

Itinerant Tribe *Tribu Itinérante*

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Itinerant Tribe is an audiovisual and interactive installation in urban public spaces which intends to emphasize encounters between artists and cultural particularisms from various horizons. This manifold-adventurous process of encounters will start from Reunion Island, a French island in the Indian Ocean, which is a very rich cultural melting pot, and will tend to meet the Indian cultures.

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A system of projections on the city walls, either unpredictable or organized, will allow the spectators to discover the Artists performances, and meet ordinary or extraordinary characters, witnesses of their present daily life or memories of the past.

These manifold encounters will produce rich cultural and artistic experiments, which will become richer as the human meetings and the video materials will be multiplied in the different workshops.

Through this network of projections, appearing and disappearing on the city walls, "Itinerant Tribe", will induce unusual and unpredictable confrontations between esthetic and artistic worlds, emphasizing their contrasts and similitudes.

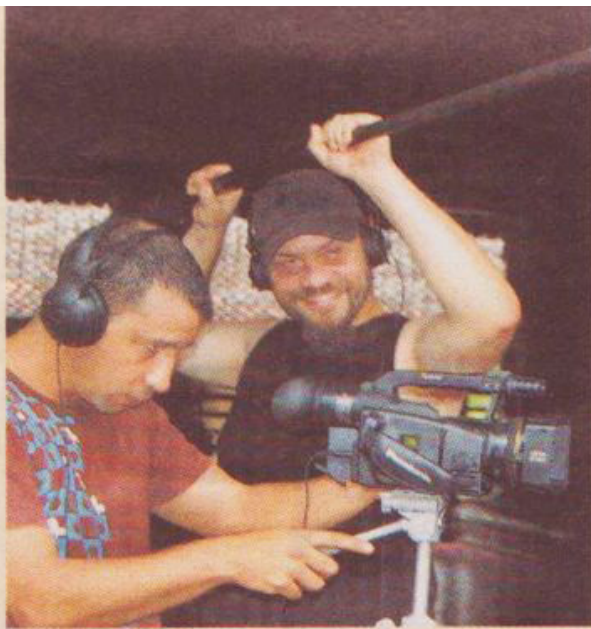
The ways of expressions will be various because each apparition will be original, the idea being to generate comments, facts, ephemeral feelings and fleeting questioning...

LIONEL LAURET

Multimedia Artist

Lauret was born in Réunion Island in 1972, he graduated from the College of Decorative Arts of Strasbourg, France. In his art of science and innocence are combined in equal proportions and one can feel undeniable tenderness for the figures that dwell within him. He reveals families and leads us into a playful universe that is often interactive and metaphorical and bears his look on his time.

His installations are privileged meeting places where magic and imagination, the inclination for play, dream and poetry intermingle.



ARTISTIC IDIOM By Lionel Lauret (left)

Creating a global tribe

CHAT *French artiste Lionel Lauret's Itinerant Tribe seeks to discover a people through its artistes.*

Nothing can be more rejuvenating than art. And what if it were to draw its magic from music, dance, video and most importantly - people? **Lionel Lauret's *Itinerant Tribe* is an audiovisual and interactive installation that will be displayed in the city today.**

Organised by the Alliance Francaise de Trivandrum, the show celebrates encounters between artistes and cultural particularities from various horizons. Lionel Lauret's voice trembles softly, like his French, as he talks about this multi-disciplinary presentation: "The idea is to have a mix of different people from different backgrounds. Through this, we create a global tribe, going from one place to another."

This 'tribe' has been working in Kalamandalam, working with the artistes there, creating an Indo-French artistic idiom. It's Lauret's first time in India and perhaps, he thought the best way to discover this enigmatic country was through its artistes. However, the medium is not new to Lauret. He has been involved in exhibitions involving dance, theatre, music and painting for over 10 years now. So, which medium appeals to him, one wonders. Lauret answers earnestly: "Each medium has a beauty of its own."

Tribu Itinerante promises to be visually arresting just as it is, an auditory experience. Baboum, a sound designer, is also involved in the project.

As our conversation ends, what stays with one the most is an engaging thought from Lauret: "Artistes are in this together. What's important is we all need each other. One art is as beautiful as the other." Wishing this tribe more such fruitful journeys and may his tribe increase.

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