

Husains, Souzas to go under hammer today

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In what promises to be Bangalore's most prominent art auction ever, canvases by Indian masters such as MF Husain, FN Souza, SH Raza, Nandalal Bose and Jamini Roy will go under the hammer on Friday. The Art Bengaluru auction will be held at ITC Windsor Manor from 7pm.

"It is the first auction of this calibre in Bangalore," said Uzma Irfan, founder, Sublime Galleria, the art gallery in UB City which has spearheaded the auction in collaboration with online gallery Artchutney.com and Mumbai-based auctioneer Angira Arya.

Ten per cent of the proceeds of this charity auction will go to Chistel House, a Bangalore-based non-profit that focuses on children's education. "The artworks have been sourced from galleries connoisseurs, collectors and critics from across the country," said Irfan. The auction is going to draw not just art lovers and buyers from the city but will also see bids coming in from other parts of India such as Delhi and Goa, she added.

The auction marks the culmination of the annual Art Bengaluru festival of contemporary art at UB City, during which works by veteran as well as young artists are showcased over a fortnight, drawing crowds of art students, collectors and critics. Close to 100 canvases and a few select pieces of sculpture will be bid during the auction.

Lot No. 1 is a 34 x 22 inch painting from MF Husain's famous Mother Teresa series, bids for which will start from Rs 20 lakh. An untitled Husain watercolor from 1992 will also be auctioned with a starting bid of Rs 10 lakh. A 1968 mixed media painting from Souza's famous and celebrated 'Head Series' comes next, with a starting bid of Rs 10 lakh. A landscape and a nude by Souza

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"The six artists, who founded the Progressive Artists Group in post-Independence India, KH Ara, SK Bakre, HA Gade, Husain, Raza and Souza, are all part of the auction," said Raj Bagaria, founder, Artchutney.com.

The works of several well-known contemporary artists will also feature in the auction, among them are well-known names as Laxma Goud, Jehangir Sabavala, Anjolie Ela Menon, Akbar Padamsee, Paresh Maity, Shuvaprassanna and Gogi Saroj Pal. Paintings by Bangalore-based artists Yusuf Arakkal and SG Vasudev will also be part of the high-profile auction.