artnet Auctions presents the Modern and Contemporary Indian and South Asian Art sale

artnet Auctions is proud to present a special sale of Modern and Contemporary Indian and South Asian paintings, works on paper, photographs, sculptures, and prints, led by the masterpiece, *Untitled (Pieta) (1987)*, a major painting by Francis Newton Souza (Indian, 1924–2002). Featuring over 75 lots, this sale’s focus is Contemporary Indian and South Asian Art, estimated from US$1,800 to US$500,000.

Francis Newton Souza  
*Untitled (Pieta)*, 1987  
Acrylic on canvas  
82 x 97.3 in.  
Est. US$330,000–500,000  
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New York / Berlin / Paris, February 22, 2012—artnet Auctions presents the Indian and South Asian Art sale, featuring over 75 select lots of Modern and Contemporary Indian and Pakistani Art by emerging as well as established artists. One of the highlights is Souza’s highly important painting, *Untitled (Pieta)*, offered directly from the estate of the artist’s family, and estimated from US$350,000 to US$500,000. Notable Postmodern paintings in the sale include an early and rare oil painting by Sadequain (Pakistani, 1937–1987), *Untitled (Skeleton)*, estimated from US$35,000 to US$50,000, and a stunning *Untitled (Portrait of a Man)* by Akbar Padamsee (Indian, b.1928),
Contemporary Indian and South Asian paintings are led by a major oil painting, *Peace Protest*, from 2004 by T.V. Santhosh (Indian, b.1968), estimated at US$85,000–95,000. Other important paintings include *Covering Letter #5* by this year’s short-listed SKODA Indian Art prize nominee, Jitish Kallat (Indian, b.1974), with an estimate of US$50,000–60,000, as well as an exciting oil on canvas triptych by Baiju Parthan (Indian, b.1956), *Soft Grafitti (Spotlight)*, estimated at US$30,000–40,000. Also featured in the sale are Chittrovanu Mazumdar (Indian, b.1956), Riyas Komu (Indian, b.1971), Chintan Upadhyay (Indian, b.1972), Jamil Naqsh (Pakistani, b.1978), G.R. Iranna (Indian, b.1970), and rising Indian female art star Chila Kumari Burman.

Other media are also offered in the sale:

- Sculptures, including an exciting and rare red-colored, unique *Head 4* (2004), by Ravinder Reddy (Indian, b.1956), estimated from US$150,000 to US$175,000, as well as a unique two-part, dramatic bronze wall sculpture by Anita Dube estimated at US$35,000–50,000. An important sculpture by Debanjan Roy, *India Shining VI (Gandhi Walking with Dog)*, is also offered, estimated at $US20,000–25,000.

- Original works on paper and prints by Souza, Maqbool Fida Husain (Indian 1915–2011), Sayed Haider Raza (Indian b.1922), Thota Vaikuntam (Indian, b.1942), Jogen Chowdhury (Indian, b.1939), and rare gold-ink etchings by Zarina Hashmi (Indian, b.1937). These esteemed works join those of important Contemporary artists: Anish Kapoor, Jagannath Panda, Chitra Ganesh, Francesca Souza, Keren Souza Kohn, as well as exciting original...
works by a new generation of artists making waves on the international art scene, such as Amjad Ali Talpur, Waseem Ahmed, Muhammad Zeeshan.

- A strong selection of photography and video art, led by a major photograph Rashid Rana (Pakistani, b.1968), as well as an editioned video artwork by esteemed Indian art collective, Raqs Media Collective. Stunning black-and-white photographs from Akbar Padamsee’s famous Nude Study series are noteworthy lots, as are the ultra-vivid color photographs by, Vivek Vilasini, Atul Bhalla, Sunil Gupta, and others that round out this exciting sale.

The Indian and South Asian Art sale is live on artnet Auctions February 22–February 29, 2012.


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