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BAMBU STAGE

*Theatre of Wonder, a cultural must-see in Siem Reap, Cambodia,
in 2020*

*Between traditions and modernity, a unique space to discover the richness of Khmer
culture through a range of daily artistic performances.*

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Founded in 2015, Bambu Stage is a hybrid intimate theatre based in Siem Reap, Cambodia. More than just a theatrical production company, the venue offers a permanent cultural space and creative explorations of insider knowledge focusing on Khmer's arts and history.

Bring Khmer arts alive again

Only cultural venue in Siem Reap to have four different stages, Bambu Stage is constantly growing in order to propose a diversity of shows and experiences unlike any others in the town of the Angkor Temples. Every evening, the stages come to life in an authentic environment.

In mixed Khmer and English dialogue, Bambu Stage proposes old folk storytelling and modern-day drama. From poetic shadow puppets to energizing women drummers, dancers and singers, of the Medha troupe, this place creates artistic moments where ancestral traditions and contemporary aspirations embrace each other.

The goal of the organization is to bring ancient culture and history in one space through spectacle in its many forms.



Providing awareness: being more informed to better travel

Siem Reap's cultural landscape is changing fast. The town embodies the tensions of the country's fast development; facing economic, social and environmental challenges.

Destination for locals and tourists, Bambu Stage carries a mission of sensibilization by considering that every traveler has a responsibility; try to have a better understanding of the country. They want to help change perceptions about the History, cultures and issues that affect Cambodia.

All the four shows have been thought through this instructive aim by combining artistic and informative aspects. Along this educational input, weekly workshops are organized.

A platform for performing arts as a non-profit social enterprise

Bambu Stage operates as a social enterprise within the community with the goal to contribute to a sustainable arts sector working and living in Cambodia; by nurturing local talent in professional, technical, and artistic collaboration.

The idea is to propose a space for young Cambodians to envision and materialize an authentic experience on their own terms. With a strong commitment to corporate social responsibility, the venue welcomes NGOs and social enterprises of all sizes.

"Our ultimate aim is to create an independent, commercially viable local theatre scene, deeply rooted in Cambodian tradition", says Jon De Rule, artistic producer.

The year 2020 promises new perspectives and collaborations for Bambu Stage; and like every night at 7pm, the stage lights are on.



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ABOUT BAMBU STAGE

Website: www.bambustage.com

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ABOUT MEDHA

Medha troupe is presenting the show *Forbidden Rhythms*. Performed by a group of 7 artists who come from Chriv village in the countryside near Siem Reap, Medha is the first all-female drum troupe. After joining a drumming workshop organised by Cambodian Living Arts (CLA) in 2017 they formed a troupe, *Medha* – which means the wisdom to move forward. Since then, *Medha* has gone from strength to strength, including two performances at new traditional music festival REPFest and multiple appearances at events and private bookings. Now Medha is under the support of Experience Cambodian Living Arts (ECLA).

ABOUT EXPERIENCE CAMBODIAN LIVING ARTS (ECLA)

Experience Cambodian Living Arts (ECLA) is a branch of the NGO Cambodian Living Arts (CLA). ECLA creates sustainable and fairly paid jobs for artists and technicians, and give audiences an opportunity to experience quality, authentic Cambodian performing arts. They also contribute to financially support CLA's other programs. We believe arts are at the heart of a vital society. We envision the arts and cultural expression as essential to a thriving future for Cambodia. CLA's mission is to be a catalyst in a vibrant arts sector, inspiring new generations.

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