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Welcome to Bollywood! India's answer to Hollywood but more glamourous, more ritzy and better. Step out in eighties splendour for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bollywood Awards Night. This is Bollywood's night of nights - an extravaganza of saris, sitars and long meaningful glances...

Gallery 4A is pleased to present its annual fundraiser, The Bollywood Charity Banquet and Art Auction, held at the Marigold Restaurant. This year's theme is the Indian film industry, known as Bollywood. Screenings of Bollywood films will provide the backdrop for the opening performance by Indian Love and his Bollywood Dancers.

The evening will be hosted by Indian-Australian artist David Sequeira who will perform as Insian Love. Entertainment will include music by DJ Dr Robert Herbert of Tendertrap fame and the art auction will be conducted by auctioneer Ronan Sulich from Christies Australia. The auction will consist of artworks by leading established artists such as Marion Borgelt and Felicia Kan alongside emerging artists Kate Beynon and Dani Marti.

The Bollywood Charity Banquet and Art Auction is set to be an exciting night of eighties film star splendour. Previous fundraising banquets staged by Gallery 4A have been Saigon '75, the Fall of Saigon, The Loveboat featuring Kamahl as special guest and the Doubled Happiness Banquet and Fashion Parade: a showing of designs by Akira Isogawa, Pigs in Space, Nelson Leong and Sylvia Chan.

Gallery 4A is a unique arts organisation, being the only gallery that focuses on promoting emerging Australian artists with a focus on artists of Asia descent. The proceeds from The Bollywood Charity Banquet will go towards fostering emerging artists through exhibitions artists talks, seminars and workshops.

Gallery 4A is located in Sydney's Chinatown and was established in 1997 in response to a growing awareness of Asian-Australian's contribution to Australian cultural life. The Gallery is run by the Asia-Australia Arts Centre which will launch a video and film program in October this year.

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