Dear Members,

 $Programmes\ in\ February\ reflect\ the\ rhythm\ of\ the\ changing\ season$ with Basant Panchami preparing us for the arrival of Spring. Basant Utsab welcomes the festival with an evening of Bengali modern songs, Rabindrasangeet, and semi-classical songs.

Music and Dance, this month, see interesting collaborations that reaffirm the continued allure and assimilation of Indian music and dance globally. Jaya Seal Ghosh and her troupe of dancers, present ANDAL: The Divine String of Love, a Bharatanatyam dance production depicting the perspective of a young devotee of Lord Vishnu, and her journey of discovering the Lord through the devotional garland of poems Tirupava, through Tiruppai (30 devotional songs on Lord Vishnu).

Music sees artists of India and Europe share the stage with a Sitar recital by KG Westman, accompanied by Heiko Dijker on Tabla and a Vocal recital by Smita Deshmukh. Later in the month a concert by Paolo Fresu and Rita Marcotulli features Trilok Gurtu as special guest in "India, Jazz up!"

Dance jostles for centre stage this month with an interesting line up of classical as well as interesting new explorations. *Adi Ashtakam* is a unique Bharatanatyam presentation based on the eight-stanza compositions of Adi Shankaracharya; Swachhanda Vallari, an interpretive, Anglo-Sanskrit solo dance presentation inspired by Kalidasa's *Abhigyana Shakuntalaman and Raas Antara* an artiste's internal journey of finding the divine through Bhakti and Sringara. *Naatya Katha: KARMAYOGI* is narrativised by **Guru Dr. Sonal** Mansingh & repertory dancers. Magic of Margam with traditional Bharatanatyam, Vandana a Kathak solo by Harish Gangani and the two day Guru Shishya Sanman will keep the purists satisfied.

The much awaited *Ishara Puppet Theatre Festival* returns with a milestone 20th edition. This month too, sees theatre productions from Mumbai. Jo Dooba So Paar, directed by Ajitesh Gupta & Mohit Agarwal, produced by Manav Kaul, traces the advent of qawwali through Ameer Khusro and his relationship with his Guru Hazrat  $\,$ Nizamuddin Auliyaa. The Ank Theatre Company presents HUM DONO, written by Dinesh Thakur and directed by Prita Mathur Thakur, a delicate, delightful comedy inspired from Aleksei Arbuzov's Russian comedy, Old World and HAMARI NEETA KI SHAADI, that takes a look at the Indian obsession with weddings. Samuel Beckett's famous play Waiting for Godot returns in a Hindi adaptation, directed by Mohit Tripathi.

We are gearing up for the Habitat International Film Festival scheduled for March  $8^{th}$  –  $17^{th}$ , so film lovers will have to be satisfied with a screening of the Restored Classic Bees Saal Baad, the 1962 blockbuster starring Waheeda Rehman and Biswajeet Chatterjee, as well as some interesting documentaries. City Symphonies documents the experimentation of English Memsahibs of Calcutta in the eighteenth century with Ghazals and Tuppahs heard at nautch parties, transcribed into western staff notation to play on their harpsichords. Closer home and of our time, No City for Women explores the gendered nature of living and working in India's Millennium City, Gurgaon, through women's personal narratives.

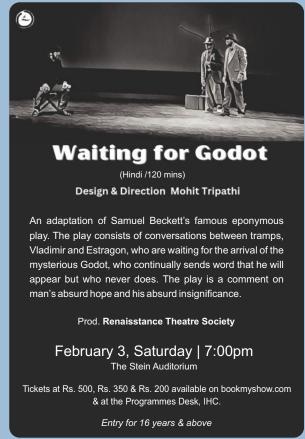
Our Monthly regulars continue with Trendspotting: Why Things Matter, this month on Fashion's Metamorphosis: From Fast to Ethical; CONSUMER SERIES explores Truth about Cholesterol and Lipids; and the Vimhans Lecture Series throws light on What is therapy? De-mystifying Psychotherapy and its Process.

NT Live Broadcast brings us Dear England. The country that gave the world football has since delivered a painful pattern of loss. Watch James Graham's gripping examination of nation and game. Directed by Rupert Goold and featuring Joseph Fiennes in the lead.

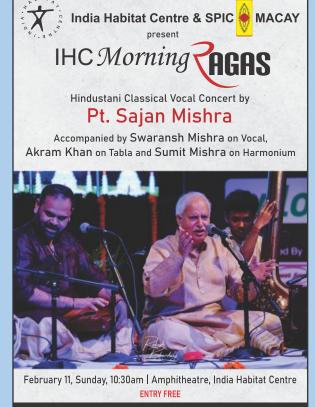
IHC Morning Ragas Concert features a Hindustani Classical Vocal Concert by Pt. Sajan Mishra. Accompanied by Swaransh Mishra on Vocal, by Akram Khan on Tabla and Sumit Mishra on

The Sunday Free Book X'Çhange on the first Sunday of the month has a fresh tranche of books for booklovers to feast on.

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







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Writer & Director: Veena Bakshi

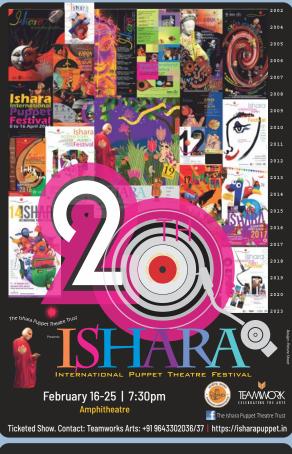
Priita Mathur Thakur, Aman Gupta, Sangam Rai, Burhanuddin Topiwala, Jayna Ruchandani, Vivek Srinivasan, Jawed Rehman, Rajat Yadav & Manas

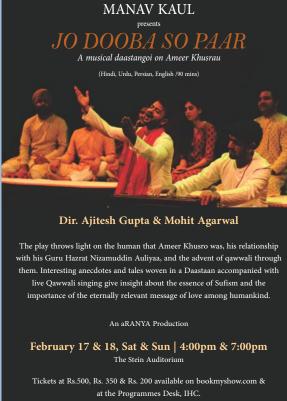
A comedy that takes a look at the Indian obsession with weddings. Kaveri and Dashrath, upwardly mobile typical Bombayites, suddenly find their traditional UP backbone when it comes to their daughter's wedding but Neeta is totally flummoxed by these new found rituals and finds the perfect way to put a spanner in the works!

> February 11, Saturday | 7:30pm The Stein Auditorium

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

Entry for 6 years & above





Entry for 8 years & above





**Lucky draw winners of 'Comment Cards'** at all member restaurants in December 2023 Congratulations On Winning A Complimentary Meal\*

Restaurant	1 <sup>st</sup> Fortnight	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fortnight
Med	Kapilesh Manglik (A-4771)	Anil Malhotra (A-6946)
Ann / The Terrace Bar	Rajiv Agarwal (A-2380)	Ajai Bhadur (A-7753)
East	Sangeeta Asrani (A- 7503)	Kulbhushan Balooni (CO-NP-0351-3)

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.

Traditional Seafood Paella Rubyan Meshwi

Adana Kebab

Grilled Chicken Quinoa Salad with Fresh Mesclun

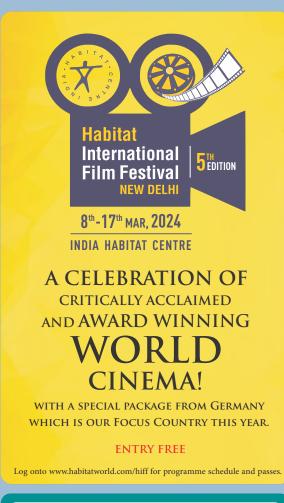
Moroccan Spiced Cheese and Mushroom

Stuffed Zucchini Pita

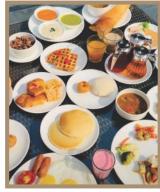
Greek Style Grilled Cottage Cheese

Spicy Ezme Salad and more...

Lunch: 12:00pm to 3:00pm | Dinner: 7:00pm to Midnight To make your table reservations, call +91 11 4366 3318 east! Kung Pao Lobster, Roasted Cashew Nut Douchi Prawns, Dry Red Chilli, Shaoxing Wine Crispy Fried Red Snapper Fillet, Orange Sweet N Sour Sauce Wok Tossed Prawns, Black Mushroom, Yuxiang Sauce Baby Spinach, Water Chestnut, Cheese. Spring Roll, Hot Ginger Sauce Steamed Broccoli, Water Chestnut, Bamboo Shoots, Hoisin Sauce Beijing-Style Quick Fried Mixed Vegetables in Ginger Wine Sauce Smoked Mushroom Bao, Truffle Oil and more... Lunch: 12:00pm to 3:00pm | Dinner: 7:00pm to Midnight To make your table reservations, call +91 11 4366 3315



**WEEKEND BRUNCH** 



Grilled Fish, Capers & Olives, Chili Coriander Mayo; Grilled Chicken, Romesco Sauce; Lamb Medallion Red Wine Jus; Baked Winter Vegetables, English Cheddar; Live Pizza, Sandwiches, Pancake, Waffles, Pasta, Shawarma, Desserts and more...

Restaurant Timings: 7:00am to Midnight





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