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**INDIA PAKISTAN**  
DESIGNING A NEW FUTURE

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# INDIA PAKISTAN

## DESIGNING A NEW FUTURE

**INDIA TODAY** is widely hailed as a rising super economy, while Pakistan is considered among the most dangerous places on earth, and nodal to the global war against terror. Together, the two countries comprise one of the most important regions in the world. Their combined future is of crucial interest to all the major nations – particularly Britain and the US which have large multi-ethnic and multi-religious populations.

The last year has been critical for Pakistan. A period of intense turmoil, military dictatorship, and the assassination of one of its most prominent leaders has given way to a renewed bid for democracy and modernity – driven by civil society and an exhilarating people's movement.

It is a potent moment for new conversations about and between the two countries. What direction should such conversations take? What global impact will they have?

**India & Pakistan: Designing a New Future** – a high-profile and timely summit hosted by TEHELKA, an iconic Indian media house, at the Royal Society of Arts in London, on 26 and 27 June, offers an important platform for such conversations.

Over two days – in an atmosphere committed to openness and frank discussion – a stellar list of political, cultural and opinion leaders from India, Pakistan and the UK will debate many crucial and contentious issues.

Kashmir. Terror. Neo-fundamentalism. Religious identities. The youth. Diaspora. Western mediation. Cinema, literature and soft power.

### THE SPEAKERS

35 top-notch leaders ranging from politics to cinema, among them Imran Khan, Aamir Khan, Farooq Abdullah, Fatima Bhutto, Sherry Rehman, Jaswant Singh, Mohammed Hanif, Lt. General (Retd) Asad Durrani, Kamila Shamsie, Karan Johar, Ziauddin Sardar, Tariq Ali, and many others\*.

Vision statements by Asif Ali Zardari and Nawaz Sharif – key players in the coalition in power in Pakistan.

### VENUE

The Royal Society Of Arts,  
8 John Adam Street, London  
26 – 27 June, 2008

\* FULL DETAILS ON SPEAKERS AND SESSIONS ARE APPENDED



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## ART FOR FREEDOM 3

AN EXHIBITION OF ART FROM INDIA & PAKISTAN

on **June 25, 2008**

cocktails at **6.00 PM**

at **AICON Gallery**

8 Heddon Street, London W1B 4BU



Abdul Jabbar Gul

**Aditya Basak**

Akbar Padamsee

**Akram Dost Baloch**

Arpana Caur

**Ashim Purkayastha**

Asim Butt

**Atul Bhalla**

Baiju Parthan

**Bose Krishnamachari**

Chhatrapati Dutta

**Chintan Upadhyay**

Debanjan Roy

**Dhruva Mistry**

Dipali Bhattacharya

**Farida Batool**

Ganesh Haloi

**Gopi Gajwani**

GR Iranna

**GR Santosh**

Ismail Guljee

**Jamil Baloch**

Jayasri Burman

**Jogen Chowdhury**

Madhvi Parekh

**Manish Pushkale**

Manu Parekh

**Mehr Afroze**

MF Husain

**Nahid Raza**

Navied Iqbal

**Nayanaa Kanodia**

Paritosh Sen

**Prasanta Sahu**

Ram Kumar

**Riffat Alvi**

Sajal Sarkar

**Samir Roy**

Sanjay Bhattacharyya

**Satish Gujral**

Seema Kohli

**Sumaira Tazeen**

Sunil Das

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Yogesh Rawal

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EXHIBITION CONTINUES JUNE 26-JULY 1

# art for freedom<sup>3</sup>

**INDIAN ART**, in recent years, has been the focus of global attention, with many contemporary masters scaling new peaks at international auctions.

Celebrating this energy, last year TEHELKA had organised an auction of enormous scale at the prestigious London gallery, Bonhams, followed by one at Asia House.

A canvas painted live by the Indian master MF Husain and Bollywood superstar Shahrukh Khan collaboratively at Bonhams was covered widely by international media.

This year, dovetailed into its conference, India Pakistan: Designing a New Future, Tehelka has constructed a unique and fascinating new show — **Art for Freedom 3**, at the Aicon Gallery, from 25 June to 1 July, 2008.

This brings together 46 reputed artists from India and Pakistan in a revelatory exhibition of contemporary art from South Asia, showcasing modern masters like Akbar Padamsee, MF Husain and Satish Gujral alongside rising stars such as Chintan Upadhyay, Jamil Baloch and Farida Batool.

Photorealist kitsch rubs shoulders with tantric meditations, mythic imagery with urban decay, and miniature technique with irreverent sculpture. Ranging in style from l'art naif to abstract minimalism, the show is proof of the astonishing energy and multiplicity of art practice in the subcontinent today.

It is a cliché that art can cross boundaries and engender new conversations. In juxtaposing work from both India and Pakistan, Art for Freedom 3 is full of such potencies. It provides stirring insight into the shared imagination and impulses of both countries. It is also an excellent opportunity to both view and buy art from the subcontinent.



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### SPEAKERS & SESSIONS

#### DAY 1, JUNE 26

9.30 AM - 10.30 AM  
**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Jaswant Singh**, Ex-Minister of Finance & Foreign Affairs, Leader of Opposition, India

11.00 - 12.30 PM

**KASHMIR: MELTING THE SNOWS, REINVENTING THE IMAGINATION**

Special Vision Statement by **Nawaz Sharif** on India-Pakistan relations

**MODERATOR Harinder Baweja**

#### PANELISTS

**Abhishek Singhvi**, MP, Lawyer, National Spokesman, Congress, India

**Arun Jaitley**, Ex-Law Minister, General Secretary, BJP

**Lt General (Retd) Asad Durrani**, Ex-ISI Chief, Pakistan

**Farooq Abdullah**, Ex-Chief Minister, Jammu & Kashmir, India

**Mehbooba Mufti**, President, J&K Peoples Democratic Party

**Rehman Malik**, Interior Secretary, Pakistan

**Sartaj Aziz**, Ex-Finance & Foreign Minister, Pakistan

1.30 PM - 3.00 PM

**INHERITED POISONS: CAN THE YOUNG DEFANG THEM?**

**MODERATOR Shoma Chaudhury**

#### PANELISTS

**Arshed Bhatti**, Advisor, Youth Policy, Government of Pakistan

**Imran Khan**, President, Tehreek-e-Insaf & Ex-Cricket Captain, Pakistan

**Omar Abdullah**, MP, President, National Conference Party, India

**Sachin Pilot**, MP, Standing Committee on Home Affairs, India

**Tarun Vijay**, Director, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation, India

**Ziauddin Sardar**, British Author

3.30 - 5.00 PM

**THE WESTERN FACTOR: SPOILER OR BENIGN INTERFERENCE?**

**MODERATOR Harinder Baweja**

#### PANELISTS

**AK Doval**, Ex-Director, Intelligence Bureau, India

**Bill Emmott**, Author, Former Editor, The Economist, UK

**Sir Hilary Synnott**, Policy Analyst, UK

**Manish Tewari**, National Spokesman, Congress, India

**Mushahid Hussain**, Ex-Information Minister, Pakistan

**Tanvir Ahmad Khan**, Ex-Foreign Secretary, Pakistan



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**DAY 2, JUNE 27**

**9.30 - 10.30 AM**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Sherry Rehman**, Information Minister, Pakistan

**11 AM - 12.30 PM**

**DEMOCRACY, TRADE & THE WAR AGAINST TERROR**

Special Vision Statement by **Asif Ali Zardari** on India-Pakistan relations

**MODERATOR Harinder Baweja**

**PANELISTS**

**Abhishek Singhvi**, MP, Lawyer, National Spokesman, Congress, India

**Anees Jilani**, Lawyer, Pakistan

**Fatima Bhutto**, Pakistani Author

**Najam Sethi**, Editor, Friday Times, Pakistan

**Ram Jethmalani**, Ex-Law Minister, Government of India

**Sartaj Aziz**, Ex-Finance & Foreign Minister, Pakistan

**Tariq Ali**, Pakistani Author

**1.30 - 3.00 PM**

**ART & CINEMA: CREATING & ERODING STEREOTYPES**

**MODERATOR Shoma Chaudhury**

**PANELISTS**

**Aamir Khan**, Indian Actor, Director, Producer

**Hasan Zaidi**, Filmmaker, Pakistan

**Kamila Shamsie**, Pakistani Author

**Karan Johar**, Indian Director, Producer, TV Celebrity

**Mohammed Hanif**, Pakistani Author

**Naiza Khan**, Pakistani Artist

**Prasoon Joshi**, Executive Chairman & Regional Executive Director Asia Pacific, McCann Worldgroup & Lyricist, India

**3.30 PM - 5.00 PM**

**THE ROLE OF RELIGION IS THE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INDIA & PAKISTAN**

**MODERATOR Shoma Chaudhury**

**PANELISTS**

**Lt General (Retd) Asad Durrani**, Ex-ISI Chief, Pakistan

**Farooq Abdullah**, Ex-Chief Minister, Jammu & Kashmir, India

**Fatima Bhutto**, Pakistani Author

**Manish Tewari**, National Spokesman, Congress, India

**Mohammed Hanif**, Pakistani Author

**Swapan Dasgupta**, Political Commentator, India

THE TRUTH: GUJARAT 2002 • A STINK YOU SHOULD  
THE MOST IMPORTANT STORY OF OUR TIME: HOW THE GUJARAT GOVERNMENT AND THE SANGH PARIVAR CARRIED OUT  
THEIR GENOCIDE • FORMER SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE YK SABHARWAL WAS INVOLVED IN DUBIOUS JUDICIAL DEAL-

SMELL • OPERATION JHOOTHA SAUDA  
MAKING THAT EARNED HIS SONS HUGE PROFITS • TEHELKA UNCOVERS A CESSPOOL OF CRIME AT THE DERA SACHA SAUDA  
OPERATION SILENCE • A TALE OF TWO SCULPTORS  
ITS CHIEF, BABA GURMEET SINGH, IS NOW CHARGED WITH MURDER AND RAPE • THE POLICE ENCOUNTER OF KANISHKA

BOMBING'S ALLEGED MASTERMIND, TALWINDER PARMAR, MAY HAVE BEEN STAGED TO SAVE THE REAL PLAYERS • BEHIND  
• THE EASY WAY TO ARMS AND VIOLENCE • A  
THE RUSH TO PUT UP LEADERS' STATUES ALL OVER UTTAR PRADESH IS A WEB OF CORRUPTION, RIVALRY AND ABSURD

INTRIGUE • THE INCREASING FLOOD OF CHEAP WEAPONS GIVES THE GROWING RAGE AND CONFLICT IN INDIA A VERY  
DANGEROUS DIMENSION • A POTENT VACCINE INTRODUCED BY THE WHO HAS HAD NO SAFETY TESTS; THE RASH OF NEW

PATRONS OF KILLER BUSES • JESSICA LALL:  
POLIO CASES IN UP MAY'VE BEEN CAUSED BY THE VACCINE ITSELF • THE 'BLUELINE BUSES' DEATH RUN ON DELHI'S ROADS  
CONTINUES DESPITE THE PUBLIC OUTRAGE BECAUSE MOST ARE OWNED BY POLITICIANS AND POLICEMEN • KEY WITNESSES

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TRAIL • SIN IN PARADISE • THE NITHARI MURDERS  
GIVEN HARSH PUNISHMENTS FOR MUCH LESS? • IF YOU WANT TO DIVORCE YOUR WIFE, THIS SENIOR GOVERNMENT

PSYCHIATRIST IS READY TO DECLARE HER INSANE FOR A PRICE • CUTTING ACROSS PARTY LINES, POLITICIANS IN UTTAR  
• THE NANDED BLASTS: THE HINDU HAND •  
PRADESH RECOMMENDED THAT ARRESTED DRUG LORDS BE SET FREE • A HORRIFYING TRAIL OF EXPLOITATION AND CHILD

ABUSE UNRAVELLED IN GOA, INDIAN TOURISM'S GLOBAL MAGNET • MONINDER SINGH PANDHER, SUSPECTED OF THE RAPE  
CARNAGE '84: THE AVEGEANISHING OF WITNESSES •

AND MURDER OF OVER A DOZEN CHILDREN, BRIBED THE POLICE SO HE COULD EVADE THE LAW • ELEMENTS IN THE HINDU  
RIGHT ARE OUT TO 'AVENGE' TERROR ATTACKS BY DETONATING BOMBS IN MOSQUES WHEN THEY ARE FULL OF WORSHIPPERS  
FALLEN HEROES • CRICKET MATCH FIXING •

• BRIBES AND THREATS WERE USED TO BUY THE SILENCE OF THOSE WHO WITNESSED THE MASSACRE OF SIKHS IN DELHI  
OPERATION WEST END • CAPTAIN PERIL: HOW TO  
IN THE AFTERMATH OF INDIRA GANDHI'S ASSASSINATION • THE WHISPERS AND ALLEGATIONS WERE PROVED CORRECT.

TEST MATCHES WERE BEING FIXED AND SOME CRICKETING ICONS HAD FEET OF CLAY • ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP POLITICIANS  
GET A PILOT'S LICENSE WITHOUT TAKING OFF •

AND ARMY OFFICERS DIDN'T SAY NO TO A BRIBE • HOW SAFE ARE OUR SKIES WHEN OUR PILOTS MAY BE WHOLLY UNQUALIFIED?  
• YOUR DOG-DIAGNOSTIC LAB NEXUS THRIVES, MAKING EASY, DIRTY MONEY AT THE EXPENSE OF PATIENTS • FOOD

SUPPLIES MEANT FOR THOSE LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LINE ARE SIPHONED OFF BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS  
KNOWS NO LIMITS

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## ABOUT TEHELKA

**TEHELKA IS** an iconic media house in India strongly associated with courage, integrity and public interest journalism.

TEHELKA first shot to international fame in 2001 when it broke a sting investigation on corruption in defence procurement in India. The global media hailed it as a watershed in Indian journalism. The government retaliated, forcing TEHELKA to shut down. Tarun Tejpal, founder editor of TEHELKA, stood his ground and fought back. TEHELKA's credentials emerged impeccable, and his stand earned it immense public support.

In 2004, TEHELKA was re-launched as a national weekly English newspaper. In a campaign unprecedented in the history of media, thousands of ordinary Indian citizens supported the comeback of the paper with advance subscriptions. Also, 220 of some of India's most eminent citizens paid Rs 1 lakh each (GBP 1200) to become Founder Subscribers of the paper.

In September 2007, TEHELKA changed course slightly and reinvented itself as a weekly newsmagazine, placing itself more squarely in the national mainstream.

In the four years since its re-launch, TEHELKA has firmly re-established its reputation for hard investigative journalism, fine writing and in-depth analysis. Some of the most important public interest stories in India in the last four years have been broken by TEHELKA. Some of the best writers write for it.

TEHELKA's mandate is amplified by its Critical Futures series of events. In November 2006, Tehelka hosted a path-breaking forum, The Summit of the Powerless, in New Delhi. This brought together, on a single platform, the three stakeholders of a free society: people power, political power, and money power.

On 27 April 2007, the TEHELKA Foundation hosted a successful mini-conference, Equality, Quality and Quantity: The Elusive Triangle in Indian Education. This was followed by The Young Visionary, focussed on youth and sustainable development, in December 2007.

Widening the scope of its Critical Futures series, Tehelka hosted its first international conference and art auction in London in June 2007. Both The Challenge of India and Art for Freedom were widely lauded. TEHELKA now returns with its second London summit, India Pakistan: Designing a New Future and Art for Freedom 3.

