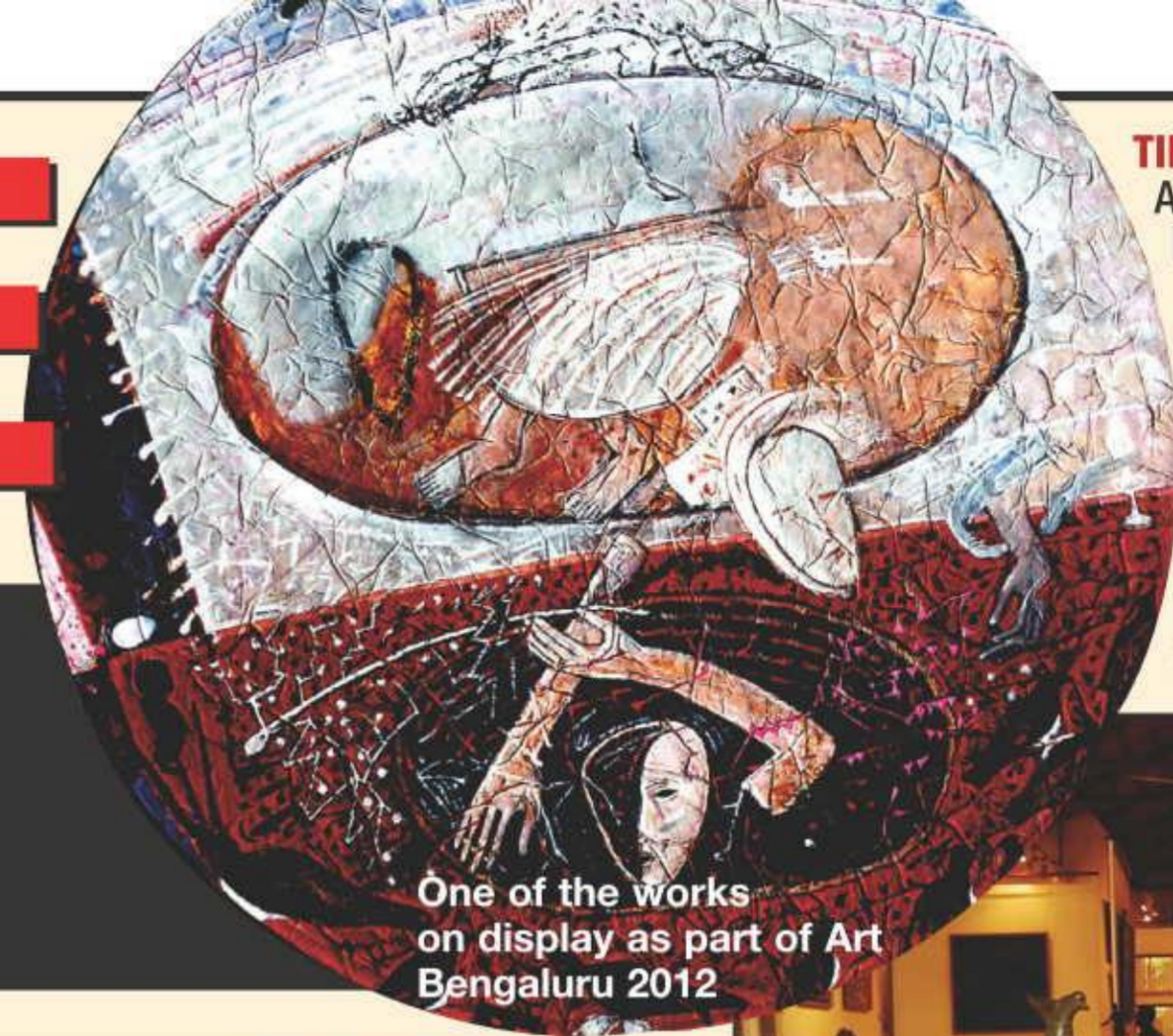


ART TO THE FORE

For over a week, The Collection at UB City has been playing host to one of south India's premier festivals — Art Bengaluru 2012 — with over 250 artworks on display. The fest, which commenced on August 10, will culminate on August 24 with an international art auction



One of the works on display as part of Art Bengaluru 2012

TIME & SPACE BY RENU GEORGE
ARTISTS: SAKTIBURMAN & K MURALIDHARAN

Time & Space started as an experimental venture that sought to understand and appreciate the esoteric and dynamic ethos of contemporary art and to encourage people to participate in its magical world. Through successive shows, the gallery has grown to be a significant player in this space in Bangalore.



ART CHUTNEY BY RAJ BAGARIA
ARTISTS: HR DAS & SHYAMAL MUKHERJEE

Art Chutney is an online community and marketplace that is dedicated to creating a rich resource for artists and art lovers. For artists, it is a platform to showcase their work, while for buyers and art lovers, it aims to fill in as an expert advisory and reliable source to pick up fine artworks. Art Chutney also actively works to spread the message of art and art appreciation in the real world through major offline events like Art Bengaluru.

Raj Bagaria

VINSCENT ART WORLD BY JAGADISH KADUR
ARTISTS: JAGADISH KADUR & GIRISH ADANNANAVAR

Vinscent Art Gallery, which opened recently in Jayanagar 5th Block, is the brainchild of Jagdish Kadur from Chikamagalur, a graduate from the Shantiniketan School, Chikamagalur, who at one time nurtured a dream of exhibiting his works at the Chittrakala Parishat. Today, Jagdish is a three-time winner of the Mysore Dasara award. The artist, who has innumerable group and solo shows to his credit, set up the gallery to help artists from small towns in Karnataka showcase their work.



Jagdish Kadur

SUBLIME GALLERIA BY UZMA IRFAN

ARTISTS: PALLAVI FOLEY & VIJIT PILLAI

The Sublime Galleria at the UB City, founded by Uzma Irfan, who is the executive director of the Prestige Group, is dedicated to the support and promotion of fine arts and performing arts. The gallery regularly organizes exclusive art pageants featuring the works of upcoming and established artists. These shows and exhibitions are well attended by art connoisseurs and buyers from across the globe and offer budding artists a much needed platform to showcase their talent.

Uzma Irfan



Kalpa Padia

MERGING HUES BY KALPA PADIA AND JYOTHI ARANHA
ARTISTS: RD ROY & SUDEEP MUKHERJEE

Merging Hues is an emerging venture that seeks to explore diverse and distinct cultures. It brings young contemporary artists together on a common platform in an effort to promote understanding and appreciation of art across cultures. The gallery promotes artists internationally and has in the past showcased artists from Nairobi, Uganda and Tanzania, along with contemporary Indian artists.



Jyothi Aranha

VARNASANGAMA ART GALLERY & AJANTHA STUDIO BY KN RAMACHANDRAN AND GANESH DODDAMANI
ARTISTS: GANESH DODDAMANI & SHEKAR BALLARI, KN RAMACHANDRAN & BS DESAI



KN Ramachandran and Ganesh Doddamani

Varna Sangama is a post-colonial, contemporary group of visual artist. Since its inception in 2008, this alliance of artists has exhibited vivid paintings ambitiously. They have held 11 group shows across India, including at the Karnataka Sangha in Delhi, the Ventatappa Art Gallery in Bangalore and at the Chittrakala Parishat. This group is a confluence of young and senior visual artists who are well-known for their contemporaneous perceptions. Each of them has also had solo exhibitions.

PRV CREATIVESPACE BY DEVIPRIYA VIMALANATHAN
ARTISTS: SA VIMALANATHAN & ABDULLA PATHAN

When PRV Creativespace was established, the aim was to glorify art and expand the boundaries of imagination. Set up with over 2,400 sq. ft at Sarjapur Road near M a t h a Amrita

Engineering College, the gallery provides a suitable stage for professionals to hone their skills and promote their art works.



Devipriya Vimalanathan

CHAVI BY AMAYA BY PRACHI KAPTE DHILLON
ARTIST: PRACHI KAPTE DHILLON

Chavi by AMAYA, a Mumbai-based art label, is exhibiting one of its exclusive collections, Revival of Mughal Era, which showcased Mughal architecture as captured by Prachi. Chavi also showcases contemporary art frames for modern-day lifestyle. There is also a unique collection of simple and interesting printed art framed into spectacular art pieces.



Jasmine Khanna

GALLERY THIRD EYE BY JASMINE KHANNA

Gallery Third Eye focuses on vibrancy, sensitivity, richness and the depth of Indian art. It highlights the creative nuances of artists with their varied styles, mediums and imagination. The founder of Third Eye, Jasmine Khanna, is a self-taught artist. She now collects the work of artists and gives them an opportunity to exhibit their work at her art gallery. The gallery also supports the National Association for the Blind.

DECCAN ART FOUNDATION BY SM HUSSAIN
ARTISTS: RAJESHWAR N & SARASWATHI L

Deccan Art Foundation supports artists by showcasing their works through various exhibitions across the world. The idea, according to the promoters, is to make the art market more transparent and efficient by passing on the benefits of the middlemen to the artists. The foundation ensures that each piece has an authenticity certificate signed by the artist, to enable potential re-sales.



SM Hussain

SAVI 3 STUDIO BY SUJIT KUMAR
ARTISTS: SUJIT KUMAR GS MANDYA & SAVITHRI MS

Savi3 Studio is the brainchild of Sujit Kumar, an alumnus of the Shree Kala Niketana School, Mysore. In his days as a student in Mysore, Sujith sketched the city's monuments and human faces, but it was the cycles and autorikshaws that kindled his creativity. His Traffic City is a clever composition depicting in an abstract way the chaos of traffic in the city. The artist's aim is to create an object with minimum strokes.



Sujit Kumar

AYYA ART GALLERIES BY KANALAN RAJA

ARTISTS: FAWAD TAMKANAT, ASIT KUMAR PATNAIK, NITYAM SINHA ROY & RAMESH GORJALA

Chennai-based Ayya Art Galleries is dedicated to eliciting the true values of art in the most unbiased way. It aims to function as a versatile platform in the promotion of art without commercial dispositions.

MAHUA THE ART GALLERY BY MEENU JAIPURIA

ARTISTS: AMIT BHAR & KAMAL PANDIA

Mahua Art gallery promotes art of both master and emerging artists. The idea is to spot young talent through its annual awards in association with the HK Kejriwal Foundation. The foundation builds art awareness by inviting art scholars and artists and reaches out to collectors, corporates and institutes with contemporary and folk paintings, sculptures, installations, murals and photographs. Some of the artists who have exhibited with us are Suhas Roy, T Vaikuntham, TM Azis, S Gopinath, Bhaskar Vadla and Naunkusia Shyam.



Meenu Jaipuria

Other participants at Art Bengaluru 2012 include:

Chitrasangama by KV Shankar is showcasing works by artists KV Shankar and Nirmal Karmakar
I ART by Rajesh Sadwani is showcasing the works of artists PR Rathod and Milind Nayak
IMPANA ART HOUSE by Dilip Kumar Kale and Madhuri Dilip is showcasing their own work

Art Bengaluru is on till August 24 from 11 am to 8 pm at The Collection, UB City, Bangalore. For more information log on to: www.artbengaluru.in