## Society for Art & Cultural Heritage of India \*\*Presents\*\*

# Looking Back!

## A Poster Exhibition at the Livermore Public Library

February 1-28, 2018

Looking Back! celebrates SACHI's two decades of excellence in visionary and educational programs promoting the understanding and appreciation of Indian art and culture in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Through the month long exhibition of Poster announcements, SACHI is honored to showcase a sampling of its more recent events

In conjunction with the launch of the Poster Exhibition

#### Looking Back!

and Livermore Reads Together Project

A Long Way Home: A Memoir by Saroo Brierley

You are Invited to Join a Community Celebration and a *Maharaja* presentation at the Livermore Public Library



### Maharaja: The Splendor of India's Royal Courts Saturday, Feb 3, 2018, 2 PM

Livermore Public Library, Civic Center 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore

The *Maharaja* exhibition was on view at the Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, Oct. 21, 2011 - Apr. 8, 2012.

Rudyard Kipling said, God created Maharajas so mankind could have a spectacle of jewels and marble palaces! Once there were nearly 600 Princes who together ruled a third of India, living lives of fabled splendor - until in the early 1970's, their privileges and titles were removed by the then Prime Minister of India, Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

The talk will discuss this vanished world of the Maharajas, both Hindu and Muslim princes, who navigated the complex world of Mughal rule and British colonialism in the 18th and 19th centuries, followed by Indian independence in 1947. Set in a powerful historical time frame, the Maharajas played a significant role as the indigenous rulers of India and as the great patrons of art and bearers of culture.

A stunning range of objects from paintings and photographs to arms and armor, furniture, costumes, and jewelry, are imbued with stories and layers of meaning.

Presented by Kalpana Desai President, Society for Art & Cultural Heritage of India and Docent, Asian Art Museum, San Francisco

#### ABOUT A LONG WAY HOME

The New York Times international bestseller, A Long Way Home turned into a major motion picture starring Dev Patel, Nicole Kidman, and Rooney Mara, and was nominated for six Academy Awards!

This is the miraculous and triumphant story of Saroo Brierley, a young man who used Google Earth to rediscover his childhood life and home in an incredible journey from India to Australia and back again...

