The current situation has restricted mobility for all including those with special needs, keeping them away from any form of therapy or engagements. Access For ALL has developed some resourceful DIY activities, which parents and caretakers can use for persons with special needs. The activities are designed keeping in mind the lack of availability of additional resources and how basic things at home can be altered for a sensory and motor-skills engagement for persons with special needs. The workshop was conducted



## **ABOUT SENSES**

in English.

With an approach towards accessing and engaging with arts holistically, for a wide array of enthusiasts and art-lovers we presented the first edition of Senses at Serendipity Arts Festival, Goa in 2016. Serendipity Arts Festival since inception has made considerable and conscious efforts to make the festival as accessible as possible to a diverse community of visitors. The ongoing situation mandating social distancing is only a challenge for our imaginations—leading us to curate accessibility via digital media and platforms. Access For ALL has curated Senses Virtual a digital platform to provide access via inclusive arts-based therapies and creative workshops focusing on the mental health and diversity.

## ABOUT ACCESS FOR ALL

Access For ALL is a one-stop destination for all accessibility, inclusion and diversity needs. It aims to bridge the gap between arts, cultural heritage and disabilities by providing state-of-the-art facilities, services and products. It is the first organisation to receive a national level award and the Nipman Foundation's Microsoft Equal Opportunities Award as an Enabler in segment of Universal Design. Access For All has been working across the globe and has a staff with varying abilities. The focus is clear - Nothing For Them Without Them.

## ABOUT THE FACILITATOR

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