

# CHRISTIE'S EXHIBITS IN DELHI AGAIN

**G**lobal auctioneer Christie's, who made a splash in India with its maiden auction in Mumbai last December, is holding a public exhibition of select artworks set for sale at the Asian Art Week in New York, USA, next month.

The New York auction includes 26 masterpieces by modern masters such as V S Gaitonde, Francis Newton Souza and Bhupen Khakhar, alongside international contemporary artists sourced from the collection of Shumita and Arani Bose.

An untitled work by Gaitonde painted in 1971 is among the highlights of the upcoming sale at Rockefeller Centre in New York on September 17, and the two-day public preview beginning August 20 at the Taj Mahal hotel here in Delhi.

Auctioneers have estimated Gaitonde's work to fetch between \$750,000 (₹4.5 crores) to \$900,000 (₹5.4 crores).

Gaitonde, whose style is a symphony of minimalist abstract and conceptual aesthetics, had fetched a



**Artist Francis Newton Souza's Butcher**

record ₹23.70 crore for an untitled work at Christie's Mumbai auction in December 2013.

Among the 14 artworks displayed at the public preview here include Francis Newton Souza's monumental masterpiece, *The Butcher*, painted in 1962 on black satin whilst living in London, where his talent and reputation were firmly cemented.

The *Butcher* represents the apex of the

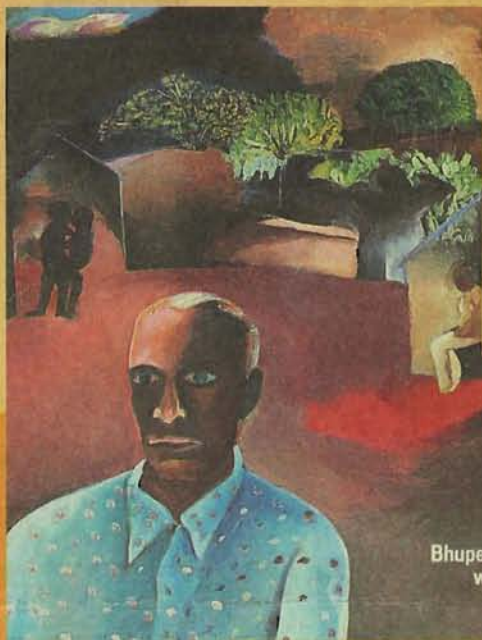
raw, expressionist style that characterised Souza's works in this series and is influenced by the works of El Greco and Goya as well as the Romanesque paintings and Catalanian frescos he saw on an earlier visit to Spain.

Twenty years ago, Shumita and Arani Bose co-founded the New York-based Bose Pacia, the first gallery in the West specialising exclusively in contemporary South Asian art.

Following the auction of *A Pioneering Vision: Works From the Collection of Shumita and Arani Bose*, is the South Asian Modern and Contemporary Art sale, set to feature 70 lots, offering iconic works by leading modernist masters Manjit Bawa, Syed Haider Raza, and Jagdish Swaminathan.

A monumental masterpiece *Untitled (Durga)* by Manjit Bawa is set to lead the sale and will also be showcased here in Delhi, the auctioneers said.

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**Bhupen Khakhar's work titled At New Jersey**



**Blue by Syed Haider Raza**

## CATCH IT LIVE

**What:** Christie's public preview  
**When:** August 21  
**Timings:** 10pm to 6pm  
**Where:** Taj Mahal Hotel, Man Singh Road

**Nearest Metro Station:** Udyog Bhawan on the Yellow Line

