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MAÏTÉ DELTEIL MAYA BURMAN



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THE ART OF MAÏTÉ DELTEIL & MAYA BURMAN

The story of a familial lineage always elicits the image of a tree, broad in its trunk, with roots extending deep into the ground, displacing soil and earth as it grows. These are stories of patriarchal lines, linear codes often rigid in their telling. But how do we tell the other side, a story of the line of women, of the quiet matriarchal instructions from those who live their practice and pass it down? These teachings are revealed between bulb and flower, between flower and bulb. The image of the flower is not invoked here for its implications of femininity or fragility but indeed the opposite; its biological pervasiveness, its ability for lateral dispersal and cross-pollination.

For mother and daughter Maïté Delteil and Maya Burman, painting forms a lineage, a bloodline, and inspiration originates from the inner lives of the artists. The resultant compositions are bound to personal histories and images from the unconscious, making for paintings replete with layered realities. Although both artists capture imagined spaces, plants or creatures in their works, the lines and edges are carefully made, as though they have been observed forensically, through a microscope.

Living and working in France and India, both mother and daughter draw on the diverse aesthetics of these cultures. While it is almost impossible to unpack the different global influences that come together to make their works, one of the most impressive qualities of each artist is her assured use of color. Both Maité and Maya employ unusual and memorable palettes to bring their compositions together. Technically, Maya cites her mother as a stronger influence than her father, renowned painter Sakti Burman. "It's more classical," Maya says of her mother's approach to painting. "I have learned the technique [of working in oil] from her." As for Maïté, she studied at the Ecole National de Beaux Arts in France in her early twenties after growing up in a family deeply interested in artistic pursuits, particularly her paternal grandmother who she remembers showed great promise as a painter.

While artists in a family are marked by the similarities in their practices, observing the works of Maïté Delteil and Maya Burman together also offers a pronounced series of contrasts, distinguishing the different preoccupations each artist brings to her work. In Maïté's work, keenly-rendered sparrows congregate about trees painted in bright rounds of berries and flowers. "I have always been attracted by the natural beauty and complexity of small things," she explains. This is a world where plant and birdlife are put in focus, and where the supplementary takes center stage. Maya's paintings, by contrast, are peopled, made up of characters that live in mythology and metaphor. Her figures float through fields, their bodies curving with the shapes of the landscape.

SMALL, BEAUTIFUL THINGS: MAÏTÉ DELTEIL

To begin looking at the paintings of Maïté Delteil is to look up close, to observe the details of nature one might ordinarily miss. A wing, a leaf, the petal of a particular flower. These small, beautiful things which have always been of central interest to the artist, are not additions at the periphery of her canvases but are the subjects of her paintings. Although Maïté's works show the influence of European still life painting, particularly her watercolors of pots and floral arrangements, the oil paintings reexamine that tradition, employing imaginative and surreal compositions that point as much away from nature as they do towards it.

In Sunlight Radiance, the painting is divided into two bands where the flat yellow of the sky contrasts a mauve ground. Undulating mounds reminiscent of mountains appear at the center, signaling a distant and abstracted horizon line. The painting's foreground is populated by birds, and trees constructed of bark are topped with balls of flowers. While the flowers themselves seem familiar, their composition is not - they are tightly held together, as though part of a bouquet, pruned carefully by the painter's brush, sitting atop their stumps in perfect symmetry. Behind these flowering trees, the viewer can see the bare branches and the bark of a tree that has either shed its leaves or is waiting for them to grow. The ground below is a perfect plane of color, darkened only by shadows.

Maîté 's stylistic decisions place certain aspects of her work in the realm of abstraction, pushing them to their logical end point, allowing the viewer recognition without familiarity. The palette enhances the otherworldliness in her work. She brings together nature and artifice, creating a sense of balance and restraint which marks her paintings. But as one looks at these compositions, complexities continue to emerge. The viewer may ask, what am I really looking at? Is this an expansive landscape? Or is this an intimate setting, a table cloth and a painted wall with carefully-bound flowers and ornaments placed together? Or perhaps both. Maïté is able to seamlessly create a sense of a larger world and a private room; while working in, and mastering, a traditional medium like oil painting, Maïté is simultaneously able to subvert two of its forms, creating a confluence between still life and landscape, opening the movement between the worlds of women and men, between large and small, reassigning meaning and calling attention to a new center where the sublime and the familiar exist together. There is richness and consequence in the notice of small things.

BUILDING THE SELF: MAYA BURMAN

Maya Burman's compositions are layered and complex, combining colors, patterns and various figurative groups to create their effect. She paints images from nature, flowers and animals, and surrounds them with vibrant architectural forms and imagined landscapes. For Maya, who studied architecture before turning her attention to painting, the backdrop and the foreground are given equal attention and care. She explains that even after she began painting, it took her time to consider herself a painter. "I was still in the process of building myself," she says, "to understand why and what I had to paint." The notion of the process, the method and practice of development, can be distilled as an ongoing idea in Maya's paintings. The worlds she creates in her works are places of making, creation and transformation.

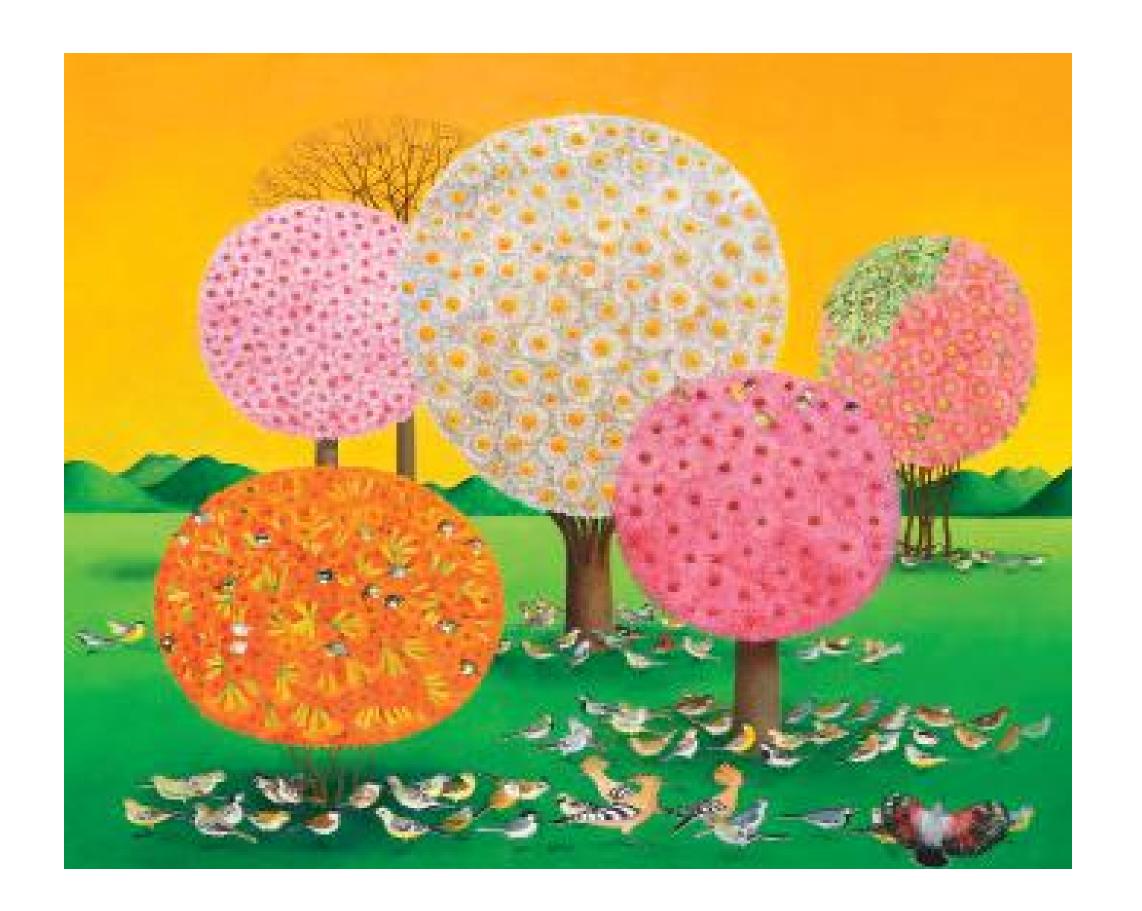
In *Jeweled Evening 1 & 2*, tiled archways lead out into blooming gardens and the figures within place constellations in the sky, arranging the movements of the sun and moon. Who are these figures? Allegories of nature and the rhythms of time? Or are these the unconscious states of human beings, operating in the realm of metaphor, organizing and understanding their worlds as active participants in its making? In *Garden of Song 3 & 4*, we see that some of the central figures have arrangements of flowers upon their crowns which are being put in place by their companions. Here we see nature being recomposed with a decided sense of play. Maya's figures play music, and the children carry dolls which seem to be animated with life; the desires and imaginations of the children are reflected in their dolls.

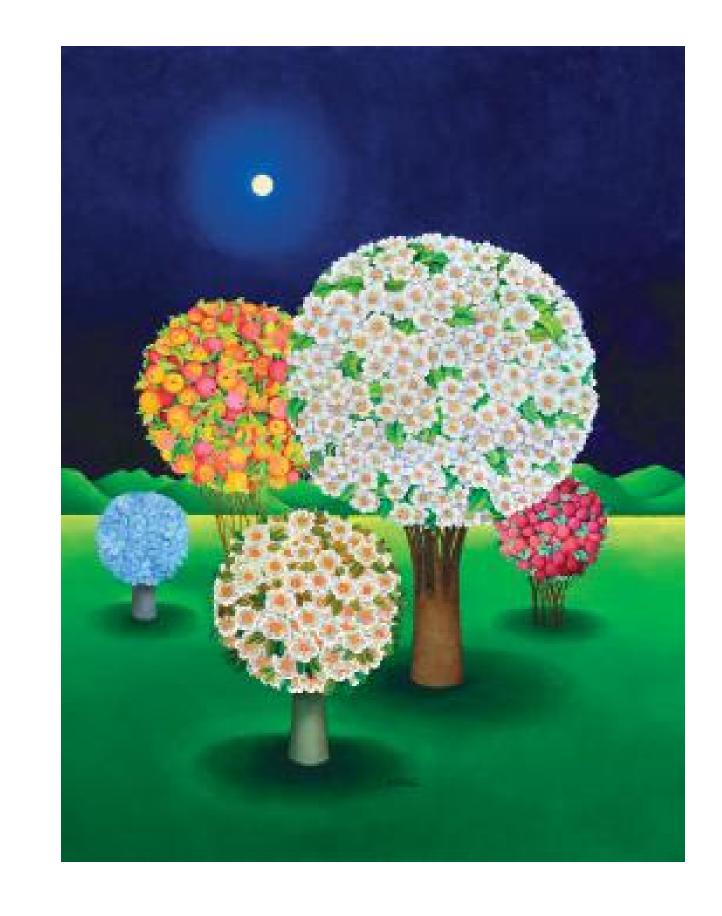
A young girl presses a goose to her chest in *Daydream* 6, and the bird extends its wings. They are entangled, almost one being. The color of the child's skin is reflected in the tone of the animal's feathers. The transformative potential of this embrace is suggested in the winged angel standing alongside them, who is now the child and the bird as one. These layers of becoming conflate meaning in Maya's work, where many possibilities are in a state of constant creation. Just as she built herself as an artist and continues the process, so her figures and compositions reflect this generative state of flux.

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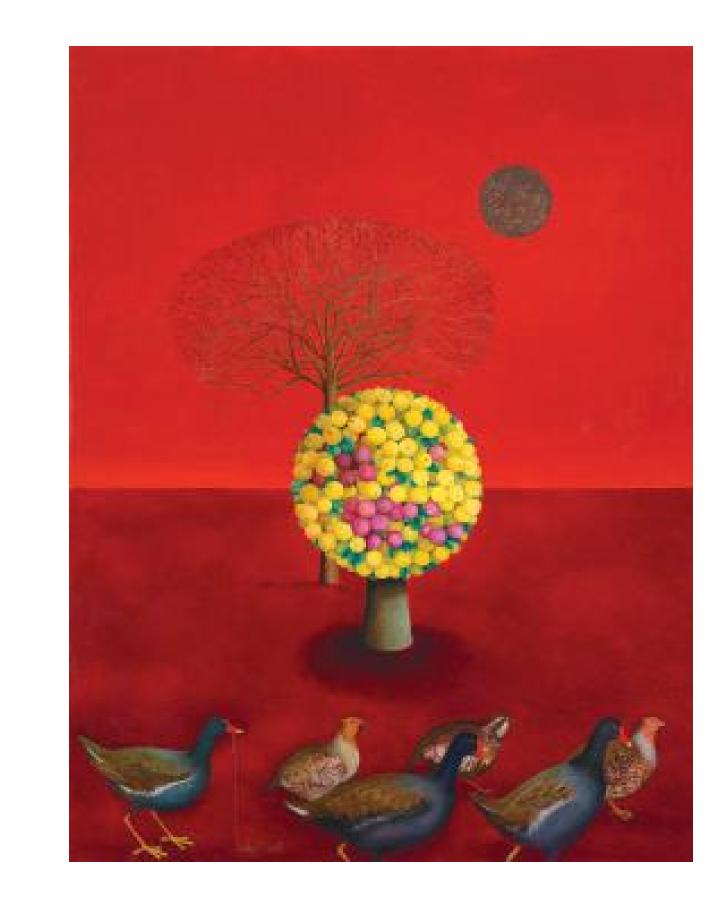
MAÏTÉ DELTEIL



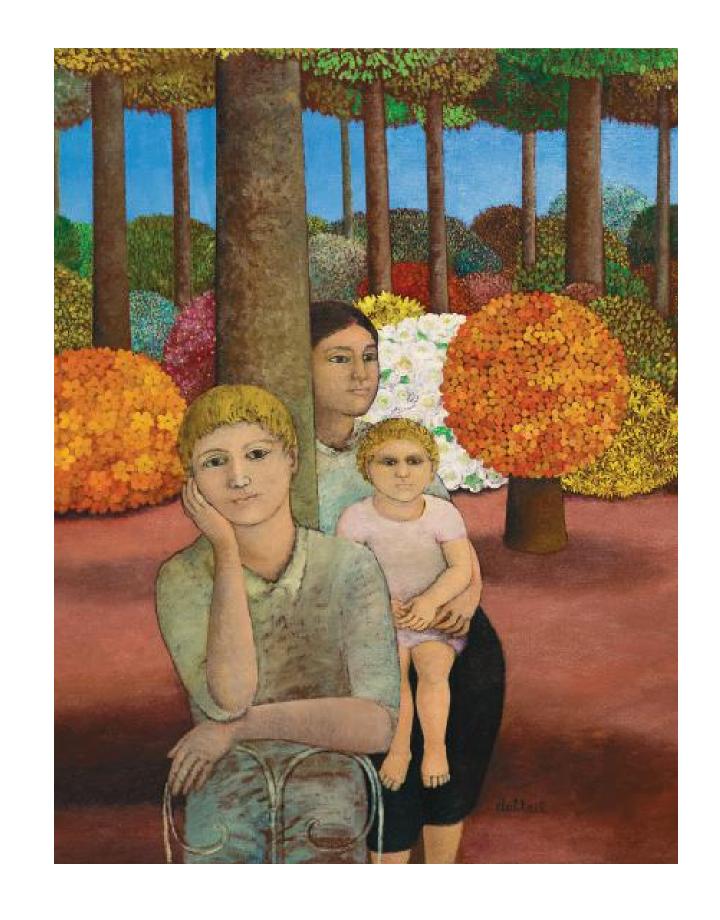


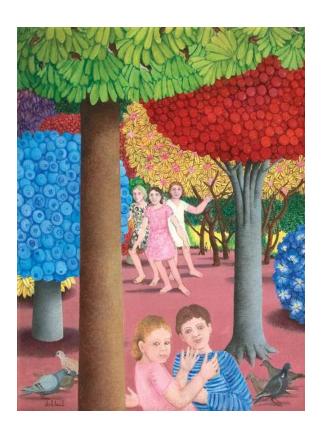


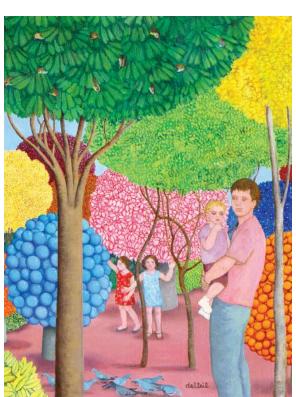








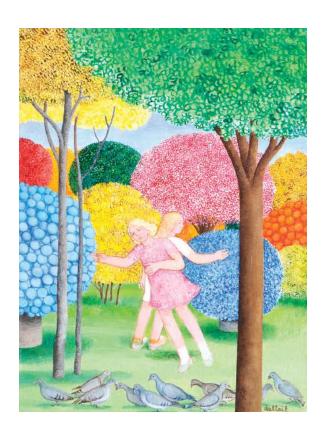


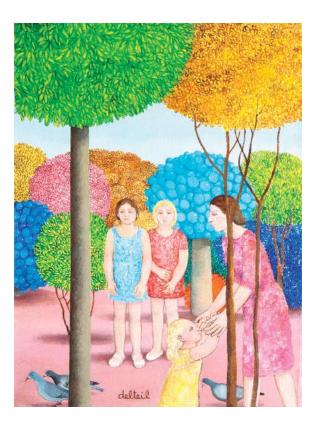


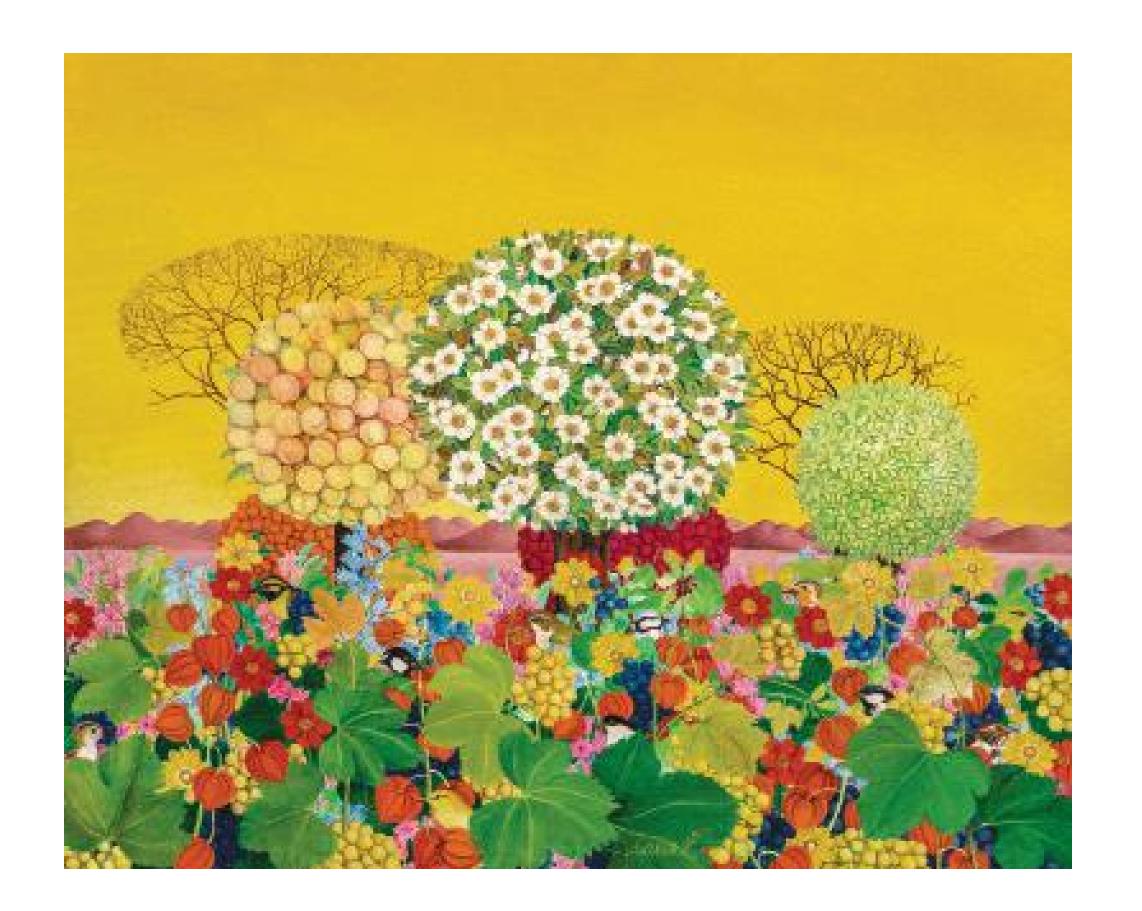
Games in the Garden oil on canvas, 11" x 9", 2010

Paternité oil on canvas, 11" x 9", 2010 Game
oil on canvas, 9" x 7", 2010

Mother & Child oil on canvas, 9" x 7", 2010







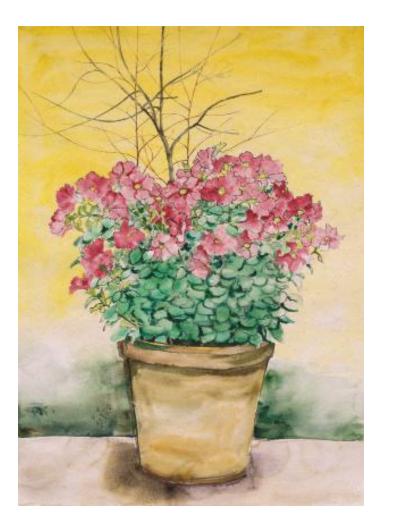












The Bouquet - 5 watercolour on paper, 30" x 22", 2016



The Accordionist - I pen & ink on paper, 30" x 22", 2016



The Accordionist - II
pen & ink on paper, 30" x 22", 2016



The Little Accordionist pen & ink on paper, 30" x 22", 2016





The Saxophonist pen & ink on paper, 30" x 22", 2016

The Trumpeter pen & ink on paper, 30" x 22", 2016



The Clarinetist pen & ink on paper, 30" x 22", 2016



The Drummer pen & ink on paper, 30" x 22", 2016



The Percussionist pen & ink on paper, 30" x 22", 2016





The Arlequin pen & ink on paper, 30" x 22", 2016

The Clown
pen & ink on paper, 30" x 22", 2016



In The Vineyard oil on canvas, 11" x 9", 2016



Little Spring Bouquet oil on Canvas, 11" x 9", 2016



Rhapsody in Blue oil on canvas, 11" x 9", 2016





The Blue Bouquet oil on canvas, 11" x 9", 2016

(1933, Martilogue, Fumel, France)

SELECT SOLO EXHIBITIONS

Enchanted, Art Musings, Mumbai, India

Sanskriti Gallery, Kolkata, India

Fruits of Grace, Art Musings, Mumbai, India

Art Musings, Mumbai, India

Sendai, Aomori, Morioka, Japan

Fondation Taylor, Paris, France

Chapelle des Cordeliers, Sarrebourg

Morioka, Osaka, Nagoya, Hiroshima, Japan

Nagoya, Osaka, Hiroshima, Japan

Osaka and Kobé, Japan

Maison de Van Gogh, Anvers-sur-oise, France

Genesis Art Gallery, Kolkata, India

Galerie Boyrié, Paris, France

Salle Voltaire, Sens, France

1991

Galerie Gérard Sauret, Libos, France

Galerie des Dauphins, Sainte-Maxime, France

Galerie Gérard Sauret, Libos, France

Château de Garnerot, Mercurey

Sainte-Maxime

Galerie 51 de Villeneuve-sur-Lot. France

Musée Denon of Chalon-sur-Saône, France

Maison de Van Gogh, Anvers-sur-Oise, France

Caisse Régionale du Crédit Agricole of Agen, France

Centre Culturel de la Réunion. France

Galerie Gérard Sauret, Libos, France

Sarrebourg, France

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Galerie Gérard Sauret, Libos, France

Galerie Delphine Brugge, Neuilly-sur-Seine, France

Galerie Gérard Sauret, Libos, France

Galerie Gérard Sauret, Libos, France

Galerie Gérard Sauret, Libos, France

Triveni Art Gallery, New Delhi, India

Arts and Prints Gallery, Kolkata India Galerie Saint Placide. Paris. France

Orant, Galerie Saint Placide, Paris, France

Galerie Saint Placide, Paris, France

Town Hall of Fumel, France

First exhibition, Agen, France

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

The Flower and The Bulb, 2 artist show with Maya Burman,

Jehangir Art gallery & Art Musings, Mumbai, India

India Art Fair, Ganesha Gallery India Art Fair, Art Alive Gallery

Sanchit Art, Singapore

India Art Fair, Ganesha Gallery

India Art Fair, Art Alive Gallery

India Art Fair, Ganesha Gallery, New Delhi, India

India Art Fair, Ganesha Gallery, New Delhi, India

India Art Fair, Ganesha Gallery & Arushi Arts, New Delhi, India

Annual Exhibition, Arushi Arts, New Delhi, India

2009 Annual Exhibition, Arushi Arts, New Delhi, India

2007

Mirror, Nvya Gallery, New Delhi, India

Two 2 Tango, Nvya Gallery, Lalit Kala Akademi,

New Delhi. India

2005

Harmony Exhibition, Mumbai, India

'Nature and Life'. Art Alive. Habitat Center. New Delhi. India Visual Art, with Sakti Burman, Jayasri Burman, Maya Burman

& Paresh Maity, London, UK

2003

Art Musings, Mumbai, India Uttarayan, Baroda, India

2002

Cima Gallery, New Delhi, India

Birla Akademi, with Sakti Burman & Maya Burman,

Kolkata, India

Cultural Center of Le Lamentin. La Martinique with

Sakti Burman & Maya Burman, France

Art-to-Day Gallery, with Sakti Burman & Maya Burman, New Delhi. India

Salon du Dessin et de la Peinture à l'Eau, Grand Palais,

Paris. France

Salon d'Automne, Grand Palais, Paris, France

Galerie Gérard Sauret, with Sakti Burman & Maya Burman,

Libos. France

Cima Gallery, Kolkata, India

Galerie Gérard Sauret, with Sakti Burman & Maya Burman,

Libos, France

Ecole De Paris, Japan

Pundole Art Gallery, Mumbai, India

Galerie Boyrié, Paris, France

Ecole De Paris, Japan

Galerie Gérard Sauret, Libos, France

Galerie Gérard Sauret, Libos, France

Galerie Bovrié, Paris, France

Habitat Gallery, New Delhi, India

Galerie Boyrié, Paris, France

Galerie Gérard Sauret, Libos, France

Galerie Présences, Bruxelles, Belguim

Carcassonne, Salon Arts en Yvelines, Orangerie du Château

de Versailles, France

Galerie Présences, Bruxelles, Belgium

1986

Aurélia, Neuvicq-le-Château, France Galerie Sanguine, La Rochelle, France

The Doll, Musée Roybet-Fould in Courbevoie, Galerie

Schèmes, Lille, France

Wally Findlay Galleries International, USA

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Town Hall of Fumel, with Sakti Burman & Jayasri Burman,

France

Galerie C. Tarab, Genève, Switzerland

Lord and Taylor, New York, USA

Musée of Villeneuve-sur-Lot, France

Galerie de Bernardi, Aachen, Germany Essec, Cergy-Pontoise, France

Pundole Art Gallery, with Sakti Burman, Mumbai, India

Homage to the surrealist writer Joseph Delteil, Mantes, France

Art Et Beaux Arts De France, Iran

1974

Art Et Beaux Arts De France, Iran

Art Et Beaux Arts De France, Japan Galerie Nuovo Sagittario, Milan, Italy

Art Et Beaux Arts De France, Japan

Art Et Beaux Arts De France, Japan

USA

1968

Saint Junien France

Mumbai. India

Châteauroux, 47 Galerie du Tournesol, France

Pittsburg, Pensylvania, USA

1967

Germany

Musée of Amiens, France

23ème Salon des Prix Nationaux et Boursiers de Voyage

de l'Etat, France

Scott & Faure Gallery, California, USA

Salon de la Jeune Peinture, France

Salon de Guilvinec, Sociétaire, France Société Nationale des Beaux-Arts, France

Prix Marthe Orant, France

Salon Présence Figurative, France

22ème Salon des Prix Nationaux et Boursiers de Voyage

de l'Etat. France

Grand prix de Peinture Othon Friesz, France

Grand Prix de peinture de la ville de Marseille. Musée

Cantini. France

Salon de la Jeune Peinture, France The Town Hall of Fumel, France

AWARDS

Prize of Drawing, Salon de Beauvais

Silver Medal, Mérite et Dévouement français for arts and

culture Medal Art Sciences et Littérature

Award. Salon des Amis des Arts in Colombes

Fondation Firmin Bauby in Perpignan - XXème Salon du

Grenier à Sel - Orléans Guest of Honour, Salon du Lyons Club in Port-Grimaud

First Prize Florence Bernard of poetry 'La Belle Aude

Poétique' of Carcassonne

Painting 'Matinée de Printemps' acquired by Musée

Rapin in Villeneuve-sur-Lot

Sociétaire at Salon d'Automne, Paris, France

of Conseil Général de la Réunion

1985

First Prize for Watercolour, Salon Rencontre des Arts

Front page review in 'Sirandane', The Cultural magazine

1969 Prix Paillard

Award Fondation Laurent, Vibertat Château of Lourmarin

Award Salon des Artistes Français

Audois Carcassonne

Award by the Société Nationale des Beaux-Arts

Prix Haumont Award by Institute of France

Silver Medal, Société des Artistes Français

Prix de la Casa Velasquez - Grant of residency in Spain

Prix Jean Geoffrov

Distinction Award. Salon des Artistes Français



The Enchanted Donkey, (diptych) watercolour, pen & ink on paper, 48" x 64", 2016

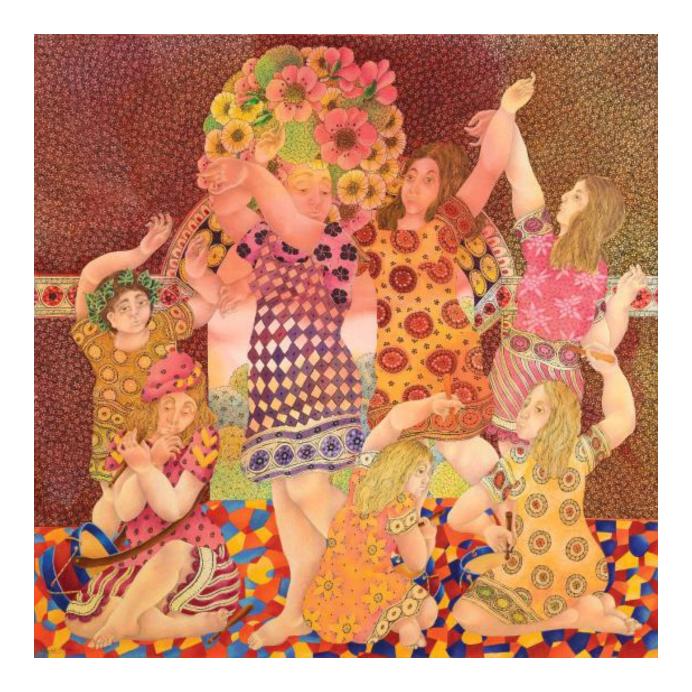












Melody watercolour, pen & ink on paper, 32" x 48", 2015

Friends
watercolour, pen & ink on paper, 32" x 32", 2016



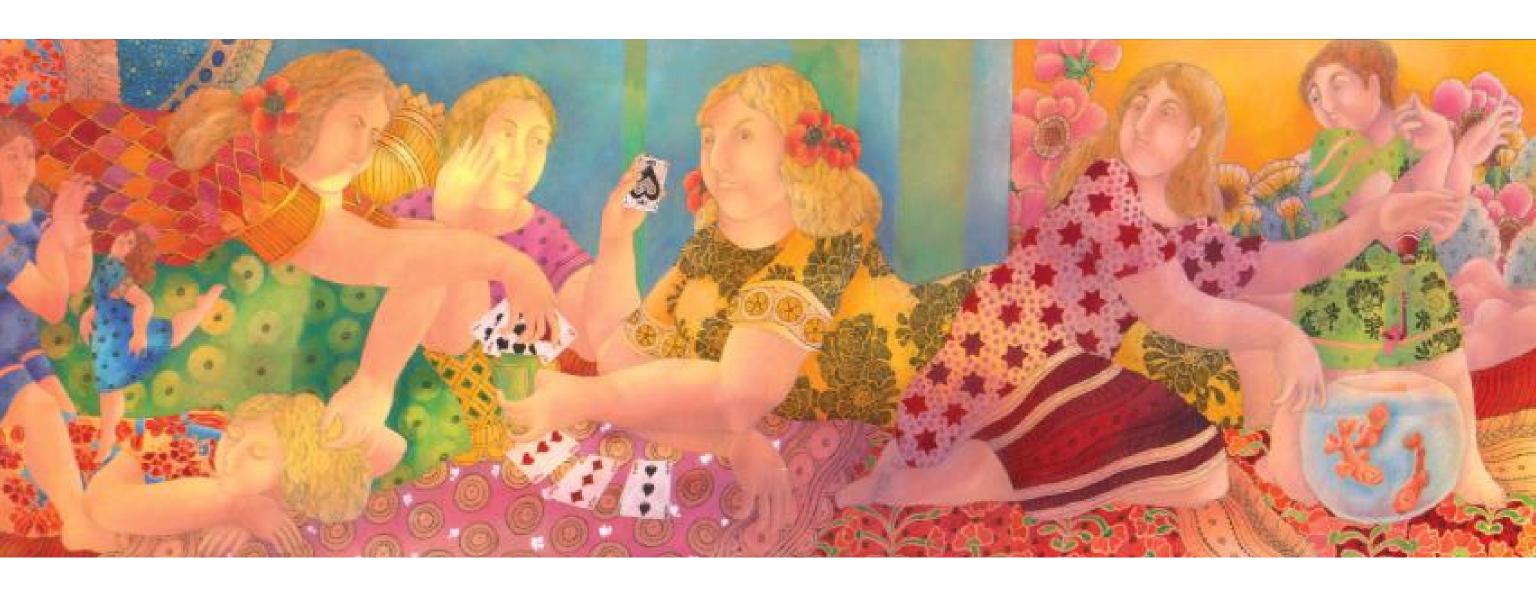


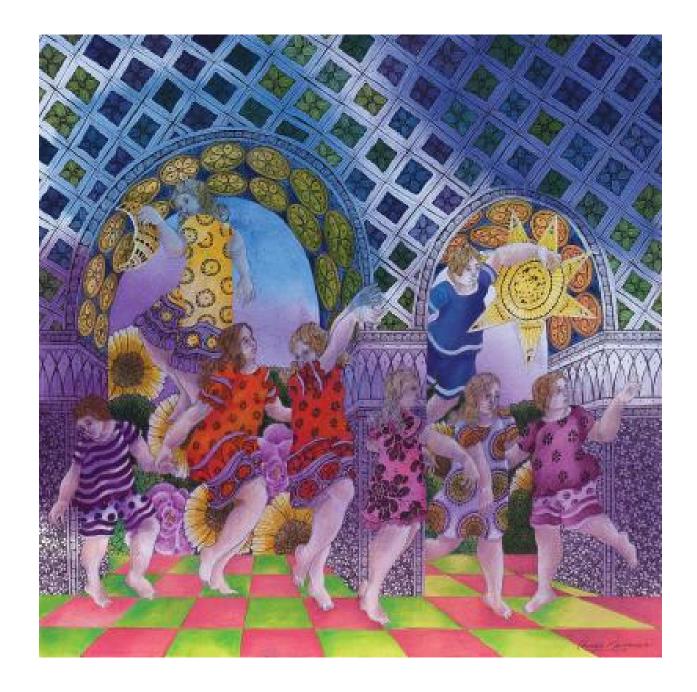


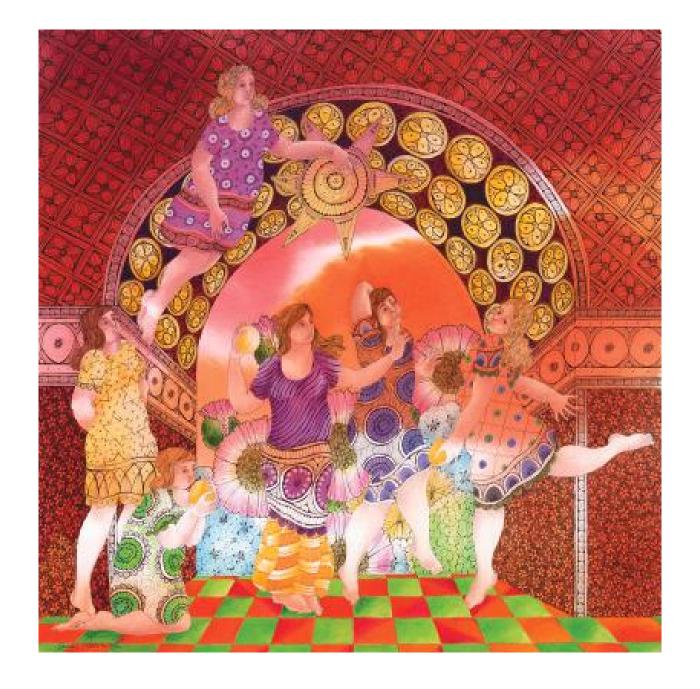






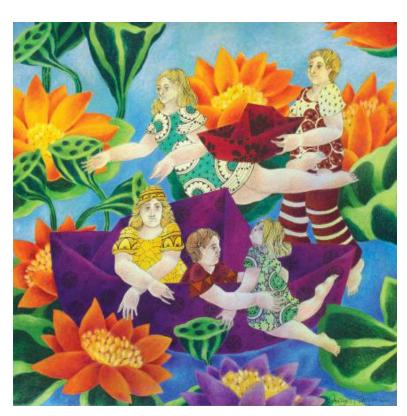


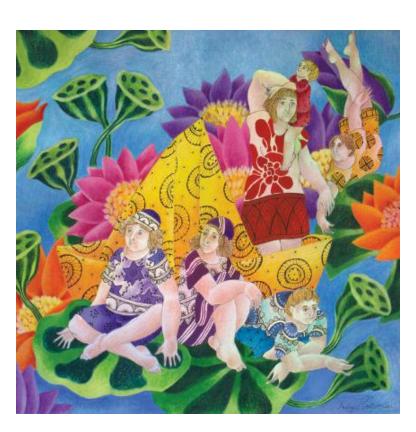






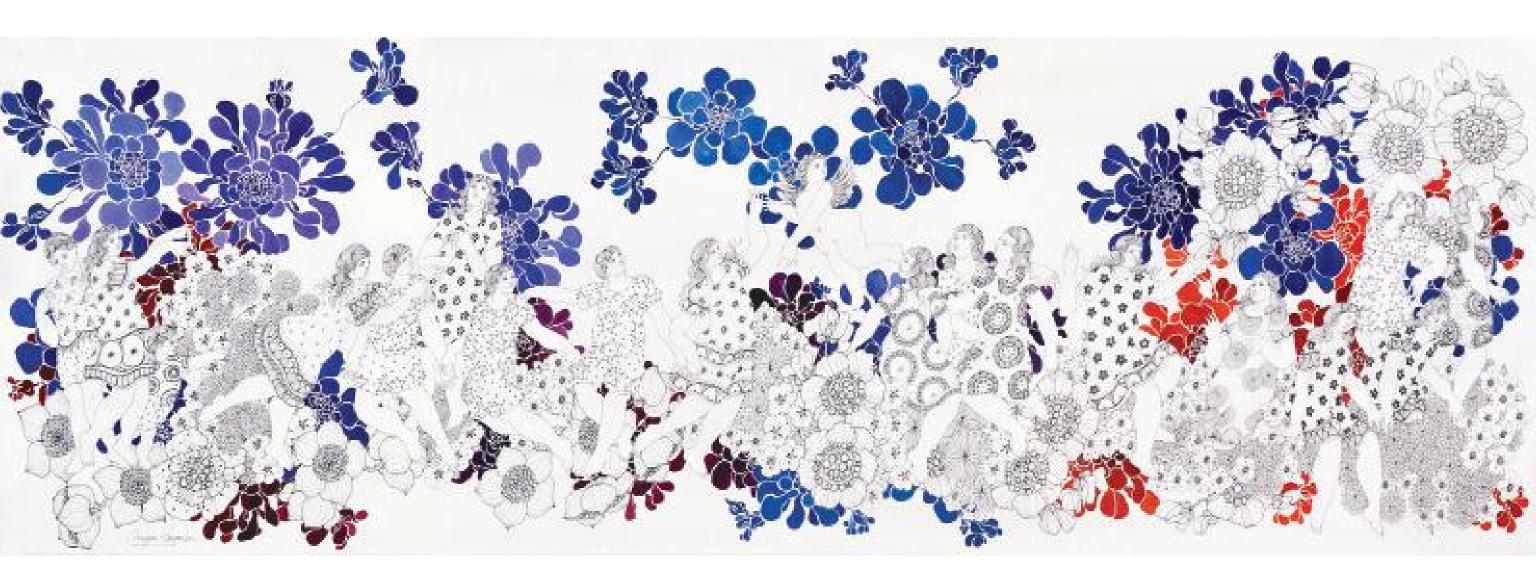






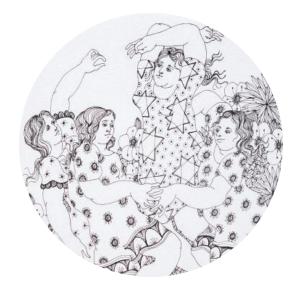
Picnic by The Lake - 1 & 2 watercolour, pen & ink on paper, 10" x 10", 2013

Picnic by The Lake - 3 & 4 watercolour, pen & ink on paper, 10" x 10", 2013





Fiesta - 1
pen & ink on paper, 20" x 6", 2015



Playgrounds - 1 pen & ink on paper, 6" dia , 2015



Daydreams - 1
pen & ink on paper, 10" x 10", 2015



Fiesta - 2 pen & ink on paper, 20" x 6", 2015



Playgrounds - 2 pen & ink on paper, 6" dia, 2015



Daydreams - 2 pen & ink on paper, 10" x 10", 2015





Fiesta - 3 pen & ink on paper, 20" x 6", 2015



Playgrounds - 3 pen & ink on paper, 6" dia , 2015



Daydreams - 3
pen & ink on paper, 10" x 10", 2015



Fiesta - 4
pen & ink on paper, 20" x 6", 2015

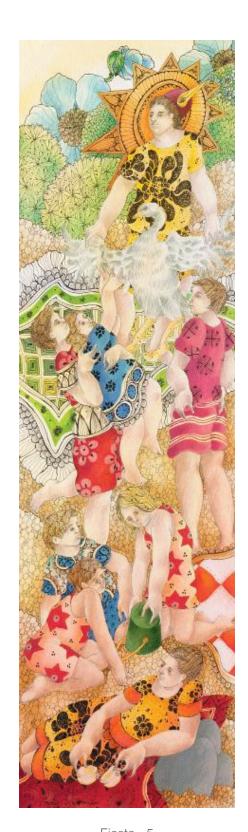


Playgrounds - 4 pen & ink on paper, 6" dia, 2015



Daydreams - 4 pen & ink on paper, 10" x 10", 2015





Fiesta - 5 pen & ink on paper, 20" x 6", 2015



Playgrounds - 5 pen & ink on paper, 6" dia, 2015



Daydreams - 5 pen & ink on paper, 10" x 10", 2015



Fiesta - 6
pen & ink on paper, 20" x 6", 2015



Playgrounds - 6 pen & ink on paper, 6" dia, 2015

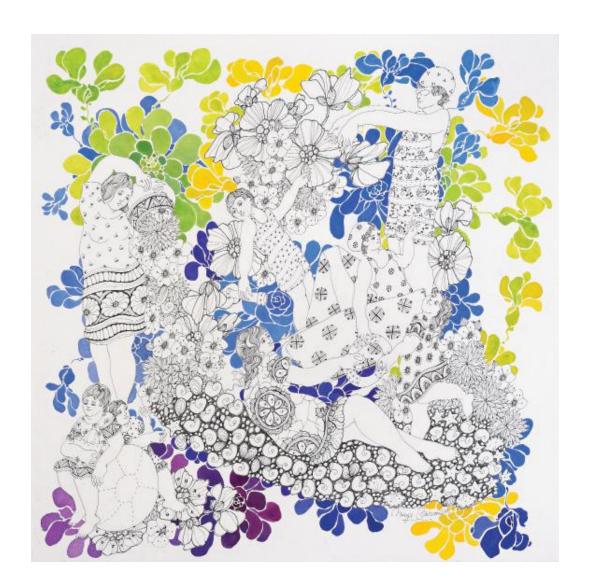


Daydreams - 6 pen & ink on paper, 10" x 10", 2015

Carpet of Flowers - 1 pen & ink on paper, 16" x 32", 2016









Dance of Spring - 1 watercolour, pen & ink on paper, 16" x 16", 2016

Dance of Spring - 2 & 3 watercolour, pen & ink on paper, 16" x 16", 2016



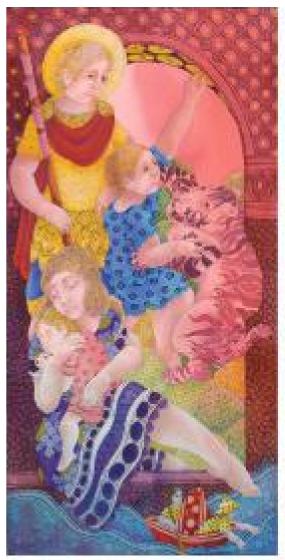




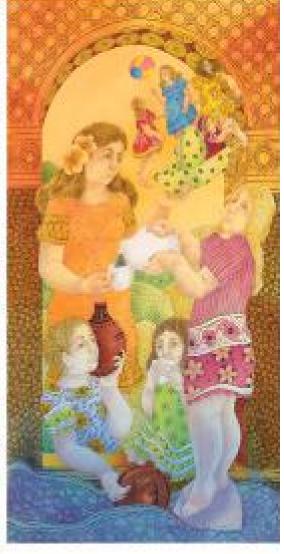




Summer of Dreams - 2,4,7,8,9 watercolour, pen & ink on paper, 10" x 10", 2012

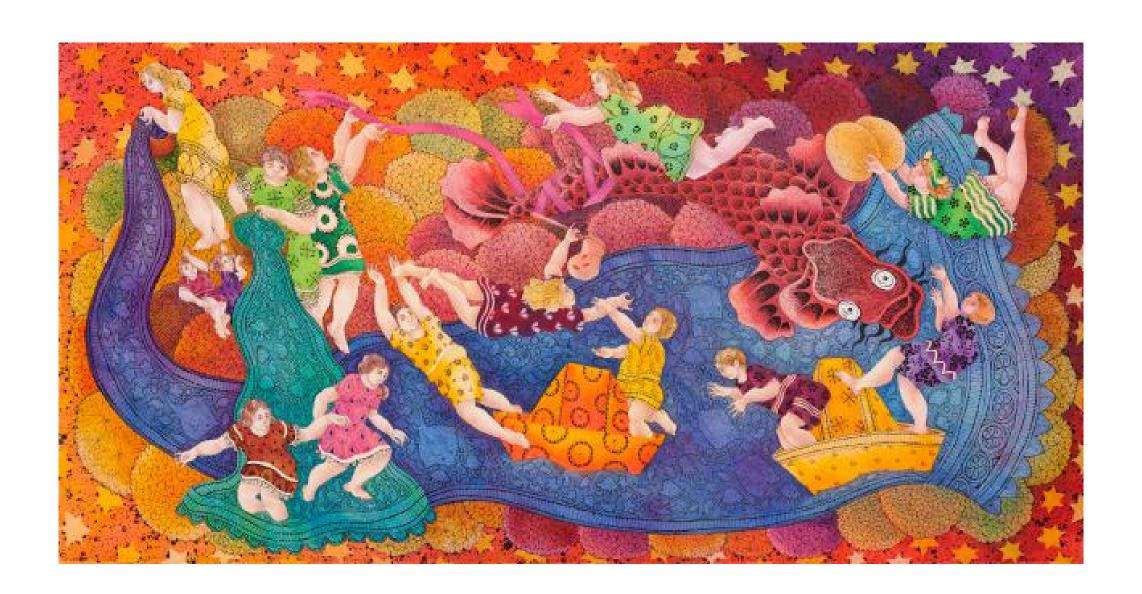


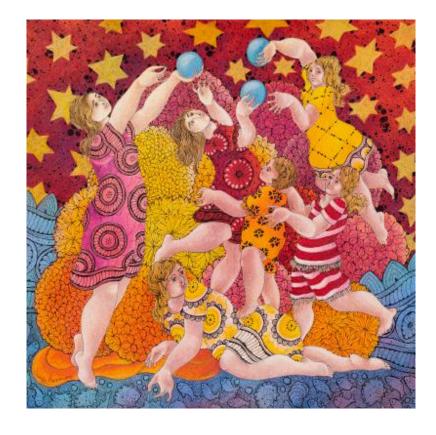


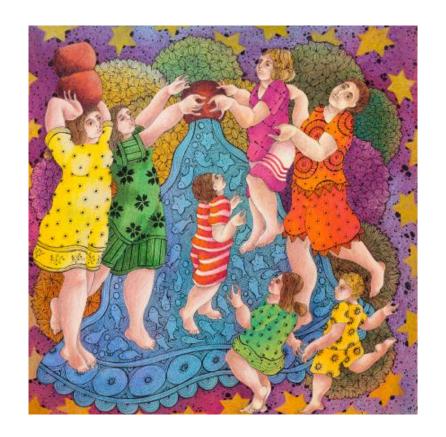




The Dream Catcher (polipytch) watercolour, pen & ink on paper, 47" x 79", 2016







SELECT SOLO EXHIBITIONS

Rhapsody, Art Musings, Mumbai, India Art Alive Gallery, India Art Fair

Gallery Sanskriti, Kolkata

A Dreamer's Labyrinth, Art Musings, Mumbai, India

Gallery Nvya, New Delhi

Gallery Sanskriti, Kolkata, India

Once upon a Time, Art Musings, Mumbai, India

Gallery Ganesha, New Delhi, India

Intex, Colours on Canvas, Dubai

Apparao Gallery, Madras, India

Birla Academy of Art and Culture, Kolkata, India

Art Musings, Mumbai, India

Gallery Ganesha, New Delhi, India

Médiathèque du Lamentin, Martinique

Apparao Gallery, Madras, India

2000

Art Today Gallery, New Delhi, India

Festival du Cinema Asiatique, Vesoul, France

Apparao Gallery, Madras, India

1998

Théatre de Chaoué, Allonnes, France

SELECT GROUP SHOWS

The Flower and The Bulb. 2 artist show with Maite Delteil.

Jehangir Art gallery & Art Musings, Mumbai, India

India Art Fair, Ganesha Gallery

Kala Sutra, Sanchit Art, Hong Kong

2015

Harvest, Arushi Art

Kala Sutra, Sanchit Art, Hong Kong

India Art Fair, Ganesha Gallery

India Art Fair, Arushi Art

2014

India Art Fair, Ganesha Gallery

India Art Fair, Art Alive Gallery

India Art Fair, Arushi Art

India Art Fair, Ganesha Gallery

India Art Summit, Art Musings, Delhi, India

India Art Summit, Art Musings, Delhi, India

Besides Paris, Birla Academy of Art and Culture,

Kolkata, India

Spring 2010, Fiidaa art, Singapore

Fables and History, Nvyà Gallerie, New Delhi, India

Beyond the form, Bajaj Capital Art House, New Delhi, Mumbai, India

Harvest, Arushi Art, New Delhi, India

Reading Paint, Gallery Soul flower, Bangkok, Thailand Dastak, Visual Art, London, UK

Art in Step, Gallerie Ganesh, New Delhi, India

2004

Visual Art, London, UK

2003

Centre of International Modern Art, Kolkata, India

2001

Musée de la Poste, Paris, France

2000

Musée de la Tour Carrée. Ste Maxime. France

Indian Embassy, Paris, France

Galerie Boyrié, Strasbourg, France

Gallery Ganesha, New Delhi, India

Centre of International Modern Art. Kolkata. India

Apparao Gallery, Chennai, India

Galerie Sauret, Fumel, France

Galerie 51. Villeneuve sur Lot. France

SELECT INTERNATIONAL SHOWS

2004-2003-2002-2001-2000-1999-1998

Salon d' Automne, Paris, France

2004-2003-2002-2001-2000-1999-1998-1997

Salon de Colombes, France

2003-2001-2000

Salon du Xème, Paris, France

2002-2001-2000-1999-1998

Salon de Sannois. France

Salon d' Art Contemporain, St Rémy les Chevreuses,

France

1999

Salon de Beauvais, France

Salon du petit format du XVème, Paris, France

1998

Salon du XVème, Paris, France

AWARDS

2002

Prix Lucie Rivel, Taylor Foundation France

Award of the Salon d' Automne, Paris, France

Award for the watercolour section, Salon de Colombes, France

1998

Award of the Fine Art association of Sannois, France

Award for young painters section, Salon de Colombes, France

MURALS

2016

Ceiling Mural for The Whale Bar, St Regis Vommouli Maldives, in collaboration with Apparao Galleries Art Consultancy

ILLUSTRATIONS

2015

Cover for the book by Raffaella Baroncini 'Les Survivants'

Nouvelles de l' Inde, The newspaper of the Indian Embassy in Paris

Cover for the book of Satyajit Ray Fatik et le jongleur de Calcutta

Poster for the play of Girish Karnad, Hayavadana, France

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