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Biennale 2nd edition from 12-12-2014

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Artist Namboodiri, Bose Krishnamachari and Jitish Kallat (second from right) during the function on Thursday evening

Kochi: The second edition of the Kochi-Muziris Biennale will begin on 12-12-2014. Artist Namboodiri announced the dates at a function at Pepper House in Fort Kochi on Thursday.

Tributes were paid to Nelson Mandela during the function that began with a harmonium performance by Bhasha Bhai. An inscription that read, 'Madiba! We'll always remember you!', was displayed at the venue.

Jitish Kallat, artistic director and curator of Kochi-Muziris Biennale 2014, inaugurated the 'Pepper House Residency' programme on the occasion. The residency opens with three artists chosen by the Kochi Biennale Foundation — AvantiKa Bawa, an Indian artist, academic and curator settled in the

US, German photographer Anja Bohnhof, who is supported by the Goethe Institute, and Kerala painter Leon KL.

The programme will invite artists from all disciplines to live, work, and collaborate during their preferred time of working at the Pepper House studio. It aims to create a dialogue between locals, artists and institutions, offering them an opportunity to establish relationships in the local community while also serving as a platform to explore their creative potentials.

Pepper House will also house artist Bose Krishnamachari's travelling installation, Laboratory of Visual Arts (LAVA) — a curated collection of over 5,000 books and 1,800 DVDs on visual arts. Entry to the library will be free. TNN