

Dear Members,
It was a pretty breathless November. Here's hoping that December dispels the pall of pollution and we enjoy a clean Delhi winter. Should we continue to be shrouded in smog, events at IHC provide a welcome refuge.

The month kicks off on a Sunday with our popular IHC Book XChange.
December also begins with the last of the wonderful bonanza of Italian films, a collaboration with Italian Screens that has kept film aficionados delighted. Film lovers continue to get a rich lineup of films through December with the Beyond Borders Feminist Film Festival as well as the Kinoteka Polish Film Festival. In addition, a not to be missed documentary is *Looking for Sultan*.

Theatre lovers too, are in for a special treat. Coming in from the U.K are two unusual and absorbing productions devised by Marcus du Sautoy, Professor of Mathematics at Oxford University. *The Axiom of Choice* and *Around the World in 80 Games*. *Shaaam-e-Awadh* celebrates the rich legacy of the history of Awadh, and a storytelling performance brings Khwaja Ahmad Abbas' *Sardaar Ji*, hailed as one of the finest examples of Partition literature.

Dance in December brings us two productions that embody the popularity and appreciation of our heritage beyond our borders. *Ekam Bharat - Season 2* has Kathak, Odissi and Bharatanatyam performances by dancers from India and Singapore, and *Sevens* performed by Srishiti - Nina Rajarani Dance Creations has artists from the U.K.

The other dance performances include choreographies by seasoned gurus and performances by GenNext carrying the legacy forward. *Mandala* under the direction of Leela Samson and an evening of Indian Classical Dances featuring disciples of the iconic Gurus Dr. Sonal Mansingh, Saswati Sen and Rama Vaidyanathan.

The month is sprinkled with music across genres, ranging from Hindustani and Carnatic vocal recitals, Flute and Shehnai recitals, to an evening of evergreen songs of Manna Dey. Music too celebrates the spirit of cross cultural exchange. *2 INDIAS* blends two historical and diverse cultures from Spain and India - Western Classical and Hindustani Classical in a new *avatar*. Pianist and Composer, Sahil Vasudeva, reimagines the works of legendary Spanish composer, Isaac Albéniz, for the first-time with an Indian Classical ensemble.

Bringing alive the spirit of the season is a rare performance of Vivaldi's "Gloria", with its timeless choral and solo vocal movements.

The cherry on the cake is the Christmas concert by the Ao Naga Choir that presents renditions of some popular Christmas songs and carols heralding the Christmas celebrations.

Talks, Book Launches and Discussions feature *Aseema: A Journey Beyond Boundaries*. The story of the journey of Aseema, a Public Charitable Trust that works in the field of education for underprivileged children, *The 'New' New Delhi Book Club* by Radhika Swarup, and the Habib Tanvir Memorial Lecture on *What Haunts Contemporary Marathi Theatre Today?* by playwright, Makrand Sathe.

IHC Conversations with Authors, has *Global Tumult: India As A Pole Star* by Ambassador Sujan R. Chinyo will be in conversation with Dr. Ram Madhav, author and President, India Foundation, and *Capitalism to Peoplesism: Inspiring a Leadership Transformation* by Ravi Chaudhry.

India Foundation brings us a book discussion on *The Golden Road: How Ancient India Transformed the World* by William Dalrymple.


Adab Sarai has actor, Ratna Pathak Shah in conversation with Dr. Saif Mahmoed on *Envisioning Theatre in Indian Languages, In and Beyond Urdu, Hindi and English*.

In our other monthly regulars, *InfraKatha* discusses *The Lessons of PPP and the Way Forward* by Montek Singh Ahluwalia, and *Trendspotting* continues with its Session 12 on *Family Matters: Rethinking Tradition and Modernity*.

The IHC Morning Raga series features a Vocal recital by Alick Sengupta, the GenNext star from the ITC Sangeet Research Academy.

Greetings for Christmas.

The Axiom of Choice
A play about free will, war and mathematics.



(English/90 mins)

Written & Co-directed by Marcus du Sautoy
Co-directed by Lu Descourtier

Cast: Clive Mendus, Joseph Prowen, Shipra Jain, TJ Sulaiman

An exploration of free will, war and mathematics. From the Simonyi Professor for the Public Understanding of Science at Oxford University comes a groundbreaking new play "The Axiom of Choice". Eminent mathematician Andre Weil is on a journey from France to India, Finland and beyond, to discover whether we really have free will or if all our choices are predetermined. Imprisoned in Rouen during the Second World War, Weil faces a choice that will determine his fate - but his decision just doesn't make sense. Is life a mathematical theorem of logical strands? Because sometimes it just doesn't add up!

Production: QTP

December 7 & 8, Sat & Sun | 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

TALK

QTP [A Talk by Marcus du Sautoy]

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 GAMES

Games and a mathematical journey to remember!



MARCUS DU SAUTOY
Author, Professor & Playwright, United Kingdom

English/60 mins

Author, Professor and playwright, Marcus du Sautoy, a renowned mathematician and author known for his work on AI, the limits of knowledge, and the mathematics of games, takes us on a mathematical journey across the centuries and through countries, continents and cultures in search of the games we love to play. Based on his new book, he looks at the way mathematics has always been deeply intertwined with games and investigates how games themselves can provide us with opportunities for mathematical insight into the world.

December 8, Sunday | 4:00pm
The Stein Auditorium

Tickets at Rs. 300, Rs. 200 & Rs. 100 available on bookmyshow.com & at the Programmes Desk, IHC

Entry for 12 years & above

India Habitat Centre & ITC Sangeet Research Academy present

IHC Morning RAGAS
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

Vocal recital by
Alick Sengupta
Accompanied by Ashis Paul (Tabla) and Vinay Mishra (Harmonium)

December 8, Sunday | 10:30am

Amphitheatre
India Habitat Centre

ENTRY FREE

Log on to www.habitatworld.com or www.indiahabitat.org for more details.

An IHC Presentation in collaboration with ITC Sangeet Research Academy

DELHI CHAMBER CHOIR

GLORIA VIVALDI
CONDUCTOR NADEZDA BALYAN

PIANO: Andrey D. Henry Joseph
CLARINET: Zhanma S.
VIOLIN 1: Olga D.
VIOLIN 2: Rita Singh
Thunlay Pham

(Latin/60 mins)

Delhi Chamber Choir is Delhi's finest Western Classical choir. DCC has performed on well-known stages like NCPA Mumbai, with initiatives like Project 8, and sung on the 'Sofar' platform. Our concert will feature an uplifting evening of music as our choir presents Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria", one of the most celebrated sacred works of the Baroque era. With its radiant melodies, rich harmonies, and vibrant energy, Gloria expresses joy and reverence through a series of powerful choral and vocal solos. Accompanied by an ensemble, this concert promises to be a stirring celebration of faith, beauty, and the timeless artistry of Vivaldi. Don't miss this extraordinary performance of a masterpiece that continues to inspire audiences around the world.

Prod. PIANO FORTE School of Music and Art

December 15, 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 10 years & above

National Theatre Live

NT Live Broadcast

FLEABAG
PHOEBE WALLER-BRIDGE
(2019/English/80 mins)

Written & performed by Phoebe Waller-Bridge
Dir. Vicky Jones

Fleabag is a rip-roaring look at some sort of woman living her sort of life

December 15, Sunday | 3:00pm
The Stein Auditorium

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

Entry for 18 years & above

Shaaam-e-Awadh
A series of curated conversations celebrating the rich legacy, history, and heritage of Awadh
Session 3

Dastan-e-Jaan-e-Alam
(Hindustani/60 Mins)

Dastangoi performance on the life of King Wajid Ali Shah by Dastango and storyteller Himanshu Bajpai and Pragna Sharma. Followed by a conversation on 'Awadi Ghisse'.

Collab. Karwaan: The Heritage Exploration Initiative

December 21, 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 5 years & above

THE POLISH FILM FESTIVAL

KINOTEKA

December 16 - 18 | 7:00pm | Stein Auditorium
Collab. Polish Institute

16th December *Simona Kossak (Poland/Polish/2024/100 mins)*
Dir. Adrian Panek

17th December *Kulej, All That Glitters Isn't Gold (Drama/Poland/Polish/2024/148 mins)* Dir. Xawery Żulawski

18th December *My Nikifor (Poland/Polish/2004/97 mins)*
Dir. Krzysztof Krauze

AO NAGA CHOIR
presents
SONGS OF THE SEASON

Renditions of some popular Christmas songs and carols heralding the Christmas celebrations - *The First Noel, When a Child is Born, Carol Of The Bells, Silent Night, Jingle Bells, White Christmas* and more!

December 20, Friday | 7:30pm
The Stein Auditorium

ENTRY FREE

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 October 2024

Congratulations On Winning A Complimentary Meal*

Restaurant	1 st Fortnight	2 nd Fortnight
Med	D. Bhalla(A-9534)	Ashutosh Sharma(A-9398)
Ann / The Terrace Bar	Shreekant Gupta (A-6353)	Saroj Ganda (A-3746)
East	Ravindra Nath Verma (A-5702)	Swadesh Aneja (O-0099)

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.

med **GREEK SPECIAL**

Tossed Shrimps with Chili Lemon Glaze
Roasted Prawns Saganaki, Feta
Grilled Chicken Salad with Lettuce & Quinoa
Braised Lamb Shank with Red Wine Thyme Jus
Grilled Chicken with Chilli & Sage
Grilled Tofu, Green Apple & Pineapple
Cheese Manakish, Coriander & Mint Cottage Cheese
Greek Style Grilled Cottage Cheese, Thyme Walnut Sauce
Vegetable Dolmades
Spanakopita

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

east! **Winter SPECIAL**

Soft Shell Crab, Celery Mayo
Lombok Grilled Chicken
Grilled River Sole, Indonesian Chilli Basil Sauce
Stir Fried Crispy Lamb, Assorted Bell Pepper
Slow Cooked Chilli Lobster, Sambal sauce
Smoked Mushroom Bao, Truffle Oil
Crispy Corn and Szechwan Pepper Tofu
Steamed Rice Paper Roll, Sweet Soy
Spicy Indonesian Jackfruit Curry
Stir Fried Corn and Asparagus, Sliced Zucchini, Sesame Oil

Lunch: 12:00pm to 3:00pm | Dinner: 7:00pm to Midnight
To make your table reservations, call +91 11 4366 3315

habitat hub ALL DAY DINING

WEEKEND BRUNCH
Every Saturday & Sunday 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Assorted Cold Cuts, Fresh Fruits, Salad Bar, Eggs to order, Live Pizza, Pasta, Shawarma, South Indian, Main Course, Desserts and more....

Restaurant Timings: 7:00am to Midnight

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Celebrate with us!

December 24
Table d'Hôte Menu
Christmas Eve Lunch & Dinner

December 25
Christmas Lunch Buffet
Christmas Dinner - Table d'Hôte Menu

December 25
Christmas Lunch Buffet

December 31
New Year's Eve Dinner Buffet

December 24 & 25
Table d'Hôte Menu
Christmas Eve Lunch & Dinner

December 25
Christmas Brunch

January 1
New Year's Brunch Buffet

Table Reservations open with advance payment.

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Programme Calendar '24
December 24

MERRY Christmas & HAPPY NEW YEAR



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