

Press Release

Art Alive Gallery, New Delhi

Presents

RHYTHMS

Recent Works of Apurva Desai

VENUE	:	Art Alive S – 221, Panchsheel Park, New Delhi – 110017
PREVIEW	:	5th August at 7.00 pm
SHOW DATES	:	5 th to 21 st August, 2006 (11a.m. to 7p.m. Monday - Saturday)

Art Alive opens the art season with a spectacular series of works by Ahmedabad based artist Apurva Desai's recent works called 'Rhythms'. 'Rhythms' is a summation of Apurva's experiences, associations and introspections born of his ruminations of the urban landscape. "To these qualities are joined a philosophical sophistication, an art-historical expertise and epigrammatical style that advances the works of Apurva to the front ranks of modern art's identities" says critic and curator Uma Nair.

Apurva Desai has been painting the city of Ahmedabad and various industrial locations over the past 15 years. Says Apurva, "you could call me an urban landscapist who saw the pitiable condition of closed mills, the misery of unemployed labourers and the agony of coal miners". According to Apurva "When I sat and painted the Alang ship-breaking yard at Gujarat, I contemplated on the heaps of scraps for which crores were paid. The holes seemed to talk to me about the whole existence of human life, the irony of each one's livelihood and the many destinies that only belonged to dreams."

"In my works you will see human bodies as well as portraits, actions as well as speed, postures as well as gestures, an urgency of the rhythms of everyday living. For me the human is rendered as my father, my brother, my daughter and the energetic youth who twists and turns through life trying to make up his mind about what he wants to do in life. So when the human is a complete summation of hopes, aspirations, sorrows, dreams joys and dynamism then there is so much happening that it must be portrayed as this confluence of so many shades and shadows of time."

The show will be a combination of interest and intrigue. The blending of contours into the strength of the expression of human predicament, the zooming in on the youthful figure of humanity, all these will come alive in this show which will beckon the fall season with its myriad moorings.

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