

## INVITATION

The Director of the Austrian Cultural Forum New Delhi cordially invites you to a

### **Seminar and interactive session on**

### **“In Search for Common Creative Spaces”**

to discuss the use of art and artistic expression  
as a means for intercultural communication

on 1 October 2011 from 10 am to 12:30 pm  
(followed by lunch)

at the Austrian Embassy New Delhi.

#### **Synopsis:**

Prof. Helmi VENT, Head of the Department “Lab Inter Arts” at the **University of Music and Dramatic Arts “Mozarteum Salzburg”**, Austria, will host the seminar.

Under the directorship of Prof. VENT, in 2009 and 2010, young Austrian artists (musicians, dancers, actors) came to India. Based upon research and impressions of Indian culture, public life and space, discussions with Indian artists, interactions with ordinary people, and contemplation of the Western “self” in the Indian context, they developed performance projects. The premise was to not travel to India to present a predisposed artwork (outcome oriented), but that the artwork results from the impressions gained and dialogue developed with the new Indian culture in all its aspects (process oriented). As part of the process, the projects were staged in public space, and intercultural communication through artistic means was sought with the incidental artists – ordinary Indian people.

**Indian partner institutions** for implementation of the project included the **Lalit Kala Academy in Goa** and the **Sir J.J. School of Arts, University of Mumbai**.

For more information and a film trailer on the project, please visit:

<http://www.labinterarts.com/en/projects-films/film-documents-ii-city-walks-mumbai-2010.html>

#### **Objective:**

In the framework of this seminar, Prof. VENT seeks to **discuss the project with and obtain feedback from Indian experts and artworkers**. Based on the results, a third phase of the project shall be developed and implemented in India in 2012. A 40-minute **documentary film “City Walks Mumbai 2010”** about the project will be screened during the seminar.

We kindly request you to confirm your participation in this seminar by Thursday, 29 September 2011, by e-mail to [new-delhi-kf@bmeia.gv.at](mailto:new-delhi-kf@bmeia.gv.at)

***Please present this invitation at the gate upon entering the Austrian Embassy.***

## **PROGRAMME**

9:30 am	Arrival of seminar participants and registration
10:00 am	Welcome by Director of Austrian Cultural Forum
10:05 am	Introduction by Prof. Helmi Vent
10:30 am	Screening of documentary film "City Walks Mumbai 2010" telling the story of the project as implemented in Mumbai last year.
11:15 am	Discussion
12:30 am	Lunch hosted by the Austrian Cultural Forum