

# RENAISSANCE, period!

Art Bengaluru this year celebrates European art. It also brings together artistes from across the world together in this eclectic showing

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✓ Come Thursday art lovers can relive the Renaissance period in Bengaluru. As the curtains are about to open, here's what you can look forward to from the fifth edition of the art soiree, Art Bengaluru 2014.

Besides a commendable mélange of canvasses from Indian artists, the highlight this year will be on European art history. Donning an international *avatar*, the art festival will showcase 11 top galleries and the ones to watch out for are from New York and Vietnam.

China's most popular artist, Liu Bolin is showcasing his work for the first time in India. He will also be flying down from Beijing to be at the event. Also creating waves are Bolin's works called *The Invisible Man* that have been exhibited in museums around the world. Vietnamese paintings are entering the contemporary art scene in a big way. The art scenario in Vietnam is moving towards expressive and thought provoking paintings with vivid colours and depth that are reflective.

Bolin is bringing his most sought-after photographic creations from his series *Hiding in the City* that actually began as performance art. He is also working on a series especially for Art Bengaluru.

Uzma Irfan, founder, Sublime Galleria, who conceptualises and organises Art Bengaluru every year, says, "This year's theme is European art history, which is considered one of the richest eras for art, invention, culture and science. This period marks the beginning of new thinking, patronage and frivolous art. Like the Renaissance, we are attempting to increase art appreciation in the city and encourage fresh thinking, new ideologies, art and mediums. Our city is home to some of the most liberal minds in the country and we want to carve a niche on the global map of art and luxury. This year, we want to be both informative as well as a delight to the senses."

Also watch out for the Sculpture Park at the open area UB



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Chinese artist Liu Bolin's vivid work

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City, where Christel House students will create an installation based on the renaissance theme. Krishnamachari Bose will be creating an exclusive installation titled *No-Thing/Nothing* that seeks to build on the extremities and the subtleties that are prevalent in one's life. Latitude 28 has made a video art project which will bring the practices of innovative video artists from diverse countries such as Argentina, Brazil, Russia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Turkey and India to the city.

Art Bengaluru 2014 is on from August 21 to 30 at The Collection, UB City.