



# Arty Meals



Artist Lekha Washington recites a poem on single malts

## A unique pairing of single malts and great food with art

‘Submit to your senses’ was the intriguing message on the invite by All Things Nice for an evening of single malts paired with fine dining and art. We went along not knowing what to expect.

Hosted at one of Mumbai’s finest food havens, Masque, we were greeted at the entrance with two delightful cocktails—a whiskey sour and a delicious concoction of whiskey, pineapple and black pepper.

The menu was specially curated by Masque’s renowned chef Prateek Sadhu, and featured five sumptuous courses, each paired with a single malt, by ace sommelier, Nikhil Agarwal.

Interestingly, each course was accompanied by a special performance by various artists, or a commentary on their displayed work at the venue.

The first course was preceded by a poem on single malts by artist Lekha Washington, which she had particularly penned for the evening. Dalip Tahil moved the audience with his warm baritone voice as he sang his rendition of Louis Armstrong’s *What A Wonderful World* with everyone demanding an encore. A beautiful painting by Argentine artist Pablo Ramirez Arnol, depicting his first memories of

India, was also showcased along with one of the courses. The painting was an interpretation of what personally touched Arnol during his travels around the country. To add to the drama, charcoal artist Gautam Patole sketched live to music, entrancing guests as they sipped on their exquisite malts. There was also an impromptu auction and the sketch was sold on the spot with proceeds donated to charity.

The evening ended on a sweet note with photographer Parhad Goghavala’s quirky *Candy Series Collection* even as guests enjoyed their Dark Chocolate Mousse and Coconut Ice-Cream paired with the Lagavulin 16 YO – Islay.

The specially-curated menu featured Roasted Cauliflower, Pork Kra Paow, Butternut Squash, Sea Buckthorn Sorbet and Dark Chocolate Mousse. Generous portions of seven single malts, accompanied by informative and entertaining commentary by Agarwal, added to the general bonhomie of the night.

Each art form was as distinct as the food served through the night. Submitting to this unique experience made for a thoroughly enjoyable evening and we can’t wait for the next one. **E**



Dalip Tahil regaled the audience with his rendition of *What A Wonderful World*



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