

## IFA & Louis Philippe present 'A Walk in the Woods'

*An Indian adaptation of American playwright Lee Blessing's original screenplay, directed by Ratna Pathak Shah featuring Naseeruddin Shah & Rajit Kapoor*

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**Bengaluru:** Louis Philippe, the premium menswear brand and India Foundation for the Arts (IFA) collaborate to present to you a thought-provoking journey with theatre heavyweights, Naseeruddin Shah and Rajit Kapoor in Motley's new production, A Walk in the Woods, at 7.30pm on August 17, 2012 at Chowdiah Memorial Hall.



Written by American playwright Lee Blessing, the two-hour play in English takes a humane look at peace negotiations. It also marks the directorial debut of Ratna Pathak Shah. The cast includes Naseeruddin Shah and Rajit Kapoor.

Synopsis: An adaptation of American playwright Lee Blessing's work of the same name, the play portrays the conversation between two disarmament negotiators, one American and the other Russian, during the Cold War. In an age when peace talks are lost amidst the noise and decoration of nations involved, the Indian adaptation of the play follows an unguarded, intimate conversation between a Pakistani and an Indian diplomat going for 'a walk in the woods' while in the midst of peace negotiations.

In an attempt to bury the hatchet and resolve differences between their nations, the two men decide to volley a frank conversation instead of resorting to the stereotypical characteristic of previous interactions.

Can individuals play a decisive role in deciphering complex political hyperbole to initiate real dialogue? Are we imperative in deciding the fate of our nation and that of a world on the precipice of nuclear warfare? The play addresses all these questions and more through 120 minutes of brilliant stage time shared by its leading stars - Rajit and Naseer.

The play also marks award winning actor, Ratna Pathak Shah's directorial debut. Bangalore will be the second city to witness it after its fabulous, critically acclaimed premiere in Mumbai on 19 July, 2012.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Jacob John, Brand Head, Louis Philippe said "Louis Philippe is a brand that truly believes in arts, creativity and innovation. We are elated to be associated with the IFA to bring together an audience who enjoy, appreciate and encourage theatre. We wish to



continue to promote organisations such as IFA that strives to ensure that critical arts are nurtured and strengthened in India”.

**About Louis Philippe:**

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