



From the land of the Taj Mahal...

Muraqqa'

Imperial Mughal Albums

25 June - 3 October

Events

All events are free unless stated otherwise.

*Booking is not required unless noted. Bookings for workshops can be made on the Monday before the event from 9:30am on our homepage at www.cbl.ie. A limited number of places will be set aside for those with no access to the internet; please contact Education Services at 407-0750 from 9:30am on the Monday preceding the event.

JUNE

Thursday 24 June, 1.10pm

Lecture: *Splendid Settings: The Mughals in the Context of Seventeenth-Century Court Culture*, Prof. Kathleen James-Chakraborty, Head of the School of Art History and Cultural Policy, University College Dublin.

Thursday 24 June, 6.30-9.30pm

Silk and Spice Gala Opening of *Muraqqa'*, *Imperial Mughal Albums from the Chester Beatty Library*. For tickets, see www.cbl.ie.

Friday 25 June, 10am

Exhibition Opens to the public.

Friday 25 June, 1.10pm

Exhibition Tour with Dr Elaine Wright, Curator of the Islamic Collections and of the *Muraqqa'* exhibition.

Monday 28 June – Wednesday 30 June, 2-4pm

Object Handling: Explore objects related to those in the paintings of the *Muraqqa'* exhibition. These sessions will be available in the 1st floor lobby. Kindly sponsored by Libaas Asian Boutique, www.libaas.com.

JULY

Thursday 1 July, 1.10pm

Lecture: *Indian Plants Depicted: Drawings for Scottish Surgeons (1774-1868)*, Dr Henry J Noltie, Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh. Kindly sponsored by The Clarence Hotel.

Saturday 3 July, 2pm

Dance Performance: *Classical Indian Fusion Dance* with Honey George.

Saturday 3 July, 2-4pm

Rangoli Demonstration & Display with artists Meela Karunanidhi and Subha Kalluri. Visit the 3rd floor of the Library to view these traditional Indian pictures made of coloured powder, flowers, lentils and rice flower and based on Mughal patterns.

Saturday 3 July and Sunday 4 July, 1-4pm

Activity Packs for Families: Bring your children and enjoy activities specially prepared for the *Muraqqa'* exhibition. Suitable for 5-11 year olds. *We recommend adults guide children when using the packets.* Kindly sponsored by the State Street Foundation.

Wednesday 7 July, 1-4pm

Portrait Collage Workshop: Lahore-based artist Mohsin Shafi returns to the Library to lead this exciting workshop in which participants will explore the many portraits in the *Muraqqa'* exhibition and create their own self-portrait collages using magazine images, floral patterns and other motifs. *Limited to 15 people, €20 per person. Payment to be made in the Shop on the day of the event.* Please book from Monday 28 June www.cbl.ie.*

Wednesday 7 July, 2.30pm

Film: *Taj Mahal: The Story of Muslim India* (24 minutes).

Thursday 8 July, 1.10pm

Sitar Performance with Dara O'Brien (Indian Classical Music Society) in the 1st floor gallery.

Monday 12 July – Friday 16 July, 11.30-12.30pm

Silk Worm Summer Club for Families: The Emperor's New Clothes (design your own t-shirt with Indian patterns) on Mon, Wed, Fri and Make Your Own Album (*muraqqa'*) on Tues & Thurs. *Limited to 20 people, strictly for 6-11 year olds.* Please book online from Monday 5 July, 9.30am www.cbl.ie.

Thursday 22 July, 1.10pm

Lecture: *Objects of Perpetual Gaze: The Albums of the Great Mughals*, Dr Elaine Wright, Curator of the Islamic Collections and of the *Muraqqa'* exhibition.

Friday 23 July – Sunday 25 July

Festival of World Culture, Dun Laoghaire: Explore objects related to those in the paintings of the *Muraqqa'* exhibition. For further details, see www.festivalofworldcultures.com.

Saturday 24 July, 11.30pm

Lecture: *Painting Plants: Exploring the Borders of Mughal Albums*, Susan Sex, botanical artist.

Saturday 24 July, 1.30-4.30pm

Botanical Painting Workshop with Susan Sex. Limited to 10 people, €20 per person. *Payment to be made in the Shop on the day of the event.* Please book from Monday 19 July www.cbl.ie.* *Not suitable for beginners.*

Sunday 25 July, 3pm

Gallery Tour of the exhibition with Dr Elaine Wright, Curator of the Islamic Collections and of the *Muraqqa'* exhibition.

Wednesday 28 July, 2.30pm

Film: *Royal Splendour: Mughal Miniature Painting under Jahangir, Shah Jahan and the Later Mughals*, a film by Benoy Behl (30 minutes).

Thursday 29 July, 11-12pm

Indian Cooking Demonstration with Jaipur Restaurant: *Limited to 15 people.* Please book from Monday 26 July www.cbl.ie.*

AUGUST

Thursday 5 August, 1.10pm

Lecture: *Imperial Splendour: The Mughal Library of Sir Alfred Chester Beatty*, Charles Horton, Curator of the Western Collections, Chester Beatty Library.

Saturday 7 August, 12-2pm and then continues 2.30-4pm

Film: *Jodhaa Akbar*. This multi-award winning Bollywood extravaganza tells the story of the love between the Mughal emperor Akbar and his Rajput bride, Jodhaa, daughter of the ruler of Amber (210 minutes plus intermission).

Saturday 7 August and Sunday 8 August, 2-4pm

Activity Packs for Families: Bring your children and enjoy activities specially prepared for the *Muraqqa'* exhibition. Suitable for 5-11 year olds. *We recommend adults guide children when using the packets.* Kindly sponsored by the State Street Foundation.

Thursday 12 August, 1.10pm

Lecture and Film: *Curious Companions, Ireland to India by Bicycle*, a talk, short movie and artwork by Kerryman Jake Bullough about his epic cycling adventure.

Wednesday 18 August, 2.30pm

Film: *Taj Mahal: The Story of Muslim India* (24 minutes).

Wednesday 25 August, 2.30pm

Film: *Warrior Empire: The Mughals*, a History Channel production (90 minutes).

Wednesday 25 August – Thursday 27 August, 2-4pm

Object Handling: Explore objects related to those in the paintings of the *Muraqqa'* exhibition. These sessions will be available in the 1st floor lobby. Kindly sponsored by Libaas Asian Boutique, www.libaas.com.

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 1 September, 2.30pm

Film: *Royal Splendour: Mughal Miniature Paintings under Jahangir, Shah Jahan and the Later Mughals*, a film by Benoy Behl (30 minutes).

Thursday 2 September, 1.10pm

Lecture: *Forgotten Splendour: Gardens of the Mughal Emperors*, Penelope Hobhouse, garden designer, author and recipient of the Royal Horticultural Society's prestigious Victoria Medal of Honour. Kindly sponsored by The Clarence Hotel.

Saturday 4 September and Sunday 5 September, 1-4pm

Activity Packs for Families: Bring your children and enjoy activities specially prepared for the *Muraqqa'* exhibition. Suitable for 5-11 year olds. *We recommend adults guide children when using the packets.* Kindly sponsored by the State Street Foundation.

Thursday 9 September, 1.10pm

Lecture: *The Complete Taj Mahal*, Dr Ebba Koch, Professor of Asian Art, Institute of Art History, Vienna University. Kindly sponsored by The Clarence Hotel.

Saturday 11 September, 12-2pm and then continues 2.30-4pm

Film: *Jodhaa Akbar* (210 minutes plus intermission). This multi-award winning Bollywood extravaganza tells the story of the love between the Mughal emperor Akbar and his Rajput bride, Jodhaa, daughter of the ruler of Amber (210 minutes plus intermission).

Wednesday 15 September, 1.10pm

Gallery Tour: *Muraqqa'*, *Imperial Mughal Albums from the Chester Beatty Library*. Dr Elaine Wright, Curator of the Islamic Collections and of the *Muraqqa'* exhibition.

Thursday 16 September, 1.10pm

Lecture: *Mughal Carpets and Textiles*. Decorative Arts in Mughal Paintings, Steven Cohen, Indian textile specialist and historian. Kindly sponsored by The Clarence Hotel.

Thursday 23 September, 1.10pm

Lecture: *Indian Miniature Painting in the 21st Century*, Samantha Buckley, miniature painter, designer and graduate of The Prince's School of Traditional Art.

Friday 24 September, 5-10pm

Culture Night: Listen to a sitar performance by Dara O'Brien (Indian Classical Music Society) in the 1st floor gallery followed by a performance by Mishra and their special mix of trumpet, sitar, tabla and double bass. Guided tours at 7pm, 8pm and 9pm. Silk Road Café and shop open.

Saturday 25 September, 10.30-4.30pm and Sunday 26 September, 1-4.30pm

Workshop: Indian miniature painting with Samantha Buckley. *Limited to 10 people, €90 per person (materials included).* *Payment to be made in the Shop on the day of the event.* Please book from Monday 20 September, www.cbl.ie.* *Some painting experience is helpful.*

Thursday 30 September, 1.10pm

Lecture: *Jewelled Arts of the Mughal Emperors*, Susan Strong, Senior Curator, Asian Department, Victoria and Albert Museum, London. Kindly sponsored by The Clarence Hotel.

OCTOBER

Sunday 3 October, 5pm

Exhibition Closes



To coincide with the *Muraqqa'* exhibition, the Library and Indian Dreams are offering you the chance to win a fabulous holiday for two to India. The competition will be open from 25 June to 3 October 2010 and may be entered online at www.cbl.ie or in person at the Library.

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