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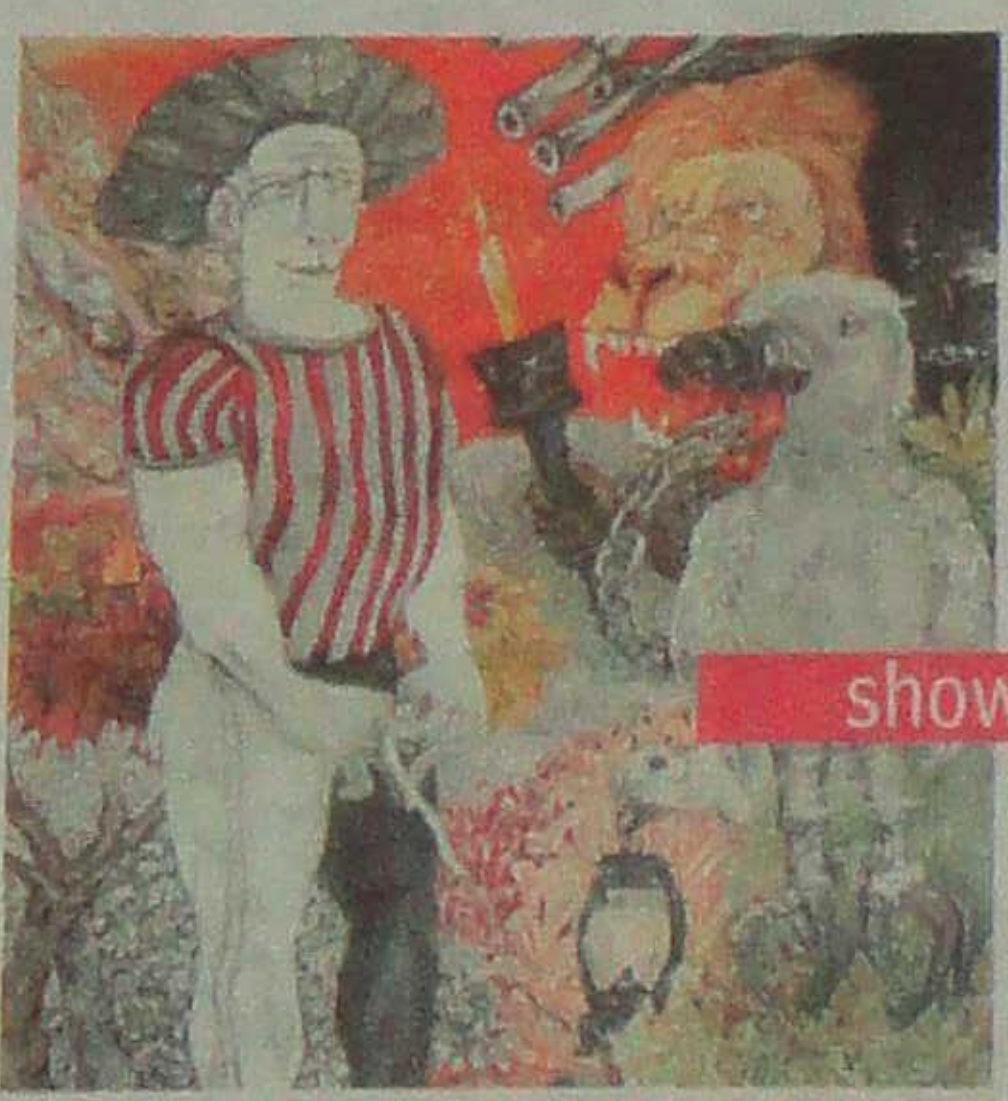
Own a Husain or front row Paris fashion show seats — thanks to three auctions happening around the country

It's raining auctions this week with not one, but three of them — with everything from art by great Indian masters, limited edition designer-wear, exotic spa experiences and antique silver up for grabs. While two of the events — the Art Bengaluru Auction and the Black Tie Affair — are for a good cause, Bid & Hammer gives you a chance to snap up rare, English, European and Indian silver cookware, and crockery and candlesticks.

Masterpiece for you

Head to UB City today to catch the finale of the two-week-long Art Bengaluru event—a Luxury Charity Auction, a first of its kind in Bangalore. Bidders will be able to get their hands on pieces from almost all the great masters, like MF Hussain, SH Raza, FN Souza and Ganesh Pyne. "The USP of this auction catalogue is that fact that it covers all important art periods of India. From the Bengal School of Art to the Bombay Progressive Artists' Group, and the Madras School to contemporary artists, you will find everything here," says auctioneer Angira Arya. A small section will be dedicated to African artists, serigraphs and lithographs by the late Jehangir Sabavala, sculptures, coffee tables and other collectibles.

Proceeds from the auction will go towards Christel House India, a non-profitable organisation that provides education to underprivileged children. "Our main focus is to bring artists from South India and their works into focus at this auction,"



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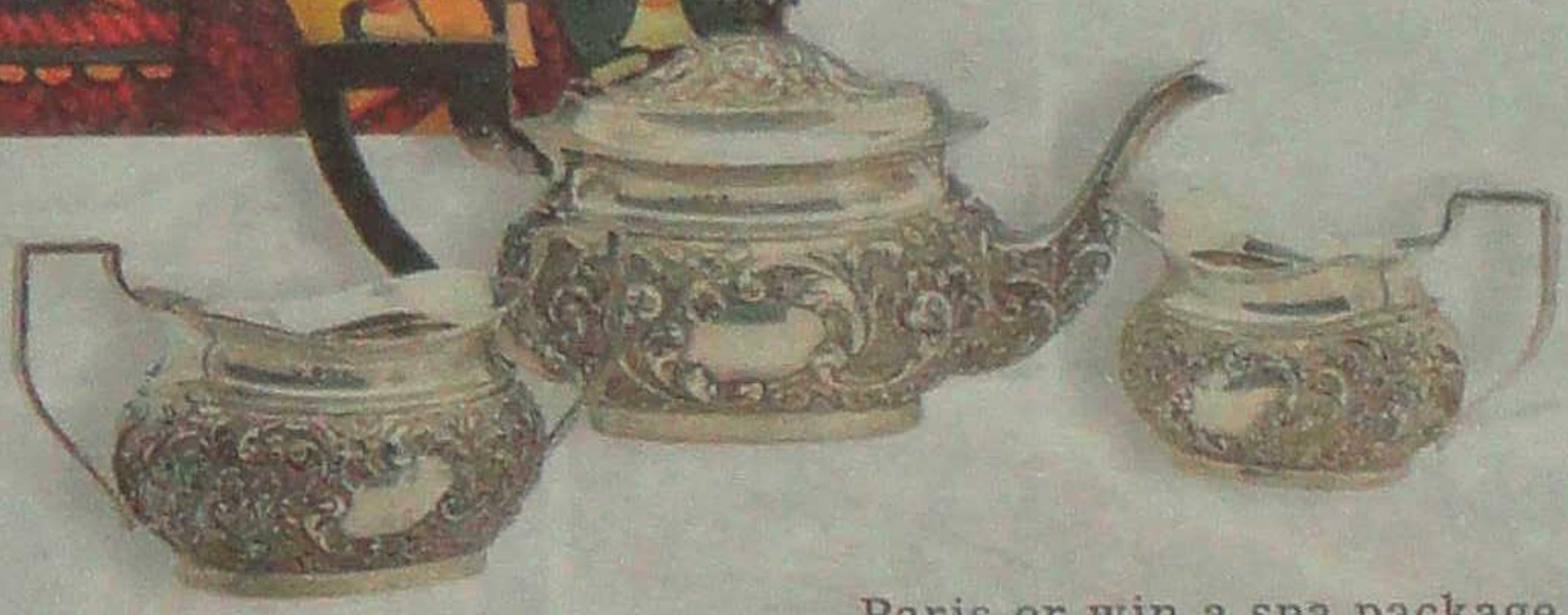
Arya tells us, adding, "we're also looking at digital art forms, art-inspired furniture and jewellery."

While some of the art has been sourced from gallery owners, a lot has been sourced from artists themselves. And the highlight of this auction, according to Arya, is that there is something for everyone, with prices starting as low as ₹2 lakh.

August 24, 7pm. ₹2,00,000 upwards. At UB City, Vittal Mallya Road. Details: artbengaluru.in

A silver affair

Auction house Bid & Hammer will be conducting an exclusive silver



only auction titled Hallmarked English, Continental and Indian Silver in New Delhi this weekend. On offer will be tea and coffee pots and crockery, candlesticks, sauce boats, salvers, plates, trophy bowls and commemoration models. The collection includes silverware, over 150 years old, sourced from renowned silversmiths in the UK, continental silver from France and Germany and also from Indian *karigars* from Rajasthan and cities like Calcutta and Agra. Ankush Dadha, director, Bid & Hammer, tells us, "Some of the silver collectibles from the early and late Georgian period, Edwardian and Victorian era are worth a men-

tion." He also adds, "For instance, lot no 2 is a beautiful Georgian teapot that comes with a historic hallmark and the engraved name of the maker or an Indian ceremonial mast from the 1870s (lot no 170), made of high value silver and with an intricate sun and moon god engraving." And what is the value of the entire collection up for auction? "It is worth two and half crores, but the starting range is affordable enough at ₹4,000 because we priced it keeping in mind the current price of silver," says Dadha.

August 26, at 7pm. At The Imperial, Connaught Place, New Delhi. Details: 32029681

Designs on you

Sana Rizwan, owner of multi-designer boutique Maison and Kulsum Shadab Wahab, CEO of Hothur Charitable Trust, have joined hands for the cause of the girl child. The Black Tie Affair Charity Gala hopes to tackle the serious issue of female infanticide and all the proceeds from this auction will go towards the cause. And what are some of goodies on offer? At this silent auction, you could stand to own two front row seats at designer Cedric Charlier's fashion show in

Paris or win a spa package at Angsana Oasis Spa and Resort. A pair of Jimmy Choo Leela Heeled Sandals and a Mawi pearl strand and emerald drop necklace is also up for grabs. The evening will also see crooner Lucky Ali entertain the guests and there will be drinks by Moët Hennessey and a four-course sit down dinner.

August 25, 6.30 pm. At Ballroom, Taj West End, Race Course Road. Details: blacktieaffair.org



—Amrita Bose