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Jaipur Art Week 2023 will celebrate the Pink City's aesthetic legacy

Beginning on 18 January, Jaipur Art Week will feature new and established artists from Rajasthan and beyond

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Whether you are interested in history, aesthetics, wildlife, adventure or food, Rajasthan never disappoints. The vibrant cultural essence of the capital, Jaipur, especially stands out. If you're visiting the city this month to enjoy the winter chill, here's a novel experience to add to your itinerary. The second edition of Jaipur Art Week 2023 by the Public Arts Trust of India (PATI) is scheduled to take place from 18 to 25 January. Visitors can attend exhibitions, performances, talks, workshops and more by emerging artists from around the country. The lineup as well as themes are a reflection of the city's historical legacy of patronage as a haven for artists from near and far. Here's what to expect:

Where will Jaipur Art Week be held?

Events will be spread across many historic locations in the Pink City, including the Albert Hall Museum, Gyan Museum, Amrapali Museum, Rajmahal Palace RAAS, The Open Space Society (TOSS) and ALTAR Residency at Hawa Mahal. So, along with the art on display, don't forget to take in the aesthetics of your surroundings. Various local craft-based enterprises, such as Frozen Music and Jaipur Rugs, will also play a role in hosting the events.

What to catch at Jaipur Art Week 2023?



'Power of Cloth 2022-B' by Lochan Upadhyay

The week is set to kick off with a showcase of contemporary artist Lochan Upadhyay's first-ever contemporary work at Albert Hall Museum, titled **'Power of Cloth 2022-B'**. Made from brass, metal, ribbons, discarded fabric, and recycled plastic, this ceremonial arch-like sculpture aims to represent the complex socio-cultural politics of a place. Another highlight is **'The New Thread: Personal and Collective Storytelling'**, a group show at Jaipur Rugs (HQ) by three female artists — Rohini Singh, Shreya Parasrampuria and Devari—featuring tapestries, paintings and artworks incorporating hair, papier mache, handmade paper and other materials. You will notice themes from everyday life as well as current events such as the protests in Iran. Don't miss artist Shubham Sharma's first-ever solo showcase at Gyan Museum. His visually arresting mixed media installation titled **'Destroyer'** has been inspired by the legend of Lord Shiva.

Want to gain a deeper understanding of artistic practices? Then sign up for one of the walkthroughs and presentations for specific exhibits, conducted by the artists themselves. For instance, the Open Studio event with third-generation miniature painter Riyaz Uddin promises to be a memorable treat. Other artists participating in Jaipur Art Week 2023 are Aditi Anuj (Adigami), Amar Prajapat, Ana Sting, Ashok Meena, Bhimanshu Pandel, Nehal Verma, Pranjal Maheshwari, Saraswathi Subbaraman, Sarban Chowdhury, Tanushree Sarkar, Wolf Jaipur and Zoya Singh.



Artwork by Rohini Singh

What to attend beyond exhibitions?

You can go for film screenings at TOSS (The Open Space Society), accompanied by a panel. Catch 'Twilight of a Life,' a documentary by the Belgian-Israeli director Sylvain Biegeleisen and enjoy two French animated shorts, 'Trona Pinnacles,' and 'The Crossing.'

Are there activities for kids?

Zoya Singh will be conducting storytelling workshops for adults and kids at Gyan Museum. There will also be an origami workshop by artist Aditi Anuj at Adigami.

Is prior registration required?

Prior registration is highly recommended as there are limited spots available. There are no entrance fees. All the exhibitions listed in the program will be open from 11am on 18 January to 6pm on 25 January 2023.

Register and find the full schedule here.