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invite you

to

“an evening with”
Amit Chaudhuri

Dhritiman Chaterji will do the reading

on Saturday, 4th May 2013
6.00 PM

at
DUBLIN
ITC Sonar
Kolkata

Amit Chaudhuri is the author of five novels. His latest book, published this year, is a work of non-fiction, *Calcutta: Two Years in the City*.

Among the many prizes he has won for his fiction are the Commonwealth Literature Prize, the Betty Trask award, the Encore Prize, the *Los Angeles Times Book Prize*, and the Indian government's Sahitya Akademi Award. In 2012, he was awarded the West Bengal government's Rabindra Puraskar for his book *On Tagore*, and, later that year, became the first person to be awarded the Infosys Prize for outstanding contribution to the humanities in Literary Studies. In his congratulatory message at the awards ceremony in Delhi in January 2013, Amartya Sen said: 'He is of course a remarkable intellectual with a great record of literary writing showing a level of sensibility as well as a kind of quiet humanity which is quite rare. It really is quite extraordinary that someone could have had that kind of range that Amit Chaudhuri has in terms of his work and it could be so consistently of the highest quality.'

He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, Fellow of the English Association, and was a judge of the Man Booker International Prize. In 2008, a *Guardian* editorial about him appeared in the newspaper's famous 'In Praise of...' series, the first time an Indian writer was so honoured.

He is a musician, a singer in the North Indian classical tradition, with two HMV India recordings, as well as being a composer and performer in experimental music. His second CD in this genre, *Found Music* (EMI; Babel), was an allaboutjazz.com Critic's Choice of 2010. He has performed on most flagship cultural programmes on UK radio and television, and his version of Gershwin's 'Summertime' was featured on BBC 4's TV documentary, *Summertime: The Song That Conquered the World*, alongside classic versions by Billie Holiday, Janis Joplin, Mahalia Jackson, Miles Davis and Ella Fitzgerald.

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| 6.00 PM | : Wine & hors d'oeuvres |
| 7.00 PM | : Reading and vocal performance |
| 7.15 PM – 8.30 PM | : Reading and band performance |

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