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Report on the One-day International Workshop: Visual Design And The Craft of Performance 27/1/2026

Objectives of the Workshop:

The one-day international workshop on “Visual Design and the Craft of Performance” was organised jointly by the PG and Research Department of English and the Department of History & Political Science, Mercy College, with the primary objective of exposing students to global perspectives in theatre, visual design, and performance aesthetics. The workshop aimed to bridge theory and practice in the performing arts, and also to inspire students to appreciate the role of visual design in shaping meaning, emotion, and narrative in theatrical productions. Another key objective was to facilitate meaningful interaction with an internationally acclaimed practitioner and academic, thereby broadening the intellectual and creative horizons of the participants.

Theatre workshop Report:

The workshop was led by Dr. Peter Cooke AM, an internationally respected arts administrator, educator, designer, and academic. Dr Cooke is University Professor Emeritus and former Head of the School of Drama at Carnegie Mellon University, USA, one of the world’s foremost institutions for performing arts education. Dr Cooke has been the recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia, and later appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia.

The workshop audience was introduced to Dr Cooke’s rich academic and professional background, including his training at the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA), Sydney, his PhD from the University of New South Wales, and his advanced research through prestigious fellowships. Dr Cooke made a ppt presentation of the major highlights of his work in visual design and talked about the global practices in theatre and performance aesthetics. The participants were also given hands-on training in visual design related to stagecraft and performance.

The programme was attended by a select group of students from BA English and History streams (42 students). E. Certificates were given to participants.

Programme Outcome:

The international workshop on "Visual Design and the Craft of Performance" proved to be intellectually enriching and creatively inspiring for all participants. It enhanced students' understanding of the significance of visual design in performance, encouraged interdisciplinary thinking, and offered valuable insights into global practices in theatre and performance aesthetics. Interaction with an eminent international expert like Dr Peter Cooke AM motivated students to pursue deeper engagement with the arts, both academically and creatively. Overall, the workshop successfully fulfilled its objectives by fostering global exposure, academic enrichment, and creative inspiration, thereby contributing meaningfully to the academic and cultural life of Mercy College.

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VENUE: SEMINAR HALL (MAIN)

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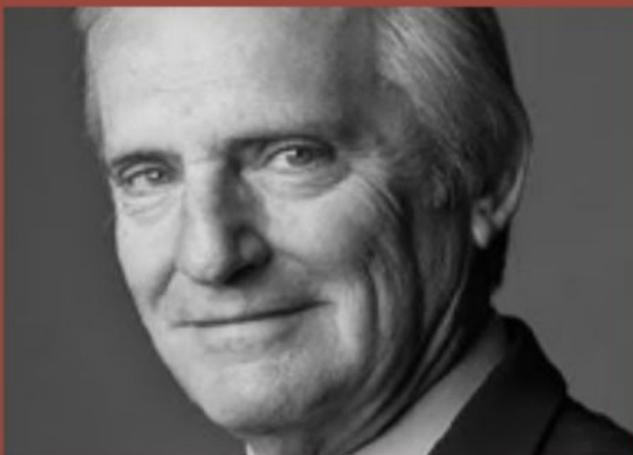
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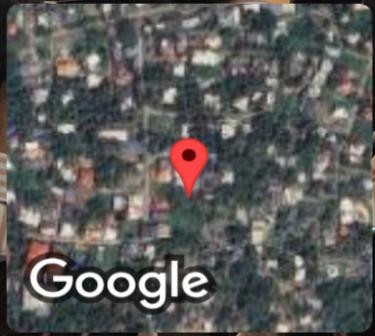
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Venue: Main Seminar Hall

Time: 10.00 - 3.30.

Resource Person

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Participants

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1.	Vaishnavi S.	D ₃ English	<i>Vaishnavi S.</i>
2.	Padma Lakshmi P	D ₃ History	<i>Padma</i>
3.	Raina Shirin CA	D ₃ History	<i>Raina Shirin</i>
4.	Hanushe ✓	D ₃ History	<i>Hanushe</i>
5.	NAHALA MATHEW	D ₃ ENGLISH	<i>Nahal</i>
6.	ARYA AR.	D ₃ ENGLISH	<i>Arya</i>
7.	Ambrin Fatima - M	D ₃ English	<i>Ambrin</i>
8.	Karthika CH	D ₃ English	<i>Karthika</i>
9.	Gopika Ramesh	D ₃ English	<i>Gopika</i>
10	Meghna Divakaran	D ₂ History	<i>Meghna</i>
11	Apavna PS	D ₁ BA English	<i>Apavna PS</i>
12	Fathima Rimsha. A	D ₂ BA English	<i>Fathima</i>
13	R Sai Gayathri	D ₁ History	<i>R Sai</i>
14)	Aswathy. M	D ₁ English	<i>Aswathy M</i>

15.	Aashliya Vivek	D2 English	Aashliya
16.	Aparna.A	D2 Eng	Aparna
17.	Niranjana.J	D2 English.	Niranjana
18.	Ssira.S	D1 English	Ssira
19.	Bincy.M	D1 English	Bincy.M
20.	Varada Unnikrishnan	D1 English	Varada
21.	Jamajyah.F	M, English	Jamajyah
22.	Fahime	M, English	Fahime
23.	MUFSINA.KM	M1 ENGLISH	Mufsi
24.	Fathimath Irsiya	M, English	Fathimath
25.	Diya Rahim	M1 English	Diya
26.	Hudha.T.T	D1 English	Hudha
27.	Sreethu.K	D2 English	Sreethu
28.	M.M. Aashika Dev	D1 English	Aashika
29.	Ann Philip.V.	D1 English.	Ann Philip
30.	Nandana.A	D1 English	Nandana
31.	Thejalakshmy.V	D2 english	Theja
32.	Seeya.M	D2 english	Seeya
33.	Shravanii Rakesh	D2 English	Shravanii
34.	Fathimath Jisana M	M1 English	Jisana
35.	Mesba.cm	M1 English	Mesba
36.	Ansila.NN	D1 English.	Ansila
37.	Vimala.V	D1 English	Vimala
38.	S. Balameemakshi	D2 English	Bala
39.	Megha.M	M1 English	Megha
40.	SANIYA.K	M1 ENGLISH	Sanyal
41.	Krishnendhu C	M1 English	Krishna
42.	Akshaya K.A	M1 English.	Akshaya
43.	Ameesha Manoj	M1 English	Ameesha
44.	Riddhi.R	M1 English	Riddhi

15) L. Sujatha Komari Yadav

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