

**Join award-winning photographer, Rohit Chawla as he discusses the creative spirit and underlying afternotes of what makes a portrait so influential.**

*“A portrait is not made in the camera but on either side of it.” – Edward Steichen*

Internationally acclaimed contemporary Indian photographer, **Rohit Chawla** comes from the world of politics, literature, films, and art which together define the cultural zeitgeist of our times. His work is known for its subtle yet impactful social commentary that explores layers without being overtly conspicuous.

**Royal Opera House, Mumbai** and **Avid Learning** present **The Quiet Portrait: Every Picture Hides a Story** – a conversation between *Contemporary Photographer, Rohit Chawla* and *Writer and Journalist, Anindita Ghose*.

In this freewheeling conversation, Rohit will decipher stories behind some of his iconic portraits and influential subjects he's worked with as well as the role they have played in enhancing his artistic journey; share secrets of his unique photography technique and inspirations to create such exquisite artworks; highlight the making of some of his award-winning photographs; discuss the collaborative relationships between photographers and their subjects in order to capture true emotions, elucidate on the evolution of distinct style and practice, and share his creative-thinking process, from the conceptualization of an idea to its execution.

They will also discuss leveraging the power of the arts, photography in particular, to participate and influence social discourse, the influence of other genres of art on photography, the current trends and future of this sector, and much more!

Join us as we unravel the stories hidden behind the lens!

**Where:** The Royal Opera House, Mumbai, Mama Parmanand Marg, Mumbai - 400 004

**When:** Friday, 22nd July 2022 | 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM - Registrations  
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM - Panel discussion

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Contemporary Photographer, **Rohit Chawla's** portraits come from the world of politics, literature, films, art and every realm of imagination and together define the cultural zeitgeist of our times. A pause in the movement of ideas, the images exude the enigma of stillness and mystery. Join *Award Winning Photographer, Rohit Chawla* and *Writer, Journalist and Author, Anindita Ghose* in a free wheeling conversation as he unravels the real stories behind some of his iconic portraits. Because "Every Picture Hides a Story".



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## About Speakers

**Rohit Chawla** is a leading contemporary photographer, who spent close to two decades in advertising at JWT before moving out to start his own design and film production company. His solo exhibitions include Wanderlust, Tribute to Raja Ravi Verma, Klimt - The Sequel, Free da! - The Homage, World of Wearable Art, Goa Style & The Inspired frame. He is represented by the Tasveer Gallery in India and is also the Brand Ambassador for Leica Cameras. In his most recent editorial avatar as the erstwhile Group Creative Director for the India Today Group and Open magazine, he has conceptualised & photographed over 300 magazine covers. A culinary aesthete, he also enjoys food photography and has completed three coffee table books, The Indian Accent Cook Book, The Fine Art of Food & The Bangla Table from Chettinad. He lives & works between Delhi & Goa.

**Anindita Ghose** is a writer and journalist based in Mumbai. She was previously the Editor of the Saturday magazine Mint Lounge and the Features Director of Vogue India. She is a graduate of Columbia's Journalism school and was a Hawthornden Writing Fellow in 2019. The Illuminated is her first novel.