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**Ustad Mansur** is considered one of the greatest natural history painters of all times. Starting his career as an illuminator at the painting studio of Emperor Akbar he was recognized as the most accomplished nature painter of his time and honoured by Emperor Jahangir with the title Nadir al-'Asr, Wonder of the Age.

**In an illustrated presentation,** Dr. Asok Das will share images of some of the finest works of Ustad Mansur. He will shed light on the subject of Mughal painting from the imperial studios of Akbar and Jahangir with special reference to the genre of nature in art.



*Image detail:*  
Iris and Little Bird  
Ascribed to Ustad Mansur  
Mughal, c. 1618  
Golestan Palace Library, Tehran, Iran  
Photo Courtesy: The Aga Khan  
Museum, Toronto

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**Society for Art & Cultural Heritage of India**

is pleased to invite you  
to an exciting discussion on

**Ustad Mansur**  
**at the Mughal Court**

with  
**Dr. Asok Kumar Das**  
Visiting scholar of Mughal and  
Rajasthani art & culture

Saturday, September 27  
11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Home of Anna & James Spudich  
3035 Country Club Court, Palo Alto

Free Admission  
Rsvp [info@sachi.org](mailto:info@sachi.org); tel. 650-918-6335  
Early reservations recommended, seating is limited

Light refreshments will be served

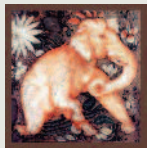


**Asok Kumar Das** is a leading art historian specializing in Mughal and Rajasthani art and culture. He has researched extensively the Mughal collections of several museums around the world, and has published

numerous books, research papers, and articles.

Dr. Das served as the Director of the Maharaja Sawai Man Singh Museum, Jaipur, and was a Senior Visiting Fellow at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London among other international museums and institutions. He also served as Satyajit Ray Chair in Santiniketan, as Prof. of Art and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, and as Tagore National Fellow at the Indian Museum, Calcutta.

His latest publications are *Razmnama: The Book of War*, and *Wonders of Nature: Ustad Mansur at the Mughal Court*.



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*Cover image:* The Siberian Crane  
Ascribed to Ustad Mansur  
Mughal, c.1625  
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