

Indian Late

Friday 17 July 2009, 18.30–21.00

All events free

Where tickets are required, go to the Indian Late reception desk from 18.00 on the night

Part of *Indian Summer*, a season of exhibitions and events focusing on India, sponsored by HSBC Holdings

Indian food and drink will be available to purchase in the Court Cafés and Court Restaurant throughout the evening

18.30–19.00

Dances from northern India

Performed by Akademi.

Forecourt (Room 17 if wet)

18.30–21.00

The magic mela: an evening of 1000 joys

Music, song and dance relating to characters in the exhibition *Garden and Cosmos: The Royal Paintings of Jodhpur*, with the Federation of Indian Performing Arts, led by Ananda Gupta.

Great Court

18.30–20.30

Indian board games

Find out about Indian board games and have a go. With curator Irving Finkel, British Museum. Room 1

18.30–20.45

Jumbo painting: Vali, Rama and Lakshmana

Art workshop for all ages led by David Allsop. Great Court

18.40–19.20

Curator's introduction to Garden and Cosmos: The Royal Paintings of Jodhpur

Exhibition Curator Richard Blurton, British Museum Stevenson Lecture Theatre

18.40–19.10

Try Hindi

Tutored language sampler sessions for absolute beginners with Ruchika Arora.

Paul Hamlyn Library, next to Room 2

Free tickets required, 15 places

18.45–19.15

Bharatnatyam dancing from southern India

With members of Akademi.

Room 17

18.45–19.30

Try yoga

Do not eat a heavy meal beforehand and wear loose clothing. Presented by Korinna Pilafidis-Williams, Iyengar Yoga Institute Maida Vale.

Sackler Rooms, Clore Education Centre

Free tickets required, 30 places

18.50–19.40

A tale from Rajasthan: the curse of Kali

Storytelling with Seema Anand.

Room 33

Free tickets required, 35 places

19.00–19.20

Sample Indian street food

Presented by Masala World.

Great Court

Free tickets required

19.00–19.40

Introduction to India Landscape

With curator Sona Datta, British Museum.

West Lawn, Museum Forecourt

Free tickets required, 25 places per session

19.00–20.00

Classical Kathak dancing

Performance and interactive session with Vipul Bhatti, reflecting themes in the exhibition *Garden and Cosmos: The Royal Paintings of Jodhpur*.

Room 2

19.15–19.45

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Concert of Indian sarod music

With Ustad Amjad Ali Khan.

In association with the Nehru Centre

BP Lecture Theatre

Free tickets required, 300 places

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EXHIBITIONS

Garden and Cosmos:

The Royal Paintings of Jodhpur

Until 23 August, Room 35

A rare chance to see over 50 paintings from the royal collection of the Mehrangarh Museum Trust, Jodhpur.

£8, Members free

Organised by the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, in collaboration with the Mehrangarh Museum Trust, India

India Landscape

Kew at the British Museum

Until 27 September, West Lawn

Features a selection of plants from the Indian subcontinent, displaying a range of colours and scents from South Asia.

Admission free

In partnership with the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

EVENTS

As part of *Indian Summer*, enjoy a range of events including a season of Indian films, and a series of lectures. There will also be a free afternoon of Indian music on Saturday 18 July, 14.00–17.00. For more information, pick up an events leaflet or visit www.britishmuseum.org

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