



ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival and Rajasthan Tourism present Heritage Evenings

- **Rhythm & Rhyme: Anne Waldman, Swanand Kirkire and Padma Vibhushan Ustad Amjad Ali Khan** to perform at **Amber Fort** on **January 20th** at **7:30 PM** -
- **Mujre Se Multiplex Tak: Vidya Shah and Luke Kenny** to perform at **Hawa Mahal** on **January 21st** at **7:30 PM** -

New Delhi, January 18, 2016 - In partnership with Rajasthan Tourism, ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival brings together arts and culture with built heritage at two mesmerising evening events at the magnificent Amber Fort and the spectacular Hawa Mahal. Running parallel to the festival on the evenings of January 20th and 21st, the Heritage Evenings will showcase poetry and music in the backdrop of Jaipur's heritage and celebrate the city's cultural riches.

Rhythm and Rhyme will be an evening of poetry readings held at **Amber Fort, Jaipur** on **Friday, 20th January at 7.30 PM**. Bringing together voices from two sides of the globe, the session will witness readings by celebrated American poet **Anne Waldman** and the renowned Bollywood lyricist **Swanand Kirkire**. This will be followed by Sarod Recital by **Padma Vibhushan Ustad Amjad Ali Khan** at the **Amber Fort**.

Mujre Se Multiplex Tak, will take the audience on a journey through the magical realm of entertainment at **Hawa Mahal** on **Saturday, 21st January at 7:30 PM**. Coursing through the ever changing world of cultural entertainment, the session will explore how the audiences at entertainment venues have evolved over the years. Writer and musician **Vidya Shah** will reflect on these changes through song while actor **Luke Kenny** punctuates them with poignant poetry and quirky banter.



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Sanjoy Roy, Managing Director of Teamwork Arts, Producer of the ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival said, “*With the support of Rajasthan Tourism, the ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival celebrates the wonderful cultural and architectural heritage of the city of Jaipur through the Festival’s Heritage Evenings. The exclusively curated evenings offer an experience that uniquely places cultural performances within the context of the city’s built heritage and allows audiences to engage with these significant places in a new dimension.*”

Passes to the two heritage evenings are available at the information desk at the Diggi Palace.

The annual event has been held at the **Diggi Palace** since it was founded a decade ago, and will return for its tenth edition, from **19 to 23 January**. Continuing its all-inclusive vision, the festival is free and open to all, attracting visitors from all corners of the globe.

DETAILS OF HERITAGE EVENINGS AT ZEE JAIPUR LITERATURE FESTIVAL

Friday, 20th January at 7:30pm

Ganesh Pole, Amber Fort, Jaipur

Rajasthan Tourism and the ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival present:

Rhythm & Rhyme

Anne Waldman and Swanand Kirkire

Poetry readings featuring renowned voices from two sides of the globe.

Anne Waldman is a poet, performer, professor, editor and cultural activist. She is the author of over 40 books of poetry, including the book-length hybrid narrative eco-poem *Manatee/Humanity* and the feminist



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epic *The Iovis Trilogy: Colors in the Mechanism of Concealment*, which won the 2012 PEN Center USA Award for Poetry.

Swanand Kirkire is a lyricist, actor, playback singer, scriptwriter and assistant director for Hindi television, films and theatre. He has written songs for more than 50 films and is a two-time winner of the National Film Award for Best Lyrics. He received his first National Film Award in 2007 for the song 'Bande Me Tha Dum...Vande Mataram' from the film *Lage Raho Munna Bhai*, and the second in 2009 for 'Behti Hawaa Sa Tha Woh...' from *3 Idiots*.

Padma Vibhushan Ustad Amjad Ali Khan

"One of the 20th century's greatest masters of the sarod..." *Songlines World Music Magazine*

Ustad Amjad Ali Khan has given the sarod a new and yet timeless interpretation. He is one of the few maestros who considers his audience to be the soul of his motivation. As he once said, "There is no essential difference between classical and popular music. Music is music. I want to communicate with the listener who finds Indian classical music remote."

It is this love and belief for music that has enabled him to challenge traditional notions of music through innovation while retaining its integrity.

Saturday, 21st January at 7:30pm

Hawa Mahal, Jaipur

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Mujre Se Multiplex Tak



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Music, Poetry and Gupshup

Vidya Shah with Luke Kenny

How often do we hear, “Wo zamana kuchh aur tha (Ah, that was a different time),” particularly in the world of music, dance, film and everything in the magical realm of entertainment? Countless times! What made that time so different? And why does it keep changing?

Once upon a time, you had only men going to the Mujra at the invitation of the elite while women from ‘respectable’ families were supposed to stay at home or at best, watch in ‘purdah’. But today, men and women are free to enjoy a raunchy item number together in a multiplex.

Singer Vidya Shah reflects on these changes through song while actor Luke Kenny punctuates them with poignant poetry and quirky banter.

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NOTES TO MEDIA PERSONS

Information on **Registration** for the ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival can be found here:

<http://jaipurliteraturefestival.org/registration/>

For **media enquiries** on the ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival, please contact Edelman India:

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About the ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival 2017

Described as the ‘greatest literary show on Earth’, the ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival is the world’s largest free event of its kind.



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The past decade has seen the Festival host 1300 speakers and welcome nearly 1.2 million book lovers.

Celebrating writers from across the globe, past speakers have ranged from Nobel Laureates and Man Booker Prize winners to debut writers including Amish Tripathi, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Eleanor Catton, Hanif Kureishi, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Ian McEwan, J.M. Coetzee, Mohammed Hanif, Oprah Winfrey, Orhan Pamuk, Pico Iyer, Salman Rushdie, Stephen Fry, Thomas Piketty, Vikram Seth and Wole Soyinka along with renowned Indian language writers such as Girish Karnad, Gulzar, Javed Akhtar, M.T. Vasudevan Nair, Uday Prakash as well as the late Mahasweta Devi and U.R. Ananthamurthy.

Writers and Festival Directors Namita Gokhale and William Dalrymple invite speakers to take part in the five-day programme set against the backdrop of Rajasthan's stunning cultural heritage and the Digg Palace in the state capital Jaipur.

Equity and democracy run through the Festival's veins, placing some of the world's greatest minds, humanitarians, historians, politicians, business leaders, sports people and entertainers from all walks of life together on stage. This free and egalitarian access to these renowned thinkers and writers is a powerful statement in a country where access to such individuals remains the privilege of a few. The ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival provides a potentially life-changing opportunity for audiences from Rajasthan, across India and the world to learn from and exchange ideas with contemporary literary stalwarts.

The ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival is a flagship event of Teamwork Arts, which produces over 25 highly acclaimed performing arts, visual arts and literary festivals across more than 40 cities globally, and is produced by Sanjoy K. Roy.

In 2014, ZEE JLF spread its wings beyond the borders of India with an annual event in May in London. In



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2015, it headed across the pond to Boulder, Colorado where it hosts a similar event every September.

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About Teamwork Arts

For over 25 years, Teamwork Arts has taken India to the world and brought the world to India.

In countries such as Australia, Canada, Egypt, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Israel, Korea, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, UK and USA, Teamwork produces over 25 highly acclaimed performing arts, visual arts and literary festivals across more than 40 cities.

Teamwork Arts produces one of the world's largest free literary gatherings, the annual **ZEE Jaipur Literature Festival**, the **Ishara International Puppet Festival** in New Delhi, the annual **Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards (META) and Festival**, international festivals **Shared History** in South Africa, **Eye on India** in the United States of America, **India by the Bay** in Hong Kong, **Confluence- Festival of India** in Australia, and many more.

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