PONDICHERY HERITAGE FESTIVAL PROGRAM
(nos. against venues indicate location on map)

Friday, 27th Feb, 2015

10:30 am to noon
Inaugural concert – MORNING RAGAS: Sitar recital by Soham Munim
Alliance Française Auditorium (1)

3:30 pm to 5:00 pm
CULTIVATING A SENSE OF HISTORY & IDENTITY THROUGH COLLECTIVE EVENTS
Expert Speakers: S Muthiah, Sushila Ravindranath (from Chennai)
Gratitude, 52 Romain Rolland (14)

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
A PARADE of traditional performing artists; ‘drummers’ from Svaram, Auroville,
heralding the festival and ending at Gandhi Thidal (2)

6.30pm to 8:30pm
Traditional INAUGURATION in the presence of the Chief Minister, French Ambassador Francois Richier GOI
representatives, Conservation and Heritage experts from India and France, Ministers and Secretaries, Special guest, award
winning actor and director Revathy and Pondicherians

An appeal by Sathya, a talented young poet from Baby Sarah Orphanage, Puducherry

Songs of Subramania Bharati by Aneesh Raghavan

Saturday 28th Feb, 2015

9.30 am to 11:00 am
EFFECTS OF SPIRITUAL HERITAGE ON TODAY’S PONDICHERY – a discussion with
Jhumur Bhattacharya, Richard Hartz, Aurofilio Schiavina, and Aneesh Raghavan.
Sri Aurobindo Ashram Library, No 4, St. Martin Street (3)

11.30 am to 1.30 pm
THE YIN AND YANG OF HERITAGE, THE TANGIBLE AND THE INTANGIBLE
a discussion with Conservation Experts Tara Muruli, PT Krishnan, Benny Kuriakos, and KT Ravindran
Institut Français de Pondichéry, 11, Saint Louis Street

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
PONDICHERY THROUGH ITS NATURE, HISTORY, INSCRIPTIONS AND THE SIDHA TRADITION
Raphael, Prof. Vijayavenugopal and Meenakshi Devi Bhavnani
École Française d'Extrême-Orient, Rue Dumas (5)

7:00 pm to 7:30 pm
ODISSI DANCE recital by Aneesh Raghavan
Cluny Embroidery, Rue Romain Rolland (6)

8.00 pm to 8:45 pm
MUSICAL PERFORMANCE by Adishakti
Academy House, north of Old Distillery(7)

Other ongoing events: Pondicherry through the eyes of local artists: Exhibition/sale of paintings by local artists on the
heritage of Pondicherry at the CRAFT BAZAAR (8) from 27th Feb to 1st March.

Traditional crafts at the CRAFT BAZAAR (8) from 28th Feb to 1st March

Heritage of the Family - Portraits of Tamil Nadu, Photography exhibition presented by French Institute of Pondicherry in
collaboration with Pondy ART, on the wall of IFP, Beach Road, Pondicherry(9). From Feb 25 to March 24
8:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Night heritage rickshaw tour and being hosted by some of the houses visited.
On 28th Feb and 1st March
Sunday 1st March, 2015

10:00 am to noon
WHAT KEEPS PEOPLE IN PONDICHERRY, WHAT BRINGS THEM HERE, WHAT BRINGS THEM BACK
Judge David Annoussamy, Dr. Nallam, Poet Bharatidasan’s son Mannar Mannan,
Ramraj Sehgal, Akash Kapur, Anitha Pottamkulam
at a private residence at 59, Laporte Street (10)

10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Open House by Deborah Smith and Ray Meeker of Golden Bridge Pottery
See their collection and hear about Pondicherry’s heritage of ceramic pottery.
25 Rue Dumas (11)

3:00 pm to 4.30 pm
SA Kandswamy talks about Rangapillay along with
Judge David Annoussamy and K Lakshminarayanan
Rangapillay House (12).

4.00pm to 5.30 pm
CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY INDIVIDUALS & ORGANISATIONS TO PRESERVE PONDICHERRY’S HERITAGE. Speakers; Ms Tasneem Mehta, Vice-Chairperson, INTACH, Philippe Toussaint -President VMF, Aygline de Clinchamps Secretary General APP, Aman Nath -Chairman FHI, Kiran Rao
Hotel De L’orient, 17, Rue Romain Rolland (16)

6:00 pm to 6:30 pm
A unique experience of SINGING STONES by Aurelio
GRATITUDE, 52 Romain Rolland (14)

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Performance of songs of Bharatiyar and Bharatidasan and music and dance on the story of Ayi Organised by
Dr. Sengamalthayar of Bharathi Ilakiaya Peravai
Gingee Salai Thidal (13)

7:00 pm to 8:45 pm
Mime performance by Drupad Gaonkar followed by Jazz music by Mishko and David
and closing ceremony at MAISON COLUMBANI, Rue Dumas (15)
Special Guesst speaker: Ms Tasneem Mehta, Vice Chairperson, INTACH