

## The City Of Joy Welcomes One Of A Kind Arts Gallery Bridging Culture & Arts Foundation

Kolkata, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2024: Bridging Culture And Arts Foundation (B-CAF) the new neighbourhood art gallery of the city of joy, organizes its inaugural exhibition, “ECOTONE” Ms. Reena Dewan the Founder – Director, B-CAF has specially curated ECOTONE with the works of Artist Koustabh Chakrabarty, resonating a deep-rooted connection to the land, the community and the timeless rhythms of nature.

Bridging Culture And Arts Foundation was inaugurated in the esteemed presence of the Chief Guest Padma Bhushan Shri Jogen Chowdhury. The evening was also graced by the presence of Guest Of Honours Mr. Debashis Sen, IAS(Rtd.), Managing Director, HIDCO, Mr. Mayank Jalan, CMD Keventer Agro Limited and Dr. Suborno Bose, CEO IIHM.

B-CAF is a non-profit organization based in Baghajatin, Kolkata committed to propelling artistic expression forward, fostering innovation, and encouraging experimentation within contemporary arts aiming towards preservation and restoration of cultural heritage, while also facilitating the public's engagement with the arts. Bridging Culture And Arts Foundation aims to combat the issue of scarcity of art initiatives, despite the brimming talent of artists from all around the nation.

“In our nation, a plethora of profoundly talented artists across various sectors exists, yet aspiring artists frequently encounter challenges in securing a platform to showcase their work. Bridging Culture And Arts Foundation stands poised to address this persistent issue, driven by the vision of becoming a readily accessible platform for both the general public and enthusiasts alike. Our overarching goal is to bridge the gap between emerging talents and seasoned veterans, thereby fulfilling the aspirations of young artists to share the same stage with established luminaries in their respective fields. Through our initiatives and programs, we strive to create an inclusive space where artistic diversity thrives, fostering collaboration, mentorship, and mutual growth” said Ms. Reena Dewan, Founder – Director, Bridging Culture And Arts Foundation

The inaugural exhibition “ECOTONE” curated by Reena Dewan, unfolds like a poetic ode to the harmonious convergence of diverse ecosystems. Koustabh Chakrabarty captures the essence of this ecotone, not merely as a type of ecosystem instead each artwork resonates with a deep-rooted connection to the land, the community and the timeless rhythms of nature.

An Ecotone is

A meeting point of two ecosystems,  
Merging, integrating, rich in biodiversity.  
Where species of one and the other reside,  
Where land meets water.  
Where plains meet mountains,  
Where grasslands meet the forest.

Within the enchanting realms of "ECOTONE", Koustabh Chakrabarty's artistic narrative unfolds like a poetic ode to the harmonious convergence of diverse ecosystems. He captures the essence of this ecotone, not merely as a type of ecosystem but instead each artwork resonates with a deep-rooted connection to the land, the community and the timeless rhythms of nature.

These works denote the reflective work of the Jaladarsha collective which highlights and brings back into discourse the important aspects of nature and culture.

As a curator, I am captivated by the way his works transcend the boundaries of visual art, becoming conduits for introspection and contemplation. They remind us of the delicate balance we must strike between progress and preservation, innovation and conservation. In this exhibition, the ecotone becomes a metaphorical bridge, connecting us to our roots, our heritage and the enduring beauty of the natural world, said Reena Dewan.

#### ABOUT B-CAF

Bridging Culture and Arts Foundation (B-CAF) is a dynamic art organization, passionately committed to bringing the finest artistry from across India into your spaces. Founded by Reena Dewan, a distinguished Curator and Arts Consultant with a deep commitment to cultural preservation and innovation, B-CAF is a platform where artists can connect with the public through exhibitions, interactive events and creative collaborations. Beyond interior projects, B-CAF offers large-scale metal, stone, wood and ceramics sculptures, ideal for public spaces and cityscapes. These artworks provide a unique opportunity for those looking to integrate art into their development plans, allowing the public to experience their surroundings in new and inspiring ways.