dheemagi), Sai Dinesh (Aranya), Uzzuff (Tharagai), Divakar (Kavigai), Vignesh (Random Trans & The guy in Prostitution), Manikandan, Saraal
Synopsis: Life of transgenders on a day and a thought provoking reel life drama.

9. Secret

ITC: Inostus Director: Praveen Writer: Santhosh Narayanan

Cast: Kaushik Gurunathan (Raveendar), Vilambika Sundar (Irene)

Synopsis: When Irene and Raveendar decide to open about their relationship to their parents, Irene comes up with an untold story that will have a huge impact on their relationship.

10. Don't Call Me Cupid

Director: Anandhakrishnan Janakiraman Writer: Jonathan Cook

Cast: Rochelle Stephen (Catherine), Ashwani Mohanlal (Madhumitha), Naresh Raj (Manmadhan/Cupid), Vijaybabu (Ajay)

Synopsis: Catherine finally finds the love of her life Ajay and wants to show him to her best friend and roommate Madhu. Right on time Manmadhan or Cupid shoots Cathy's boyfriend with the wrong arrow - an arrow that kills.

Wild Cards 2

1. Ippadikku

ITC: Viveka Patravarga Director: Mrithyunjay Scriptwriter: Sanjay Sridhar

Cast: Vignesh P & Akshay Bharadhwaj (Captain. Santosh Ramachandran), Muthukumaran A, Vignesh P, Saravana Kumar R. (Captain. Nishanth Ramachandran), Lavanya Venkatesan (Mrs. Santosh), Saravana Kumar R. (Aadhvik N. Ramachandran), Asish M (Pakistani General), Sanjay Sridhar (Narrator)

Synopsis: A story of hope, loss, suffering and love within an army family.



2. Monsters under the Bed

ITC: Vaayusastra Director: Tanya Patel Scriptwriter: Tanya Patel

Cast: Karnigan (Kaushik), Karthik Sridhar (Kaushik's Father)

Synopsis: MIND... what if the one thing you fear is your own mind...

3. Ada Summa Polambikunu

Director: Sameera Scriptwriter: Aadhira Pandilakshmi

Cast: Aadhira Pandilakshmi (the domestic worker), Shankar (the Government Corporation worker)

Synopsis: The Government grants a special gift to a female domestic worker who has two husbands.

4. 2.00 PM

ITC: RA- The Stori House Director: Ruby Ann Masilamani Scriptwriter: Sunny Patel

Cast: Praveen Potti (Father), Siddharth Krishnan (Priest), Sunny Patel (Son)

Synopsis: "All is well till noon till the clock strikes two and Adam breaks loose leaving the rest looking for clues."

5. Thupakki

ITC: Kikass Director: Vikas Rao Scriptwriter: Praveen Gunasekaran

Cast: Egypt Dinesh, Praveen Gunasekaran, Ashley Shillong, Maya Iyer, Shabeer Kallarkkal, Ashwin Raam

Synopsis: A Lone gunslinger walks into a post-apocalyptic tea shop. He's got a plan, but the narrator of the story has an even bigger one.

6. Vetri

ITC: Theatre of Addo Creations Director: Sanjay Scriptwriter: Radhakrishnan

Cast: Malmaruga (Vetri & Siva)

Synopsis: What you believe and what you work for is what you get in life..!

7. Voices

Director: Gnanesh Raj Scriptwriter: Sri Devi.

Cast: Jagadeesh Kanna (Mahesh), Priya (Sarita)

Synopsis: Husband is suffering from Paranoia. Can he come out of it with his wife's support or not.

8. Charmed Life

Director: Prashanth Oliver Scriptwriter: Michael Shapiro

Cast: Craig Lobo (Walter), Anu Bhaskararaman (Magie), Caroline Joseph (Wendy), Prince Andrew Abraham, Ananth Bhaskararaman, Rathna Sambhava Ravi, Siddarth Venkatesh, Gayathri Pradeep (Ensemble)

Synopsis: Margie has experienced unnaturally good luck her entire life - parking tickets vanish without cause, magazine subscriptions renew, and her house never seems to get dirty. One afternoon she discovers the source of her good luck.

9. Anu

ITC: Saaral Nadaga Kuzhu Director: Vigneshwar S Scriptwriter: Vigneshwar S

Cast: Threka A S (Annapoorni/Anu), Jamal Mohammed (Sengandhan), Sarveshwar. S (Next Door Kid), Krishna Priya (Cameo)

Synopsis: A feminine take on the problems faced by farmers.

10. Captain Mohammed Usman

ITC: DJ Ensomneacks Director: Ashwanth Gnanavelu Scriptwriter: Vikram Dhanasekar

Cast: Vikram Dhanasekar (Captain Usman), Aparna Ram (Sarika Mohammed), Ashwani Mohanlal (Interviewer), Gnanesh Raj (Terrorist)

Synopsis: How would you like a sneak peek into the life of an army man?

Wild Cards 3

1. Inner Echoes

ITC: VIT Chennai Dramatics Club Director: Anurag Agarwal Writer: Vamsi Krishna Sammeta

Cast: Aditya Kumar (He), Akhilesh Patil (Naveen), Sonalee Sreshta (Mithya), Vyshali Jeevu (She)

Synopsis: A play depicting how misunderstandings and miscommunication between a husband and wife ruin their relationship.

2. Neela Valai

ITC: Theatre Graph Director: Hemanth Rajasihamani & Arun Writer: Prasanth, Rajan

Cast: Prasanth (Facebook), Ranjith (Cool Palani), Senthil (Muruga Success), Gnana Prakash (Delivery Boy, Twitter) Deepa (Maragatha Muniyamma)

Synopsis: The story depicts how a social media tool influences, entertains and of-course disturbs the lives of two persons.

3. The Golden Years

Director: Nikhil Kedia Writer: Joe Starzyk

Cast: Dhaarshan Ramkumar Ganeshan (Norman), Aparnaa Nagesh (Mabel)

Synopsis: Mabel and Norman have had a good fifty years together until Norman decides to leave Mabel.

4. Agam Puram

ITC: Indian School of Drama Director: Anand Chonat Writer: Vijay Babu & Anand Chonat
Cast: Senthil Maharajan (Puram) & Vijay Babu (Agam)
Synopsis: A man gets to talk to with the one he wants to forsake the most.

5. The Man In Me

ITC: The Black Umbrella Director: Supriya Ananthanarayanan Writer: Supriya Ananthanarayanan
Cast: Mathivanan Rajendran (Ambi), Sruthi Unnikrishnan (Live Music)
Synopsis: The usual love story we all love to hear! But what's different about his love?

6. Do You Believe Me?

Director: Tarana Reddy Writer: Tarana Reddy
Cast: Drishya Gautham
Synopsis: If everything you've ever said to anyone was a lie, would they believe you when you told the truth?

7. Vaazhaa Uyirinam

ITC: Day Dreamers Director: Dharish Kumar Writer: Dharish Kumar
Cast: Gayathri (The woman), Udhay & Senthil (The tree), Murali & Chandru (The soldiers), Preethi, Karthik, Jayashree, Pradeep (Supporting)
Synopsis: Survival of the unfittest.

8. Pazhi

Director: Malmaruga Balakrishnan Writer: Malmaruga Balakrishnan
Cast: Sudharsanan (Ram), Syama Harini (Mother in Law), Lalitha Calidas (Deepa), Priyanka (Mother of Baby Boy), Sriji (Doctor)
Synopsis: A family man having three girl child wants a boy baby for the next. But unfortunately he got fourth girl baby. So he swapped the new girl baby with the new born boy child which was in the next ward in the hospital.

9. Rule Of 3

ITC: BLAH Productions Director: Balakumaran Writer: Balakumaran
Cast: Shravan Ramakrishnan (Actor 1), Maya S Krishnan (Actor 2), Venkatesh Harinathan (Actor 3)
Synopsis: Rule of three suggests that things that come in threes are funnier, more satisfying or more effective than other number of things.

10. Auckland

ITC: Follies Theatre Company Director: Sandeep John Writer: Alex Broun
Cast: Krishnakumar Balasubramanian (Shah), Nora Alexy, Sangita Santosham
Synopsis: A haunting monologue about the other side of Australia's refugee 'crisis'.



Plays Shortlisted for the Gala Finals:

1. Thuppaki
2. Great Sexpectations
3. Rice Water
4. Don't Call Me Cupid
5. Auckland
6. The History Boys
7. Ill-thaka-saiyya
8. Gunapathy
9. Oru Oorla
10. Marriage and Monsters
11. 'Song of Love' or 'a boy, a girl & a song'

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Prizes

Top 40 - Week 1		
Best Director		
Prize	Director	Play
Winner	Regin Rose	Rice Water

Best Actor		
Prize	Actor	Play
Winner	Arvind R Vyas	Sexy Beth's Giant Dildo Collections
	Krishna Kumar S	Sexy Beth's Giant Dildo Collections

Best Actress		
Prize	Actress	Play
Winner	Shakti Ramani	Gunapathy

Best Script		
Prize	Writer	Play
Winner	V. Balakrishnan	Gunapathy
	Kamatchi Kaleeswaran	Nilavin Kanavu

Best Ensemble		
Prize	Play	Director
Winner	Jippugal Jakirathai	Ravi

Special Mention - Best Production Support		
Prize	Play	Director
Winner	Flight of the Cows	Sushant Alexander

Top 40 - Week 2		
Best Director		
Prize	Director	Play
Winner	Vinodhini Vaidhyanathan	Shiny Disco Balls

Best Actor		
Prize	Actor	Play
Winner	Niran Viktor Benjamin	Cold Feet
	Vinod Anand	28 Down, Eight Letters
Special Mention	Dileep Rangan	Vietnam Zippos & Ramayaa Vastavayya

Best Actress		
Prize	Actress	Play
Winner	Prateeksha Chandrasekaran	Cold Feet
	Lakshmipriyaa Chandramouli	Shiny Disco Balls
Special Mention	Mitra Viveswaran	Vietnam Zippos

Best Script		
Prize	Writer	Play
Winner	Vibha Batra	Cold Feet

Best Ensemble		
Prize	Play	Director
Winner	Dharmam	Arivazhagan

Special Mention - Best Production Support		
Prize	Play	Director
Winner	28 Down, Eight Letters	Krishna Kumar S

Top 40 - Week 3		
Best Director		
Prize	Director	Play
Winner	Mathivanan Rajendran	The History Boys

Best Actor		
Prize	Actor	Play
Winner	Manibharathi	Kuladheivam Uththaaravu
	Pranav Giridharan	Nishadin

Best Actress		
Prize	Actress	Play
Winner	Ayshwarya Ramakrishnan	Character Assassination

Best Script		
Prize	Writer	Play
Winner	Gowri S	Nishadin
	Vaidhya M Sundar	Ill-thakka-saiyya
Special Mention	Balajee GE	Character Assassination

Best Ensemble		
Prize	Play	Director
Winner	Ill-thakka-saiyya	Kiran Keshav

Special Mention - Best Production Support		
Prize	Play	Director
Winner	Kuladheivam Uththaravu	Parimala Thangarasu

Top 40 - Week 4		
Best Director		
Prize	Director	Play
Winner	Freddy Koikaran	My Knight in Dull Armour

Prize	Actor	Play
Winner	Sandeep John	Man Up

	Ashley Shillong	Marriage and Monsters
Special Mention	Hari Ramakrishnan	B.I.T

Best Actress		
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Prize	Actress	Play
Winner	Vinithra Madhavan Menon	My Knight in Dull Armour
Special Mention	Prateeksha Chandrasekaran	Cleanse

Best Script		
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Prize	Writer	Play
Winner	Denver Nicholas Anthony	Once a Year

Best Ensemble		
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Prize	Play	Director
Winner	Great Sexpectations	Prarthana Chandrasekaran

Special Mention - Best Production Support		
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Prize	Play	Director
Winner	The Blind Side	Janardhanan Raghavan

Wild Cards 1		
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Best Director		
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Prize	Director	Play
Winner	Hasan Ali	Kai Bomb

Best Actor		
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Prize	Actor	Play
Winner	Aakash Prabhakar	The American Dream
	Naresh Raj	Don't Call Me Cupid

Best Actress		
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Prize	Actress	Play
Winner	Krithika Anand	Altered Expectations

Best Script		
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Prize	Writer	Play
Winner	Aakash Prabhakar	The American Dream

Best Ensemble		
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Prize	Play	Director
Winner	Sonna Namba Mattenga	Sella Sellam

Special Mention - Breakout Play		
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Prize	Play	Director
Winner	Narumugai- Aval Oru Aruveruppu	Navaneetha Krishnan

Special Mention - Best Production Support		
Prize	Play	Director
Winner	Don't Call Me Cupid	Anandhakrishnan Janakiraman

Wild Cards 2		
Best Director		
Prize	Director	Play
Winner	Ruby Ann Masilamani	2.00 PM

Best Actor		
Prize	Actor	Play
Winner	Sunny Patel	2.00 PM

Best Actress		
Prize	Actress	Play
Winner	Aadhira Pandilakshmi	Ada Summa Polambikunu

Best Script		
Prize	Script	Play
Winner	Sunny Patel	2.00 PM

Best Ensemble		
Prize	Play	Director
Winner	Thupakki	Vikas Rao

Special Mention - Best Production Support		
Prize	Play	Director
Winner	2.00 PM	Ruby Ann Masilamani
	Captain Muhammed Usman	Ashwant Gnanavelu

Wild Cards 3		
Best Director		
Prize	Director	Play
Winner	Dharish Kumar	Vaazhaa Uyiranam
	Supriya Ananthanarayanan	The Man In Me
Best Actor		
Prize	Actress	Play
Winner	Krishnakumar Balsubramanian	Auckland
	Mathivanan Rajendran	The Man In Me
Special Mention	Senthil Maharaj	Agam Puram
Best Actress		
Prize	Script	Play
Winner	Drishya Gautam	Do You Believe Me?

Best Script		
Prize	Script	Play
Winner	Supriya Ananthanarayanan	The Man in Me
	Balakumaran	Rule of 3
Best Ensemble		
Prize	Play	Director
Winner	Rule of 3	Balakumaran
Special Mention	Vaazha Uyirinam	Dharish Kumar

Special Mention - Best Production Support		
Prize	Play	Director
Winner	Do You Believe Me?	Tarana Reddy

Gala Finals Prizes		
Best Actor		
Prize	Actor	Play
Winner	Krishnakumar Balasubramanian	Auckland
Runner-up	Ashley Shillong	Marriage and Monsters

Best Actress		
Prize	Actress	Play
Winner	Shakti Ramani	Gunapathy
Runner-up	Maya S Krishnan	Thuppaki

Best Director		
Prize	Director	Play
Winner	Mathivanan Rajendran	The History Boys

Best Script		
Prize	Writer	Play
Winner	V. Balakrishnan	Gunapathy

Mithran Devanesan Award for the Best Production		
Prize	Play	Director
Winner	Song Of Love	Sunil Vishnu
	The History Boys	Mathivanan Rajendran

Best Ensemble		
Prize	Play	Director
Winner	The History Boys	Mathivanan Rajendran
	'Song Of Love'	Sunil Vishnu