Panelists



Mary-Ann Milford-Lutzker, Professor of Asian Art History, holds the Carver Chair in East Asian Studies, and is Chair of the Department of Art and Art History at Mills College. She received her PhD from the University of California, Berkeley. Her early work focused on traditional Indian and Indonesian art. Since the mid-90s she has been working with women artists in India. In 1997 she curated *Women Artists of India: A Celebration of Independence*, an exhibition that was part of

India's celebration of fifty years of independence from British colonial rule. In 2001 she curated the first retrospective of Zarina Hashmi's art. She has written extensively on Indian women artists, and written and curated exhibitions of Asian American artists. In 2012 she was an NEH fellow at the Institute for Asian American Art, New York University.



Dipti Mathur is a biochemist turned collector of contemporary South Asian art. She earned a PhD in Biochemistry from IIT, Kanpur, and pursued post-doctoral research at MIT, Cambridge.

Over the past twenty years, Dipti has built a highly regarded collection of modern and contemporary South Asian art. She is keenly interested in working with US institutions to promote a broader cross-cultural understanding of the contemporary

visual culture of South Asia. She is one of the Founding Members of the Asian Contemporary Art Consortium, San Francisco.

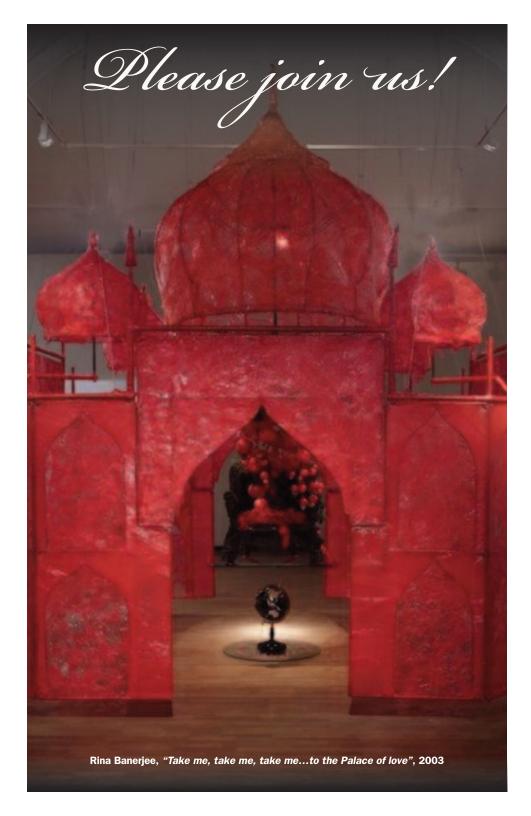
Dipti serves on the Board of Trustees of the San Jose Museum of Art, and the Collections Committee of the Asia Society Museum, New York. The Mathurs have supported several important exhibitions and symposia on Indian art in the US, including *Edge of Desire, Conversations with Tradition* (works by Shahzia Sikander and Nilima Sheikh), *Roots in the Air Branches Below, Paper Like Skin*, (Zarina Hashmi's retrospective) and Naiza Khan and Jitish Kallat's solo exhibitions, *Karachi Elegies* and *Epilogue*, respectively.



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