

# City' tryst with art

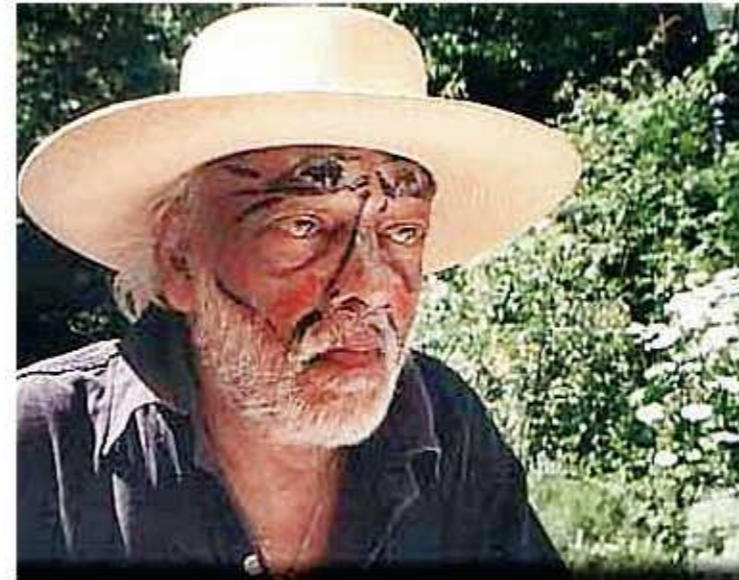


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Let's face it, Bangalore is no real home for the arts. Yes, the city has been home to some of the best names in the country, but there's little other than that to show. Delhi has the India Art Fair, Mumbai has parallel art shows, Chennai has Cholamandalam Art Village, cities like Ahmedabad and Baroda, thanks to their universities, are also hotbeds for cutting-edge art. The closest Namma City comes to in terms of an art event is the exclusive Art Bengaluru at UB City, and the public art that is part of Bangalore Habba and of course the one-day *Chitra Santhe*. Art Bengaluru began in 2010 and has grown in size and stature.

Art Bengaluru, conceptualised by Sublime Galleria and Art Chutney, brings together paintings, sculptures, illustrations, photographs and design related art to UB City as part of the Art Fest. This year the participating Galleries include 3rd Eye Gallery, Ajantha Studio, Art Chutney, Ayya Art, Chitrasangam



FN Souza

Art Gallery from Hubli, Deccan Art Foundation, Mahua- The Art Gallery, Merging Hues, Savi3 Studio Gallery, Sublime Galleria, Time & Space, Varna Sangama Art Gallery and Vincent Art World.

Besides displaying art and organising a slew of art-related workshops, Art Bengaluru will end with an exciting Art Auction, the proceeds of which will be in aid of Christel House with over 100 selected works. "The lots include the work of Abanindrantha Tagore (nephew of Rabindranath Tagore) who is one of the artists credited as being among India's first modern artists," says Raj

## ART WORKSHOPS

August 18: 11 am to 1 pm  
Wax ART by Reenu  
August 18: 5 pm to 7 pm  
Animation movies by Ms Reenu  
August 19: 7 pm  
Architecture Speak by Christopher Johnstone  
(Open to children and adults)

Bagaria of Art Chutney. While the auction has the big names in Indian modern and contemporary art like MF Husain, KH Ara, SH Raza and FN Souza, it also has a selection of rare works including works by one of the greatest masters from the Bengal school of art Jamini Roy and Nandalal Bose. Other well-known artists in the collection are Krishen Khanna, Akbar Padamsee and Ram Kumar—all contemporaries of Husain and Raza. Other big names up for grabs at the auction include Paresh Maity, Jayasri Burman, Anjolie Ela Menon, KK Hebbar and S G Vasudev. Besides paintings and serigraphs, there will also be specially created pieces by Chippa Sudhakar, Asit Kumar Patnaik and Anand Panchal and jewellery as art by well-known Bangalore-based jewellery designer Pallavi Foley and Vijit Pillai.

At UB City till August 24