Consent Form for Participation in Research

University of Colombo School of Computing

**Title of Study:** Utilizing Multisensory Cues to Enhance the Art Gallery Experience: Focus on Entertainment for the Visually Impaired

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**Introduction**:

You are being invited to participate in a research study that involves the sensory evaluation of sculptures by visually impaired individuals. Before you decide whether or not you wish to participate in this study, it is important that you understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take the time to read the following information carefully.

**Purpose of the Study:**

This study aims to understand the sensitivity and tactile perception of visually impaired individuals. You will be asked to touch and feel various small sculptures made of plaster of Paris, with a focus on identifying distinct textures and patterns, such as thin lines that are close together.

**Procedures**:

If you agree to participate in this study, you will be asked to:

* Touch and feel a series of small sculptures with different textures.
* Provide verbal feedback about your ability to distinguish different tactile elements.

**Voluntary Participation:**

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. It is your choice whether to participate or not. You may withdraw at any time without any negative consequences.

**Confidentiality**:

Your responses will be confidential. All data will be stored securely and will only be reported as a collective combined total. No individual information will be reported.

**Risks and Benefits:**

There are no known risks associated with this research. The information we get from this study may help us to better understand tactile perception in visually impaired individuals.

**Consent**:

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|  | **Yes** **No** |
| I confirm that I have read and understand the information sheet dated November, 2023 concerning participation in experimental studies conducted in the University of Colombo School of Computing, have had the opportunity to ask questions, and have had satisfactory answers to any questions. |  |
| I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time, without giving any reason, and without any adverse consequences. |  |
| I understand that the information I provide in questionnaires may be looked at by responsible individuals running the experiments. I give permission for these individuals to have access to the information provided for the research project (thesis), and to store anonymized data for further analysis and academic publishing. |  |
| I agree to participate in this study. |  |

Name of Participant:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Participant:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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If you have any questions or concerns about the study, you may contact   
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