



Peeling back the layers

'Traces of Man' art show opens today

XVA GALLERY IN DIFC is unveiling its latest exhibition today showcasing the work of Indian artist Rameshwar Broota.

'Traces of Man' comprises a selection of his photographic work and a rare oil on canvas work from 1999, titled 'Traces of Man - The Unknown Soldier - I' as the exhibition's centrepiece.

Broota, who graduated from the Delhi College of Art in 1964, is known for his unusual technique in which he applies thick layers of paint onto the canvas then creates his images by carving into the paint.

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Dubai

IRISH CELEBRITY CHEF

Rachel Allen is set to make her regional debut at 2013's Gourmet Abu Dhabi, the UAE's annual haute cuisine festival.

Taking place across the capital from February 5 to 20, the fest will also feature an array of other international master chefs and TV personalities.

Rachel, a regular guest on BBC cookery show *Saturday Kitchen*, will be conducting a session at the Westin Abu Dhabi Golf Resort & Spa on Saturday, February 9, and she will design the menu and host a special celebrity dinner the following day at the Fairmont Bab Al Bahr.

Finally, on the Monday, Rachel will also host an intimate culinary demonstration for 20 people who can learn more about her favourite food, watch her prepare it and sit down to lunch with her.

"Here in Ireland, we're constantly hearing about the UAE as more and more Irish people flock to live there and visit," said the 40-year-old mother of three. "Everyone I've spoken to loves it there and I can't wait to immerse myself in the Arabic food and culture."

For more information on Gourmet Abu Dhabi or to book tickets to any of Rachel's appearances, visit www.gourmetabudhabi.ae



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Sindhi celebration

Party set to feature live music, dance and comedy

NEW SUFI FOLK rock band The Sketches will play an event dedicated to Sindhi culture to Dubai on Thursday, December 13.

Inspired by the poetry of Shah Abdul Latif, the most recognised Sufi poet of Sindh, the group first gained attention for their rendition of *Mandh* in Pakistan's Coke Studio.

Also appearing at the show in the Sheikh Rashid Auditorium, Oud Mehta Road will be dance performances from local youths, and comedy from Sindhi comics S.P. Lalwani and Shankar Mulwani.

The event is organised by Sindhi community stalwart Asha Chand (pictured). For tickets, call 050 154 5095.

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