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## A tribute to Husain



Rangeshwari, Sunita Menon, Nikhil Kasliwal and Owals Husain with MF Husain's painting

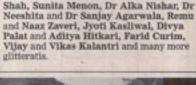
t was a celebration of art and a tribute to one of India's most renowned artists -the late MF Husain. Hosting this grand do that showcased a unique selection of Husain's works was Atul Nishar, President, of Namaste America. This event was organ-

ised in collaboration with Shree Naman Group. Husain's son Owais Husain also attended the event.

US Consul General Peter Haas and Chief of US Consular Section, David Tyler graced the occasion. Art connoisseurs, business leaders, celebrities and socialites joined in to interact and appreciate art. Seen engaged in an artistic appreciation were Richard Rothman, Dr Karin Zitzewitz, Dr Indu Shahani,

Habil Khorakiwala, Rashesh













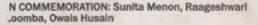


## **Bombay Times**

4th Dec, 2011

## The auctioneer's hammer







TRIPLE TREAT: Rashmi Uday Singh, Nisha Jamywal, Poonam Soni

#### **ART INITIATIVE**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

#### **NARIMAN POINT**



CONTRASTING SHADES: Peter

faas, Lota Patel

Son Owais Husain was in the limelight as the Namaste America association promoted the art of the late MF Husain. Atul Nishar together with Peter Haas and David Tyler welcomed the likes of Sunita Menon, Raageshwari Loomba and Rashmi Uday Singh as the charity auction of a single work of Husain fetched Rs 22 lakh. A showcase of both father and son's paintings and a panel discussion later, one spotted Nisha Jamwal, Poonam Soni, Lata Patel, Indu Shahani, Alka Nishar and Talat with Bina Aziz mixing happily among the cocktail crowd.



SIDE BY SIDE: Talat and Bina Aziz

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## **DNA After Hrs**

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## 'I NEVER LOOKED AT

## **HIM AS AN ARTIST'**

...says artist Owais Husain, who recently paid a tribute to his late father, eminent artist MF Husain in an art show in the city

#### Shreya Badola

Tell us more about this tribute show, 'Namaste America'. How have you picked up the art works?

Atul Nishar, President, of Namaste America - Indo American Association for Art and Culture, wanted to host an evening in celebration of Art and pay tribute to my father MF Husain. you?

was conceived.

#### Are you a big fan of your dad's works?

I have never looked at him as an artist; he is no more than my father to me.

MF Husain is a brand in the art world... did that ever unnerve

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That is how this tribute show No, it is something that has always inspired me. I question His hunger for life and his need this brand tag. His body of work and his spirit would always inspire me as a son.

#### Any particular art work of his that is close to your heart and

Between the spider and the lamp' - one of his most iconic and well-known works, done in the early 60s. It is an important station of his first 15 years as a painter where his iconography evolved into a new language that grew through the body of his work for the next 50 years.

Was he the biggest inspiration for you as an artist and as a

to celebrate its every element is always inspiring to me.

#### Do you compare yourself with your dad in terms of work or otherwise?

Art is subjective and its creators are always victim of circumstances. We live in our own universes that we create: There is no generic scale to compare one artist with another. But I do admit that his hunger for life has always been a perfect point of departure for me, as I dive into my search to unravel the mysteries of our universe through my work.

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### **DNA After Hours**

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# MF Husain painting fetches ₹22 lakh at charity auction

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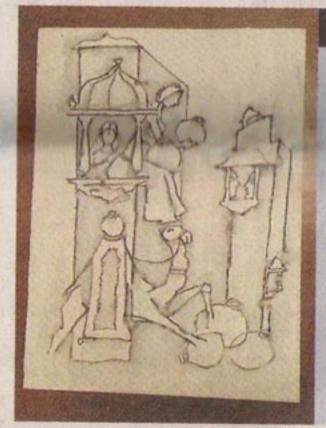
MUMBAI: An untitled painting by master artist MF Husain, who died on June 9, was auctioned in Mumbai on Friday, the proceeds to be donated to NGO Life Trust, which works to educate underprivileged children.

The painting, donated by a private collector who wished to remain anonymous, was bought by another private collector for

Rs 22 lakh.

Considered one of Husain's most important works, the untitled work was created in the mid-1960s, during the artist's maiden visit to Rajasthan — a trip that sparked his love affair with that state and its vibrant art and cultural traditions, influencing much of his later work, especially in terms of the colours that he used.

"This watercolour on paper



is a characteristic of my father's Indian folk iconography, marked by simple imagery with minimal but strong lines," said

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Husain's son Owais. "This work has never been displayed on a public platform."

Friday's auction was part of

a one-day event organised by Indo-American non-profit organisation Namaste America, which works to promote cultural ties between the two countries. On display at the event were five other Husain paintings, all on loan from private collectors.

Among these was an untitled painting depicting Goddess Laxmi, painted in vibrant colours.

"I remember my father telling me several times that he worked like a jeweller on this painting," said Owais, who also delivered a lecture on art at the event.

"Our organisation strives to create goodwill between India and USA through art," said Namaste America president Atul Nishar. "Since MF Husian is a well-known artist in the US too, we thought we would pay tribute to his genius."

Ht Cafe

3rd Dec, 2011