

MEDIA RELEASE

INDIA BY THE BAY - 17th to 25th February 2017

Presented by Teamwork Arts in partnership with Asia Society Hong Kong Center

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Teamwork Arts, with the support of the Consulate General of India in Hong Kong, is proud to present the third edition of **India by the Bay**, the only festival of India in Hong Kong, held in partnership with Asia Society Hong Kong Center. The 2017 chapter of the festival will take place from 17th February to 25th February at multiple venues.

India by the Bay brings India's cultural dynamism and rich diversity to Hong Kong with a programme fusing the classical and the contemporary and encapsulating music, theatre, dance, food, film, and literature.

The festival promises an eclectic mix of artistic expression through a weeklong exposition featuring:

- a conversation with renowned journalist **Swapan Das Gupta**;
- an introduction to eminent Indian lyricist, poet and screenplay writer **Javed Akhtar**;
- a music performance by acclaimed violinist and composer **Dr. L Subramaniam**;
- a culinary demonstration and food experience with chef and food writer **Manju Malhi**;
- a powerful contemporary theatre production **Dance Like a Man**;
- a performance by one of India's foremost Kathak dancers **Aditi Mangaldas**;
- a conversation on the ancient and contemporary representations of the *Ramayana* between contemporary miniature-artist **Mahaveer Swami** and **Edward Wilkinson**, Executive Director, Bonhams Asia & Global Head, the Indian, Himalayan, and Southeast Asian Art department;
- a Bollywood dance class with **Gilles Chuyen**;
- a talk on Indian textiles and the sari by craft revivalist and art designer **Laila Tyabji**;
- a multi-programmed **Family Day** with various events and activities.

Speaking of the forthcoming edition of **India by the Bay**, says **Puneet Agrawal, Consul General of India to Hong Kong**, *"We would like to thank all of you for the co-operation extended during the past two editions of India by the Bay cultural fest in Hong Kong, which has now become one of the most prestigious events on the Hong Kong cultural calendar. Keeping in view the intense interest shown by the Hong Kong community for the Festival, we proudly announce the third edition of India by the Bay, which will be coming up in February 2017. India is a diverse nation and its diversity is truly exhibited in its art, culture, cuisine, dance, and literature. We hope this festival gives you a flavour of all these facets of India. We are happy to partner with Teamwork Arts and Asia Society Hong Kong Center to bring in prominent artists, and look forward to welcoming you at the festival."*

"ASHK are thrilled to be collaborating with India by the Bay for the third year in a row. As an organization that actively fosters cross-cultural exchanges, we are particularly delighted to support this year's festival where the programme line-up has been further enriched, providing us with a terrific opportunity to engage the wider Hong Kong community and showcase India's cultural richness. Through a wide range of exciting events and activities, people can immerse themselves in Indian culture and connect with the local South Asian community," says **S. Alice Mong, Executive Director, Asia Society Hong Kong Center**.

'We celebrate India's cultural diversity with a rich and multi-faceted programme of dance, music, theatre and film during the India by the Bay festival,' says **Sanjoy K Roy, Managing Director of Teamwork Arts Pvt. Ltd.**

Programme for the 3rd edition of India By the Bay
17th to 25th February 2017

Art - The Ramayana and Miniature Painting Talk: A conversation between contemporary artist Mahaveer Swami who is one of the finest traditional artists from a family of Bikaner painters and Edward Wilkinson, Executive Director, Bonhams Asia, and a leading specialist in Indian, Himalayan, and Southeast Asian Art. They will discuss the ancient and contemporary representations of the *Ramayana* in miniature painting.

Date: Saturday, 18th February 2017
Venue: Asia Society Hong Kong Center

Film - Javed Akhtar in conversation with Sanjoy K Roy: Javed Akhtar is one of India's leading poets, lyricists, and screenwriters. He has seamlessly straddled mainstream writing and refined poetry; he has been lauded with the Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, the Sahitya Akademi awards as well as thirteen of the popular Filmfare prizes.

Date: Saturday, 18th Feb 2017
Venue: Jockey Club Hall, Asia Society Hong Kong Center

Family Day: A day specially curated for children and parents, 'Family Day' will feature fun-filled activities that will fire up the imagination of children of all ages. The day will include an exclusive storytelling session and various workshops in theatre, yoga, and dance, giving children the opportunity to learn and "ideate" with versatile mentors outside the walls of a classroom and explore their creativity.

Date: Sunday, 19th Feb 2017

Venue: Jockey Club Hall, Landscape Terrace & Lee Quo Wei Room
Asia Society Hong Kong Center

Literature - A Conversation with Swapan Das Gupta: Veteran journalist and Member of Parliament, Swapan Das Gupta, has held senior editorial posts at *The Statesman*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Times of India*, *The Indian Express* and *India Today*, where he was Managing Editor till 2003. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in the field of Literature and Education in 2015.

Date: Monday, 20th Feb 2017

Venue: Asia Society Hong Kong Center

Theatre - Dance Like a Man: A man trapped by circumstances, a woman caught between ambition and family life. When the choice is between dreams and reality, the latter always wins. **Mahesh Dattani's 'Dance Like a Man'** centers on an individual's plight, where a dying form of art serves as the backdrop. **Lillete Dubey's** direction makes a powerful story more realistic.

Date: Tuesday, 21st Feb 2017

Venue: Jockey Club Hall, Asia Society Hong Kong Center

Textile Talk with Laila Tyabji: A discussion and an invigorating session on the sari and the incomparable textile tradition of India with audio-visual presentations with social activist, craft revivalist, designer and writer, Laila Tyabji. Laila is also one of the founders of Dastkar, a Delhi-based non-governmental organization, working for the revival of traditional crafts. She was honoured in 2012 with the Padma Shri.

Date: Wednesday, 22nd Feb 2017

Venue: Landscape Terrace, Asia Society Hong Kong Center

Music - L. Subramaniam & Ambi Subramaniam: Dr. Lakshminarayana Subramaniam is an acclaimed violinist, composer, and conductor, trained in the classical Carnatic music tradition and Western classical music, renowned for his virtuoso playing techniques and compositions in orchestral fusion. His son Ambi Subramaniam has received the Rotary Youth Award and two GiMAs (Global Indian Music Award). Ambi regularly plays duets in violin concerts with his father and also performs solo.

Date: Thursday, 23rd Feb 2017

Venue: Jockey Club Hall, Asia Society Hong Kong Center

Dance – With Aditi Mangaldas: Aditi is one of India's leading dancers and choreographers excelling in the classical dance form of Kathak. With extensive training under famous Kathak gurus Shrimati Kumudini Lakhia and Pandit Birju Maharaj, Aditi is known for her artistry, technique, eloquence, and characteristic energy that mark her every performance.

Date: Friday, 24th Feb 2017

Venue: Jockey Club Hall, Asia Society Hong Kong Center

Food – Lunch with Manju Malhi: Manju Malhi is a British-born chef and food writer, specialising in Anglo-Indian cuisine. Malhi has come up with her own "Brit-Indi" variety of food which mixes Indian and Western influences. Manju's *Simply Indian* series was aired on the Taste Network in early 2001, followed by her award-winning debut book *Brit Spice*.

Date: Saturday, 25th Feb 2017

Venue: Ovolo Southside

Bollywood Dance Workshop by Gilles Chuyen - Trained in France in folk, modern jazz, ballet and contemporary dance styles, Gilles Chuyen has been working in India since 1994. He has been teaching Bollywood dance styles extensively in India, the UK, and South Africa.

Date: Saturday, 25th Feb 2017

Venue: Ovolo Southside

Schedule at a Glance: India by the Bay – 17th to 25th February 2017

- (a) The Ramayana and Miniature Painting Talk
 Speaker: Mahaveer Swami with Edward Wilkinson
 Date: Saturday, 18 February 2017
 Time: 1100- 1200 hrs.
 Venue: Asia Society Hong Kong Center
- (b) In Conversation with Film Personality Javed Akhtar
 Speakers: Javed Akhtar with Sanjoy Roy
 Date: Saturday, 18 February 2017
 Time: 1900 – 2000 hrs.
 Venue: Jockey Club Hall, Asia Society Hong Kong Center
- (c) Family Day
 Artist: several
 Performer: several
 Date: Sunday, 19 February 2017
 Time: 1100 – 1700 hrs.
 Venue: Hong Kong Jockey Club Hall, Landscape Terrace & Lee Quo Wei Room, Asia Society Hong Kong Center
- (d) Meet the author - Swapan Das Gupta
 Speakers: Swapan Das Gupta with Sanjoy Roy in conversation
 Date: Monday, 20 February 2017
 Time: 1900 – 2000 hrs.
 Venue: Asia Society Hong Kong Center
- (e) Theatre - Dance Like a Man -
 Performers: Vijay Crishna, Joy Sengupta, Suchitra Pillai and Lillete Dubey
 Date: Tuesday, 21 February 2017
 Time: 1900 – 2000 hrs.
 Venue: Jockey Club Hall, Asia Society Hong Kong Center
- (f) Textile Talk
 Speaker: Laila Tyabji
 Date: Wednesday, 22 February 2017
 Time: 1500 – 1630 hrs.
 Venue: Landscape Terrace, Asia Society Hong Kong Center
- (g) Music Performance by L. Subramaniam & Ambi Subramaniam
 Performers: L. Subramaniam & Ambi Subramaniam
 Date: Thursday, 23 February 2017
 Time: 1900 – 2000 hrs.
 Venue: Jockey Club Hall, Asia Society Hong Kong Center

- (h) Dance Performance
Performer: Aditi Mangaldas
Date: Friday, 24 February 2017
Time: 1900 – 2000 hrs.
Venue: Jockey Club Hall, Asia Society Hong Kong Center
- (i) Bollywood Dance Workshop
Dancer: Gilles Chuyen
Date: Saturday, 25 February 2017
Time: 1030 – 1130 hrs.
Venue: Ovolo Southside Hotel
- (j) Food: Dinner with Manju Malhi
Chef: Manju Malhi
Date: Saturday, 25 February 2017
Time: 1800 – 2130 hrs.
Venue: Ovolo Southside Hotel

For tickets:

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About Teamwork Arts

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In countries such as Australia, Canada, Egypt, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Israel, Korea Singapore, South Africa, Spain, UK and USA, Teamwork produces over 25 highly acclaimed performing arts, visual arts, and literary festivals across more than 40 cities.

Teamwork produces one of the world's largest *free* literary gatherings, the annual ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival.

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About Asia Society

Founded in 1956 by John D. Rockefeller 3rd in New York, The Asia Society is a leading educational organization dedicated to promoting mutual understanding and strengthening partnerships among peoples, leaders and institutions of Asia and the United States in a global context. Across the fields of arts, business, culture, education, and policy, The Asia Society provides insight, generates ideas, and promotes collaboration to address present challenges and create a shared future.

As an affiliate of the Asia Society global network with 12 centers, Asia Society Hong Kong Center was established in 1990 by a group of Hong Kong community leaders, led by the late Sir Q.W. Lee, the honorary chairman of Hang Seng Bank.