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**National Gallery of Modern Art, Bengaluru**

(Ministry of Culture, Government of India)

in association with

**Bangalore Little Theatre**

presents

**A storytelling theatre performance**



**salaam robi**

celebrating the work of Rabindranath Tagore

for and with children

by

**Vijay Padaki and Priyalakshmi Rao**

**on Saturday, 6th December, 2014 at 5.30 pm**

**Venue: The Auditorium**

**National Gallery of Modern Art,**

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### The Journey:

Bangalore Little Theatre (BLT) has an annual flagship production of a play for children. It is part of an enduring long term programme of Children's Theatre. In 2011 BLT paid a tribute to Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore highlighting his work for and with children. It was done through the original play script Robi's Garden.

The material for the theatrical production is drawn from a great fund of Tagore's writing, a lot of it for children, some for a general audience as well. These include verse, short stories, plays and sketches (his "riddle plays"), fantasies, autobiographical writing, (esp. his childhood memories), and the letters to his grand-daughter and other children.

### Synopsis:

A small group of children is on an excursion to Jorasanko where Tagore's ancestral home is located in Kolkata. They enter the courtyard theatre in Thakur-badi and sense a magical air surrounding them. The caretaker of the estate, who looks suspiciously like Kabuliwala, shares an important mantra of Robi-da with the children – that the first step in getting what you want in life is .... imagination. It is the surest way to have Robi-da's stories come alive on the courtyard stage.

