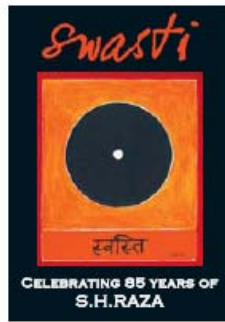


## Press Release



**22 – 28 February, 2007**

**New Delhi**

**Organised by**

**Art Alive Gallery, New Delhi**

**&**

**The Art Alive Foundation (TAAF), New Delhi**

Syed Haider Raza, the great Indian master of contemporary art turns 85 on 22nd February, 2007. A multi arts festival is being organized to celebrate the event. The highlight of the festival would be the release of a large format book on the life and journey of the great artist at The Taj Mahal Hotel, New Delhi on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2007. The book is written and edited by Ashok Vajpeyi and published by Art Alive Gallery, New Delhi.

In conjunction with the Swasti Festival, the National Gallery of Modern Art is organising a show of the selected works of Raza from 22<sup>nd</sup> February to 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2007.

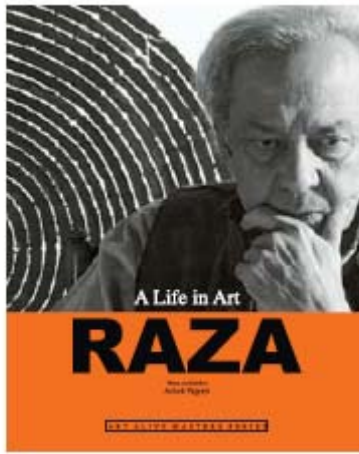
'SWASTI', as it is called, shall feature fine arts, poetry, classical music and dance. Raza Foundation, a trust created by Raza, has been giving awards to young practitioners of significance in the fields of art, poetry, music and dance. The artists/performers at the week-long festival would all be Raza awardees from all over India.

A group show of abstract works by Raza awardees is being scheduled on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2007 at the Art Alive Gallery. The show will be inaugurated by S.H.Raza. The participating artists are Akhilesh, Manish Pushkale, Rahim Mirza, Saba Hasan, Sanju Jain, Seema Ghurayya, Smriti Dixit, Sujata Bajaj, Yogendra Tripathi and Yusuf.

The Poetry Festival will be held at Alliance Francaise de Delhi on the 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2007. The performing Art Festival begins on the 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. and will continue till 28th February at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi. Malavika Sarukkai from Chennai shall be performing Bharatnatyam and Prerna Shrimali from Delhi shall perform Kathak. In music, Mukul Shivaputra from Devas and Satyasheel Deshpande from Pune shall be performing vocal recital. A seminar on Raza's works would be held on 28<sup>th</sup> at the India International Centre, Annexe.

The Swasti Festival is organised by the newly launched The Art Alive Foundation (TAAF).

The date wise programme is enclosed.



**Release of Book on S.H.Raza**

**Thursday, 22nd February at 6.30 p.m.**

The Taj Mahal Hotel, Mansingh Road, New Delhi

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**Swasti Roop**

Group Show by

**Raza Foundation Awardees**

Akhilesh, Sujata Bajaj, Manish Pushkale, Seema Ghurayya, Yusuf, Smriti Dixit,  
Yogendra Tripathi, Rahim Mirza, Saba Hasan and Sanju Jain

**Friday 23rd February at 6. 30 p.m.**

at Art Alive Gallery, New Delhi

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**Swasti Shabda**

Poetry Festival

Teji Grover, Udayan Vajpeyi, Anamika & Savita Singh

**Saturday 24th February at 6.30 p.m.**

**at Alliance Francaise de Delhi, Lodi Estate, New Delhi**



**Swasti Swar-Mudra**

Performing Arts Festival

at Kamani Auditorium, Copernicus Marg, New Delhi

**Monday 26th Feb. at 6.30 p.m.**

Prerna Shrimali – Kathak

Satyasheel Deshpande – Vocal Music

**Tuesday 27th Feb. at 6.30 p.m.**

Mukul Shivaputra – Vocal Music

**Wednesday 28th Feb. at 6.30 p.m.**

Malavika Sarukkai – TEJAS - The Expanding Canvas



**Swasti Vichaar**

**Shoonya aur Aakar –Form and Nothingness**

**A conversation with and about Raza**

Ashish Nandi, Geeti Sen, Ram Chandra Gandhi, Suresh Sharma &

Udayan Vajpeyi

Moderated by Ashok Vajpeyi

**Wednesday 28th February at 11.00 a.m.**

**at India International Centre Annexe, Lodi Estate, New Delhi**

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