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## India Art Fair 2012



Boy in Mid-Flight by Steve McCurry - Sundaram Tagore Gallery



Church Gate Station by Sebastião Salgado - Sundaram Tagore Gallery

The country's biggest art event is back with the 4th edition of India Art Fair 2012, formerly known as the India Art Summit. The art fair is being held at the NSIC Exhibition Complex in Okhla, one of Delhi's biggest grounds. This year the fair will host works from 98 of the world's most exciting and influential artists and galleries from 20 countries over four days.

The fair is scheduled to include a Speakers' and Seminar's Forum, book launches, video lounge, collateral events and interactive art projects. The Speakers' forum will feature 54 eminent names that including art experts such as Priyanka Matthew of Sotheby's and artists such as Mark Quinn and Bharti Kher. In addition, the fair will also include interactive visits to artists' studios in Shahpur Jat to witness contemporary artists creating their best works. Guided tours and curated walks by artists and students of art history have also been introduced for general visitors.

Neha Kirpal, Founding Director of India Art Fair said: "The art fair has seen tremendous growth over a short period of time, and much of its success can be attributed to its focus on providing a relevant and transparent platform for the Indian art scene. It has received unprecedented interest from international museums and private collectors, and cultivated a whole breed of new collectors and art enthusiasts within India. This edition has exceptional gallery presentations of both Indian and international art, and a wide reaching public programme."

Eminent artists and galleries displaying their work include Neil Wenman, director of Hauser & Wirth will be showcasing sculptures by Subodh Gupta and works by Bharti Kher, Louise Bourgeois, Roni Horn and Paul McCarthy; Gallery Maskara will be showcasing new works by T Venkanna, Shine Shivan and Prashant Pandey; and Gallery Espace will display painted autobiographical sketchbooks of artists such as Gulam Sheikh and Anju Dodiya along with works of Manjunath Kamath and Ravinder Reddy. Indian galleries at the Fair include Delhi Art Gallery, The Guild Art Gallery Mumbai and Artchill from Jaipur while International galleries comprise of Sundaram Tagore Gallery Hong Kong, White Cube and Hauser & Wirth both from London. Artists to watch out for at the Fair include Robert Indiana from Paul Kasmin; Gigi Scaria from Palette; Mona Hatoum, Marc Quinn, Damien Hirst from White Cube, Marina Abramović from Lisson Gallery and Annie Leibovitz from Sundaram Tagore Gallery Hong Kong.

The India Art Fair will be held from 25 to 29 January, 2012. Tickets will be available for sale at the venue from 26 till 29 January, 2012.

India Art Fair 2012 Schedule:

- 25 January, 2012: VIP Preview & Vernissage 3 to 8pm (by invitation only)
- 26 January, 2012: Public Hours 1pm to 8pm (Last entry at 7pm)
- 27 to 28 January, 2012: Business Hours 11:30am to 1pm and Public Hours 1pm to 8pm (Last entry at 7pm)
- 29 January, 2012: Public Hours 11:30am to 6pm (Last entry at 5pm)

India Art Fair, NSIC Exhibition Complex, Okhla, New Delhi (+91 11 47119800; [www.indiaartfair.in](http://www.indiaartfair.in)) Tickets for 25 January, 2012 by invitation only and tickets from 26 January, 2012 at Rs 200