

Dear Member,

Even as they are still savouring the feast of World Cinema that the **Habitat International Festival 2024** brought them in March and looking forward to the best of Pan Indian Cinema in the **Habitat Film Festival 2024** coming-up in May, film buffs get yet another treat with **DIFF on the Road's Himalayan Cultures** package. The Dharamshala International Film Festival (DIFF) has created a niche space for film lovers in the mountains and this 3-day package whets the appetite in the run-up to the main festival later in the year.

**Manu Rewal** continues his *Architecture Films Series* with films on the architecture of Le Corbusier in India and the innovative urban planning and architecture of Udaipur, Mandu, Datia, Orchha as well as the architectural vision of the Jantar Mantar.

Before summer gets into full stride, two *IHC walks* this month give us an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. The first two Sundays of April have heritage walks led by **Pooja Verma**, to Chandni Chowk and the *Abdur Rahim Khan-e-Khanan Tomb*.

The Jayadev Utsava 2024 brings leading exponents and multiple genres - Indian Classical vocals by **Sudha Raghuraman** and **Suresh Sethi**; and Kathak, Odissi and Mohinyattam by **Vidha Lal**, **Dr. Sonal Mansingh**, **Kumkum Mohanty** and **Mandakini Trivedi** respectively. Music lovers are in for a unique jugalbandi in *Jasangi*, with a male and female vocalist singing different ragas at the same time in the ancient *moorchhana* system. The Courtesan Project presents *Main Tawaif*, an evening of dance and stories conceived and conceptualized by **Manjari Chaturvedi**.

*Bumper Blyton: Hysteria in India*, a production from the U.K., brings a play on everyone's favourite author, **Enid Blyton** in their hit parody performance. Other theatre performances include *Delirious* directed by **Vivek Mansukhani**; *Brain*, an award-winning play in Bengali from Kolkata; and *Ek Actor ki Maut* by **Gandharv Theatre**. The students of St. Stephen's College, DU, bring a dramatised reading in Hindustani of *Darmiyann* based on Ismat Chughtai's *Dozakh*. The NT Live screening this month features *The Motive and The Cue*, by **Jack Thorne**, offering a glimpse into the politics of a rehearsal room and the relationship between art and celebrity. **Sam Mendes** directs **Johnny Flynn** as Richard Burton, **Mark Gatiss** as John Gielgud and **Tuppence Middleton** as Elizabeth Taylor in this Olivier Award-nominated play.

International Dance Day on April 29<sup>th</sup> is marked by a screening of *Dance of the Seasons*, a documentary film directed by **Prof. G.D. Jayalakshmi**, followed by an interaction with the filmmaker.

International Jazz Day on 30th April, closes the month with a Jazz concert with International and Indian Jazz artists and groups brought to us by UNESCO.

Our Monthly regulars continue with **Prof. Abhay Karandikar**, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology delivering the **STIP Forum Lecture**. A panel of eminent doctors discuss *Our Drugs, Our Medical Devices: How Safe Are We?* in the Consumer Series; and the **VIMHANS Lecture Series** has **Decency Rajput**, Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Clinical Hypnotherapist in *Let's Talk: Self Esteem in Women*.

**Glimpses of Culture**, with **Benoy K. Behl**, showcases and discusses *Art of the Chalukyas* (Badami, Pattadakal, Aihole and Alampur).

Our monthly 35 mm screening celebrates the birth month of **Dadasaheb Phalke** with a screening of **Goutam Ghose's Dekha** starring the **Dada Saheb Phalke Awardee Soumitra Chatterjee** in the lead.

The IHC Free Book X'Change on the first Sunday of the month continues to be a popular Adda for book lovers. The IHC Members Meet hosts a discussion by author and journalist **Seema Qasim**, around her book *In Corona and Gulmohars*.

Programme schedules are subject to change/cancellation. Please call the Programmes Desk to seek information on any last minute changes.

**a Vocal Duet Evening**

with **Dr. Avinash Kumar** and **Dr. Rindana Rahasya**

**Pt. Ram Kumar Mishra** (Tabla) **Pt. Ashish Sengupta** (Tabla) **Zakir Dholpuri** (Harmonium)

A unique jugalbandi styled on the ancient system of moorchhana, between a male and a female vocalist, who each sing different ragas at the same time.

Prod. **Pandit Siyaram Tiwari Memorial Sangheet Trust®**

**April 6, Saturday | 7:00pm**  
The Stein Auditorium

Tickets at Rs. 500, Rs. 350 & Rs. 200, available on bookmyshow.com & at the Programmes Desk, IHC.

Entry for 5 years & above.

**Ek Actor Ki Maut**

Adapted from a Croatian play by **Miro Gavran**

(90 mins/ Hindi)

Akshay, an aging amateur actor, invites Ira, a young professional actress whom he has been obsessed with, to join him in a play, and she accepts. Together they take the audience along in an unpacking of their life stories as they work together and discover each other.

Prod. **Gandharv Theatre**

**April 7, Sunday | 7:00pm**  
The Stein Auditorium

Tickets at Rs. 500, Rs. 350 & Rs. 200 available on bookmyshow.com & at the Programmes Desk, IHC.

Entry for 12 years & above

**DIFF On The Road Himalayan Cultures**

**APRIL 12, FRIDAY**

6:30pm | *The Poplar Trees* (Nepal, Maldives/2023/Tibetan (Mustangi), with Eng subs/9 mins) **Dir. Manoj Kumar Pant. *Windhorse* (Nepal/2023/ Nepali, English with Eng subs/10 mins) **Dir. Sunil Gurung. *Dhorpatan/No Winter Holidays* (Feature Documentary/Nepal/Nepali/2023/79 mins) **Dirs. Rajan Kathet & Sunir Pandey.******

9:00pm | *Gangri Gi Mini/ Mountain Man* (Bhutan/2022/Dzongkha with Eng subs/22 mins) **Dir. Arun Bhatarai. *The Shepherdess of Glaciers* (Feature Documentary/France, India/2015/Ladakhii/74 mins) **Dir. Stanzin Dorjai and Christiane Mordelet.****

**APRIL 13, SATURDAY**

6:30pm | *Shera* (India/2023/Kumaoni/20 mins) **Dir. Arun Fulara. *Silent Walls* (Bhutan/2023/Dzongkha/20 mins) **Dir. Suraj Bhattacharya. *Guras* (Feature Narrative/India, Nepal/2023/Nepali with Eng sub/114 mins) **Dir. Saurav Rai.******

**APRIL 14, SUNDAY**

6:30pm | *Last Day of Summer* (India, France/2023/Ladakhii (Changskat) with Eng subs/15 mins) **Dir. Stenzin Tankong. *Rapture/Rimdogittanga* (Feature Narrative/India/2023/127 mins) **Dir. Dominic Sangma.****

Check website for details.

**National Theatre Live**

**The Motive and the Cue**

a new play by **Jack Thorne** directed by **Sam Mendes** (English/160 mins with interval)

A fierce and funny new play by Jack Thorne, offering a glimpse into the politics of a rehearsal room and the relationship between art and celebrity.

**April 21, Sunday | 3:00pm**  
The Stein Auditorium

Tickets at Rs. 500 Rs. 350 & Rs. 250, available on bookmyshow.com & at the Programmes Desk, IHC.

Entry for 18 years & above

**Main Tawaif**

An evening of dance and stories presented by 'The Courtesan Project'

(Hindi/English/Urdu /90 mins)

Conceived and conceptualized by **Manjari Chaturvedi**

**April 21, Sunday | 7:30pm**  
The Stein Auditorium

Tickets at Rs. 500 Rs. 350 & Rs. 200, available on bookmyshow.com & at the Programmes Desk, IHC.

Entry for all age group

**Delirious**

(English/90 mins)

**Dir. Vivek Mansukhani**

A comedy celebrating life, love and connection. Sheena and Tushaar are getting married. They have invited seven of their close friends to their wedding celebrations in New Delhi. Over three days of merry making this motley group of men and women is drawn into situations which make them reflect on love, life and relationships.

**April 27 & 28 | Saturday & Sunday | 7:30pm**  
The Stein Auditorium

Tickets at Rs. 500 Rs. 350 & Rs. 200, available on bookmyshow.com & at the Programmes Desk, IHC.

Entry for 16 years & above

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**Around the Mediterranean**

- Harissa Marinated Prawn
- Adana Kebab
- Lamb, Chickpea and Vegetable Soup
- Spanish Chicken and Chickpea Salad
- Moroccan Lamb Shank
- Manakish
- Moroccan Spiced Vegetable Dumpling
- Roasted Pumpkin and Ginger Soup
- Peri Peri Cottage Cheese
- and more...

Lunch: 12:00pm to 3:00pm | Dinner: 7:00pm to Midnight  
To make your table reservations, call +91 11 4366 3318

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PAN ASIAN

**Korean DELICACIES**

- Korean Kimchi Lobster, Burnt Garlic, Kikoman Soy
- Haemul Pajeon- Seafood Scallion Pancake
- Saeng Sun Jun - Korean Pan-Fried River Sole, Red Kimchi
- Lobster Bulgogi
- Wok Tossed Korean Lotus Stem, Water Chestnut
- Yachae Kimbap- Korean Rice Roll With Vegetables
- Vegetable Mandu- Korean Pan Fried Dimsum
- Korean Stir Fried Vegetables, Roasted Sesame Seeds, Cashew Nuts and more...

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**SUITABLY BOOKED**  
INDIA HABITAT CENTRE

Coming soon!

An exciting new book club from the India Habitat Centre where readers meet their favourite writers.

Stay tuned for more details on 23rd April, World Book Day.

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**THIS NAVRATRA, FEAST WHILE YOU FAST!**

Available from 9th April to 17th April

- Kesari Lassi
- Bhuni Shakarkandi Aur Kamrak Ki Chaat
- Nimbu Paneer Tikka
- Arbi Ke Kebab
- Paneer Tamatar Masala
- Khatta Meetha Sitaphal
- Hare Masale Ke Sookhe Aloo
- Singara Atta Kadhi Pakora
- Samak Chawal Ka Pulao
- Swang Chawal Gudh Ki Kheer
- and more...

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**16TH HABITAT FILM FESTIVAL**

**INDIA'S FINEST CINEMA**

MAY 3 - 12, 2024

A HANDPICKED SELECTION OF PAN-INDIAN AWARD-WINNING AND CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED FILMS FROM 2023-24 SHOWCASING THE DYNAMIC AND CHANGING FACE OF CONTEMPORARY INDIAN CINEMA

**ENTRY FREE. FESTIVAL OPEN TO ALL.**

More details on [www.habitatworld.com](http://www.habitatworld.com) soon

**Wednesday Nights at The Terrace Bar**

Every Wednesday | 7:00PM to Midnight

**BUY ONE GET ONE FREE**  
on all alcoholic beverages

**HAPPY HOURS | 25% OFF**  
on all alcoholic beverages

Thursday to Tuesday | 11:00am to 1:30pm & 7:00pm to 9:00pm

**Lucky draw winners of 'Comment Cards' at all member restaurants in February 2024**

*Congratulations On Winning A Complimentary Meal\**

Restaurant	1 <sup>st</sup> Fortnight	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fortnight
Med	R.K Bose (A-2092)	Reena Pandey (A-4746)
Ann / The Terrace Bar	Anita Singh (A-1389)	Shyam Kapoor (A-9610)
East	Alka Bajaj (A-5440)	Amita Das (IN-1621)

The next time you visit any of our restaurants, don't forget to fill in the Comment Card. You might just win a complimentary meal for two! \*Conditions apply.

**Programme Calendar '24**

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