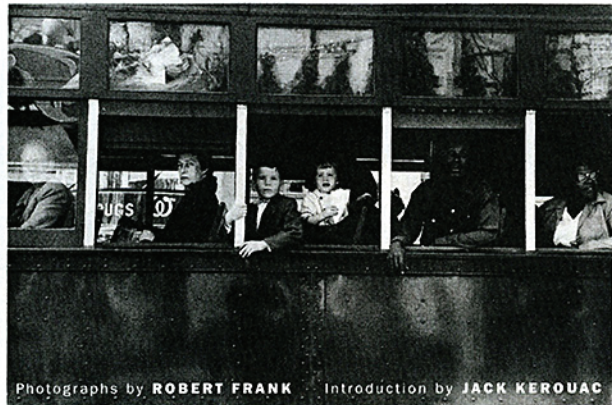


## Pic fest

# THE AMERICANS



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STEIDL

There's good news for photography lovers in the capital. This fortnight, an exclusive Steidl bookstore – Steidville – opens at Photoink, and if that's not enough, there's an exhibition of books to celebrate the event. Steidl, based in Germany, was founded by Gerhard Steidl in the early 1970s and is now a world-renowned publisher of books on fine art, photography and fashion. Devika Dault Singh, director of Photoink, said Steidville has close to 70 titles in stock and will be adding more as they get published. These titles are exclusively photography books and include Dayanita Singh's *Sent a Letter* (Rs 4,680), Robert Capa's *This is War* (Rs 3,960), Robert Frank's *The*

*Americans* (Rs 2,160), Hiroh Kikai's *Asakusa Portraits* (Rs 3,600) as well as collector's editions of images by Gerda Taro, Ed Ruscha and Malick Sidibe among many others. Photographers, students, historians and curators get 20 per cent off if they show an identity card.

The show, *Steidl – The Published Image*, will serve to highlight the bookstore's collection. "As this is the inaugural exhibition, one had to be conscious about selecting books across different genres so that people could engage with the vast possibilities within the photographic image," Singh said. "I'm sure there is a book for everyone who walks in." *JP See Photography in Exhibitions.*

by Arvind Hoon, Monika Rawat and Paromita Deb Areng. Ongoing. B-2/1 Vasant Vihar (4170-4334). Mon-Sat 10am-6pm.

## Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts

**Expressions at Tihar:** An Ojas Art collaboration with the inmates of Tihar jail. Until Wed Sep 2. CB Mess, Janpath (2338-6345). Mon-Fri 9.30am-5pm.

## Photoink

**\*Steidl – The Published Image:** To celebrate the opening of an exclusive Steidl bookshop – Steidville – at the gallery, this exhibition will feature some of the publishing house's most famous books. See box. Ongoing. MGF Hyundai Building, 1 Jhandelawan, Faiz Road (2875-5940). ☎ Jhandelawan. Mon-Sat 11am-7pm.

## Triveni Kala Sangam

**Shridharani Close Up India:** Images by Sanjay Das. Until Sun Aug 23. 205 Tansen Marg, Mandi House (2371-8833). ☎ Mandi House. Mon-Sat 11am-7pm.

## Events

### Fri Aug 21

**Arty Acoustic:** Organised by Gallery Ragini, this is a monthly talk show over coffee with an Indian artist. The first features Bose Krishnamachari in conversation with art curator and critic Johnny ML. Choko-la, Khan Market (4166-9191). 5.30pm onwards.