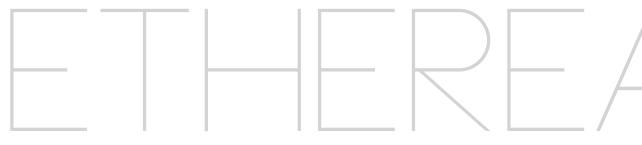






RANA BEGUM / FAIZA BUTT / NOOR ALI CHAGANI / DILIP CHOBISA SHILPA GUPTA / IRFAN HASAN / ALI KAZIM / SONIA KHURANA / MANISH NAI PRABHAVATHI MEPPAYIL / RASHID RANA / RAQS MEDIA COLLECTIVE / PREM SAHIB AYESHA SULTANA / MOHAMMAD ALI TALPUR / THUKRAL & TAGRA / SAIRA WASIM



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South Asia was limited to works from the distant past. played a strong role in some of these compositions, In general I found contemporary art inaccessible; my suggesting divine presence or intervention by figures eye was governed by old-fashioned parameters for suspended in the heavens. the definition of beauty. No end of visits to see works by Turner Prize nominees succeeded in changing When, earlier this year, Leila Heller suggested that I reproduction because the painted surface possessed and light in a way that seems not to be of this world'. the paint in layers over a length of time.

by other artists from Pakistan, many of whom had impermanent quality. been trained in a miniature painting tradition. As their work evolved in scale or subject, these artists In the work of Faiza Butt this is evident both in the nevertheless maintained a meticulous attention to use of pointillism, which imparts its own delicacy, One of the artists who featured in this critically ceramic panel that encompasses the composition.

Until about fifteen years ago my experience of art from inspired by Mughal court painting. Celestial imagery

my perceptions. A breakthrough occurred, however, curate an exhibition of contemporary art by South when as a curator at the Victoria & Albert Museum, I Asian artists I quickly jotted down a list of names of received an invitation from Green Cardamom Gallery those I particularly admired, without any thought to attend the opening of a solo exhibition of works as to how or why they should be grouped together. by Ali Kazim, an artist from Pakistan who works in The artists varied in range and reputation, in medium watercolor. The image on the card - a man in profile - and materiality. However, in subsequent reflection was intriguing both from the perspective of imagery and in a prolonged dialogue with Amrita Jhaveri, I and technique. I called Hammad Nasser and Anita came to understand the relationship between the Dawood to set a time to see the exhibition. The works names I had chosen. The Oxford English Dictionary were, of course, more impressive in person than in any defines 'ethereal' as something 'extremely delicate a depth and texture not normally achievable in Each of the artists whom I had listed seemed to watercolor, the result of a laborious process of applying produce works that could be described as such. Fragile, muted, illusory and sometimes vague, their works - whether figurative or abstract, on canvas, Kazim's exhibition led to me to explore painting paper or mixed media - possessed an unworldly and

detail typical of the small-scale renderings that they as well as in her juxtaposition of images to evoke a had mastered. About that time Imran Qureshi had dreamscape or fantasy. I had first come to admire conceived of a collaborative project in which he and Faiza's painting on seeing her satirical portraits and five peers, all graduates in miniature painting from belonging to a friend; I covet them still. Her series the National College of Art, Lahore, worked jointly in My Love Plays in Heavenly Ways, depicting children the creation of a series of twelve paintings, circulated playing with dragons, captures the innocence of among one another, each artist added to the works. early age, shattered, as is the Chinese blue and white acclaimed project was Saira Wasim, whose work I Irfan Hasan draws on Old Master paintings in his had seen in the Nasser's London flat. In those years masterful incomplete portraits, the subjects caught she was creating highly politicized miniatures that between the past, the present and the uncertain juxtaposed contemporary motifs within a framework future, looking out to the viewer as the paint which defines them drips down the page. Visual conceits Mumbai-based Manish Nai does the same in a reverse using historic as well as popular imagery form process, converting malleable polyurethane bags the backbone of the work of Rashid Rana, the and jute sacks into monumental columns and walls. internationally celebrated artist and curator - whose compositions illustrate the prevailing reality beneath Vapor is the subject of video artist Sonia Khurana's the surface image. His work *I Love Miniatures* spoke to *Surreal Pond*, in which the water body magically me immediately as it drew inspiration from a portrait evaporates. The film possesses the same mesmerizing of Shah Jahan that I had always admired. Over guality of the artist's other works, such as *Bird* and time I was exposed to his other works; the daring Head Hand. The transformation of material - or the and ingeniously conceived Veil series, Red Carpet, illusory nature of substance - is also captured in the Offshore Accounts and Everything and Nothing are virtuosic sweat panels of Prem Sahib, replicating among his iconic creations. Inspired by the tragic condensation over a metal surface. These works attack on the Twin Towers, the video still *Dead Bird* are disconcerting as they make permanent a Flying contrasts the shadow of birds soaring through phenomenon which in reality lasts only for a few the air against a sky-scraper with micro-images of birds moments. Rana Begum's sculpture, by contrast is in cages, a statement about perceptions of liberty. ever-changing; every surface taking on a different hue as light changes, colors contrasting to create Architecture and illusion are central to the work of rare hues against strong, angular forms.

Dilip Chobisa, whom I first met in Baroda in 2007. at which time he was working in a studio space The opportunity of bringing together works by artists arranged by a friend's foundation. His oeuvre consists whom I have followed and with whom I have formed principally of sequences of framed interior spaces friendships is of course a profoundly rewarding evoking a sense of emptiness. These works capture experience. Some of them, such as Faiza Butt, Shilpa something of the fragility of the human condition, in Gupta and Rashid Rana, have already seen their work particular the chasm in our lives caused by loneliness; on the covers of museum exhibition catalogues or they spoke to me immediately. Architecture has also featured in leading biennials and art fairs. But not all inspired the work of Noor Ali Chagani, whose redbrick of the artists featured have enjoyed exposure in New wall sculptures I had first seen at the Resemble/ York although their work will surely be of interest to Reassemble, an exhibition about contemporary art in curators and collectors curious about international Pakistan held at Devi Art Foundation in 2009. Brick artistic practice. The choice of artists has been walls are not a material normally associated with a personal one, meant to represent a particular ethereality; but Chagani plays with form and surface sensibility that exists in the contemporary art of to question the solidity of this building material. South Asia but is perhaps not as well recognized as Chipped stucco walls with faded signage evoke the it deserves. passage of time, the crumbling of cities, communities and values. The artist's signature is the use of brick Dr. Amin Jaffer in miniature form to create voluminous textiles that challenge our perceptions of hardness and softness.

# MARVELLOUS MODESTY

It is appropriate that an exhibition focussed on a certain understatement of means and ends in the works of a range of artists from south Asia should find this motif emblematised by the practice of an artist from a country whose visibility on the international art scene has, until very recently, been rather . . . understated. (Happily, things are changing and significant art made by artists from Bangladesh will secure a place in the continually redrawn map of global cultural expansion - for good or for worse, but that is another question). The cool detachment that Ayesha Sultana (who lives in Dhaka) brings to her representations of familiar urban spaces, their blank allure a facade for something verging on the uncanny, also extends to another aspect of her work that dispenses with representation altogether, the more to explore a poetics of graphic inscription and the material qualities of surface and texture. The present exhibition broadly oscillates between these two poles and the thread which links them is a form of restraint that runs counter to the received idea of contemporary art from south Asia as something overly declarative, given to ornamental or representational excess, frequently monumental, unabashedly allegorical or symbolic. These attributes, especially salient in the works of some of the Indian artists who came to international prominence from 2005 onwards, have tended to eclipse a quieter, more contemplative register explored by other practitioners from the region, the economy of means to which they are drawn being at the antipodes of the spectacle culture of the present global system.

The intimate scale of a significant number of works in this exhibition, the delicacy of some of the procedures deployed constitute a form of resistance to the bombast and hyperbole of much contemporary art, even if none of the artists in question have taken a polemical stance about this. For some, the recourse to older forms of art, such as the conventions of the miniature painting tradition (a particularly rich resource for artists in Pakistan) has been a pictorial expedient for rusefully unsettling the preciosity that is usually associated with this particular representational regime, notably by the introjection of discordant subjects that wilfully contradict the ornamental frame in which they are inscribed. For all the finesse of Faiza Butt's pointillist-like, stylized delineation of the dragon motif (a staple of Chinese porcelain), the fissure that runs through the picture surface is not merely a coquettish indication of craquelure: the ostensibly hairline crack runs deep in the collective psyche of a body-politic ravaged by violence in her native Pakistan. In a less attenuated pictorial register, Saira Wasim's practice extends the thematic scope of the art of the miniature to propose a form of contemporary history painting replete with pointed allusions to the most topical of political events transpiring on a global scale. Wasim's compacted configurations could be contrasted with Irfan Hasan's singular exercises in self-portraiture that are also a sequence of art-historical homages to some of the great European masters of the genre. The consummate refinement of his gouaches gives the lie to the received idea according to which a reference to the art of the past can (in the post-modern dispensation) only be a form of pastiche or

parody. Ali Kazim's take on self-representation, on the other hand, is striking for its pictorial reticence. He is interested in moments of transition, in the nearly imperceptible passage between stillness and change (the preternatural calm of a landscape before an impending storm, the mutable nature of cloud formations) and this sense of tremulousness, akin to a mirage, also imbues his phantom-like self-portraits. From here it only a step into a realm where the human presence is evoked through its absence, as in Dilip Chobisa's empty interiors, liminal spaces framed by a window or a door. These openings lead the gaze towards a 'beyond' that seems as enigmatic as the vacant expanse of the floor that precedes it. The 'nothingness' we are invited to contemplate turns out to be another name for an aesthetics of silence, whatever 'existential' colouring that Chobisa might also choose to give to the subtly modulated grisaille in which it is made manifest.

Maintaining a tension between surface and depth, between deceptively decorative patterning and the less than apparent designs lurking therein, allows many of these artists to intimate multiple levels of meaning, and this holds not only for those who continue to engage with 'traditional' skills in the creation of an image but also for those drawn to digital or lens-based technologies. In Rashid Rana's practice, this tension is transposed in terms of the viewer's nearness to, or distance from, the mosaic-like structure of his work. His signature style of massing thousands of miniaturized digital images into a (frequently large- scale) grid plays upon the ambiguity between the detail and the whole, between the individual micro elements and the overall configuration they compose. So, for example, in the digital cibachrome print titled *News Archive Video - Still of Dead Birds Flying* visible in this exhibition, the black specks that appear to be the blurred silhouettes of avian forms (or more ominously, of airplanes) seen against the façade of an imposing skyscraper are revealed, on closer inspection, to be minute images of birds in cages. The 'figure' in the carpet or mosaic of images thus turns out to be slyly subversive of the formal grid in which it is held, and it is this kind of crossing of form and meaning that has become the hallmark of Rana's work.

The conceptual and political dimensions of such conundrums (visual as well as textual) lie at the core of Shilpa Gupta's multi-media work. The thread that connects her thematically and formally diverse practice is a form of attentiveness to the multiple, often conflicting or contrary, meanings vehiculated by cultural markers and the forms of their interpellation in the public sphere. She is interested in exposing the ways in which perceptions of sameness and of difference come to chafe in culturally invested objects or beliefs and the network of open-ended significations in which they come to be suspended. A case in point is the work in the present exhibition, *Untitled (Holy Waters)*, as formally spare as it is conceptually rich. It juxtaposes four images in identical formats of the 'same' subject : four close-ups of the surface of water, except that each is deemed to be holy by four of the religions practised in India, these being photographs, respectively, of the waters from the rivers held sacred by Hindus, Sikhs, Muslims and Christians. But of course there is no way of

differentiating which water is holy to whom, even if a caption were to designate its provenance : sameness, in other words, might, in some contexts, be a welcome solvent of difference, especially when militancy of confessional difference inevitably leads to strife.

Water is also the central motif of Sonia Khurana's multi-channel video installation, *Surreal Pond*, but keyed to a notion of the spiritual paradox of fullness and emptiness that is a staple of mystical thought. She might not necessarily have had this in mind, despite the fact that the presiding image is titled *epiphany*: it shows a pond, in a hushed sylvan setting, from which vapours of mist rise, the natural spray momentarily forming delicate patterns in the air, before subsiding into the elements whence it came. (Blake: 'The cistern contains, the fountain overflows'). The apparition, as it were, is then countered, claimed by the mundane, in the video diptych titled *detritus* that shows the same pond being subjected to two, related and yet contrary, actions: that of clearing it of dross, which consists of the repetitive gesture of emptying the pond of water, on one screen, while on the other screen, the same repetitive gesture of replenishing it with 'fresh' water. The actions might appear otiose, if we did not also remember (with Roland Barthes) that such pointlessness corresponds to the very nature of the *koan*, the anecdote that the apprentice is asked by the Zen master to "scrutinize": "not to solve it, as if it had a meaning, nor even to perceive its absurdity (which is still a meaning) but to ruminate it 'until the tooth falls out'." *Surreal Pond* invites a comparable scrutiny and rumination.

The aqueous element resurfaces in Prem Sahib's ingenious 'condensation pieces' the way droplets and trickles might form on a mirror or on a glass partition in a bath or on the wooden slats of a sauna, except that the dully glistening water beads and rivulets in question are meticulously hand painted in resin on large expanses of slender, anodised metal panels. In places, the 'steamy' surfaces appear to bear the vague impress of body parts or wipe marks . . . This is a kind of trompe l'œil, of course, but the ruse is intended not just to beguile the gaze but to insinuate a bodily relation to the most abstract or neutral-seeming forms in ways that go beyond Minimalist art's phenomenological exploration of this topos. Unlike the intentionally depersonalized nature of Minimalist sculpture, Sahib's comparably spare vocabulary of forms is subjectively encoded, not to mention carnally invested, as in the playfully mordant allusions to the pleasure haunts of a certain popular gay culture.

Another form of subjectivity, relating to a life-world diametrically opposite to Prem Sahib's, is instanced in Noor Ali Chagani's striving for a place he can call his own. This longing (expressly evoked by the artist when he talks about his work) is emblematized by the wall, the most elementary architectural element for demarcating a private sphere from a public space, and it is the leitmotif of his practice. Chagani was schooled in the art of miniature painting and he has retained the relatively modest scale of this pictorial system in that the 'walls', whether displayed vertically or horizontally, are composed of bricks that are miniaturized, too. Sometimes

inscribed with simulated traces of graffiti or calligraphic signs, sometimes made from the debris of discarded bricks, relics and building blocks all at once, these 'walls' are a collection of fragments, synecdoches of an idea of shelter, imaginary projections of a protective boundary around a place that Chagani might be able to call home.

The artisanal aspect of Chagani's practice acquires a rather different inflection in Manish Nai's adroit manipulations of organic matter. His abstract sculptural monoliths and pictorial reliefs are imposing in their materiality, their pronounced tactility an index of the process-oriented nature of his practice. The economy of means to which he is partial might also be characterised as an ethical position, given that Nai has frequently resorted to modest, recyclable materials such as old clothes, burlap, newspapers, used cartons. Indeed, his transition to sculptural form came about when he began experimenting with the fibrous discards of canvas and jute that were his pictorial supports. Compressing these unwanted residues yielded a block, opening up the possibility of moulding the compacted substance into a variety of free-standing shapes, and it is the adventitious permutations of this process that he has continued to explore. The surface qualities of the work, the folds and creases and undulations, result from an act of compression; for Nai the word also encapsulates the time that went in the conceptualization of a form and the memory of its making.

For artists working in a non-representational vein, the picture plane, that most culturally determined of entities, is *the* principal subject, since abstraction has no object other than the operational processes deployed to ensure its coming into being. Mohammed Ali Talpur's training in the traditional art of calligraphy has equipped him with the skills to confront the challenge of a graphic activity that signifies nothing more (or less) than the action of the hand making marks on the blankness of the page. He is prone to veil the void in vertical or horizontal striations in black ink or in a fine mesh-like concatenation of lines: the white showing through the interstices is an intimation of light. The graphite camouflaging the lattice-like structures of Ayesha Sultana's drawings is luminous, too, but for the opposite reasons: the symmetrical, origami-like folds of the paper receive the ambient light in shifting patterns, producing a chiaroscuro effect that is all the more beguiling in view of the exemplarily minimal means through which it is achieved.

Prabhavathi Meppayil's 'minimalism', on the other hand, is indissociable from the blanched gesso panel that is her preferred pictorial support, its immaculate whiteness the necessary precondition for the attenuations of visibility on which her practice is hinged. Her work, like Nasreen Mohamedi's and Agnes Martin's, is characterized by a formal spareness, a recourse to the bare minimum, a zero degree of inscription, like lines in space. But unlike her illustrious predecessors, Meppayil has arrived at a form of abstraction through an exploration of a poetics of making rooted in an artisanal matrix. The daughter of a goldsmith, she transposes the rudiments of an ancestral savoir-faire as the basis of a contemporary pictorial language for critically revisiting the modernist/minimalist crux. Her ideal seems to be a horizon of silence or the visual equivalent of such a liminal instance, the picture plane expunged of anything that might impinge on this rarefaction. There are slender lines in gold or copper embedded in the whiteness of the gesso surface but the perception of these glinting lineaments is subsumed by a poetics of effacement: it is as if the desire to 'inscribe' and the drive to 'obliterate' were part of a permanent tension and reciprocal movement. At a time when the indigenous is no more than a marker for flaunting cultural difference in a globalized art world avid for ethnic novelty, her work quietly testifies to the ways in which traditional practices, in the hands of an artist fully aware of the historicity of forms, can be a source of genuine enrichment in the interrogation of a medium.

Rana Begum, who was born in Bangladesh but grew up in Britain, shares Prabhavathi Meppayil's interest in the exploration of the rudiments of form, nourished as her practice is by a long-standing familiarity with 'hard edge' abstract painting and with the pared-down, unitary shapes of Minimalist sculpture. But attracted as she is to the salutary 'reductiveness' of the work of some of her admired artists (Ellsworth Kelly and Donald Judd, among others), the diffuse, prismatic effulgence of her slender sculptural reliefs is also a mnemonic transposition of a certain 'aura' of the void. Her interest in the pristine geometry of sharply angled coloured planes (in paper or aluminium) and the ways in which these might become impalpable receptacles for light is the basis of her refined analysis of three-dimensional form. Her rigorous and yet sensuous abstraction hints at the subtle coalescence of the Islamic architectural ideal of emptiness as a numinous space and the rather more matter-of-fact objecthood of Minimalist sculpture. The formal 'syncretism' of Rana Begum's works is an expression of the dialectic of these opposed terms, and, if the 'nimbus' surrounding them is anything to go by, not the less serene for it.

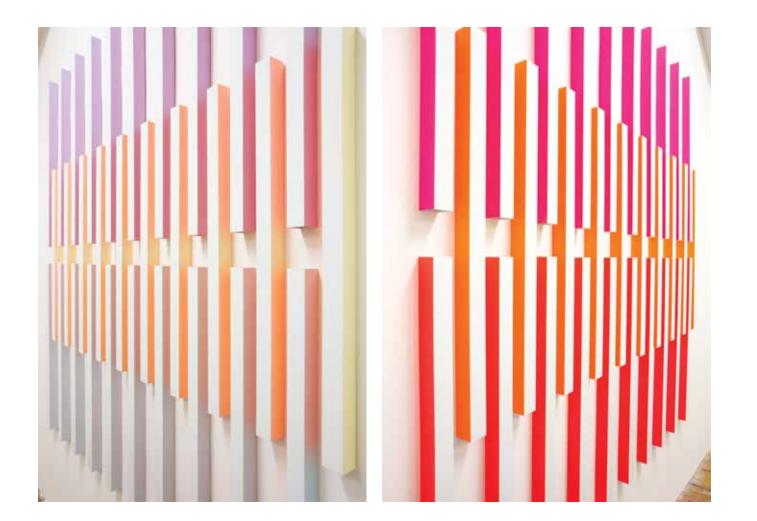
**Deepak Ananth** Paris, October 2014





## RANA BEGUM

b. Sylhet, Bangladesh, 1977 Lives and works in London, UK



No.558, 2014 Paint on powder-coated aluminum 82.6 x 78.7 x 2 in / 210 x 200 x 5 cm



## FAIZA BUTT

b. Lahore, Pakistan, 1973 Lives and works in London, UK



*My Love Plays in Heavenly Ways-1*, 2012 Ink on Polyster Film, mounted on light film 33 x 44.5 in / 83.82 x 113 cm Private Collection



*My Love Plays in Heavenly Ways-2*, 2012 Ink on Polyster Film, mounted on light film 33 x 44.5 in / 83.82 x 113 cm

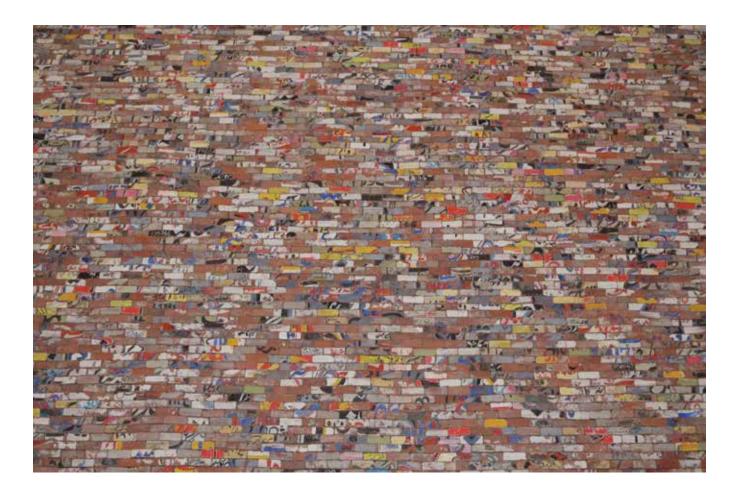
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b. Karachi, Pakistan, 1982 Lives and works in Lahore, Pakistan



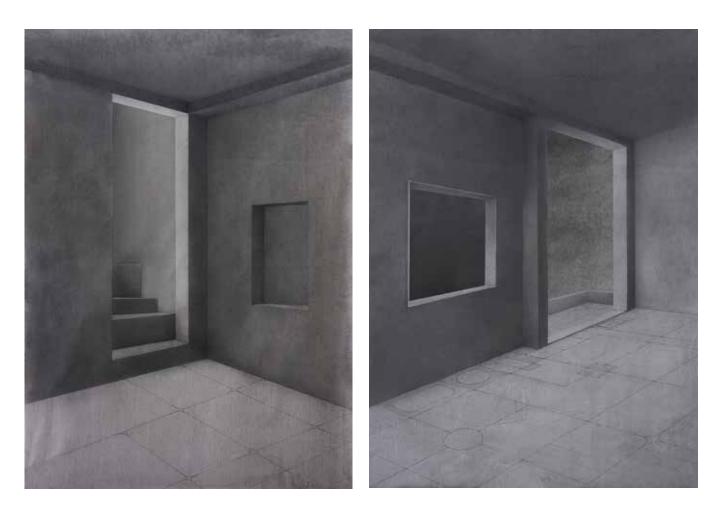
The Wall, 2014 Terracotta bricks, cement and water color 5 x 23.5 x 0.5 in / 12.7 x 59.69 x 1.27 cm

(opposite page) Hanging Rug (re-used bricks), 2014 Miniature terracotta bricks, metal wires 29 x 43 x 0.5 in / 73.66 x 100.22 x 1.27 cm

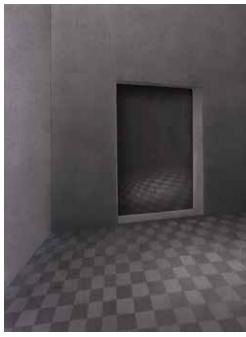


#### DILIP CHOBISA

b. Udiapur, India, 1978 Lives and works in Vadodara, Gujarat, India







Untitled 1, 2014 Graphite on paper and canvas, acrylic color, mixed media, painted wooden frame and acrylic glass 36 x 26 in / 91.44 x 66.04 cm

Untitled 2, 2014 Graphite on paper and canvas, acrylic color, mixed media, painted wooden frame and acrylic glass 36 x 26 in / 91.44 x 66.04 cm







(clockwise from left) *I don't hide...it's there A*, 2014 Graphite on paper and canvas, acrylic color, mixed media, painted wooden frame and acrylic glass 36 x 36 in / 91.44 x 91.44 cm

*I don't hide...it's there C*, 2014 Graphite on paper and canvas, acrylic color, mixed media, painted wooden frame and acrylic glass 36 x 36 in / 91.44 x 91.44 cm

I don't hide...it's there D, 2014 Graphite on paper and canvas, acrylic color, mixed media, painted wooden frame and acrylic glass 36 x 36 in / 91.44 x 91.44 cm

#### SHILPA GUPTA

b. Mumbai, India, 1976 Lives and works in Mumbai, India









Untitled (Holy Waters), 2012 Diasec mounted photographs (set of 4) 28 x 48 in / 71.12 x 121.92 cm (each) Edition of 6

#### IRFAN HASAN

b. Karachi, Pakistan, 1982 Lives and works in Lahore, Pakistan



Self-Portrait after Anthony van Dyck, 2014 Opaque watercolor on paper 23 x 15 in / 58.42 x 38.1 cm









(clockwise from left) *The Portrait of a Young Man after Peter Paul Rubens*, 2014 Opaque watercolor on paper 23 x 15 in / 58.42 x 38.1 cm

Self Portrait after Diego Velazquez, 2014 Opaque watercolor on paper 23 x 15 in / 58.42 x 38.1 cm

Self Portrait after Peter Paul Rubens, 2014 Opaque watercolor on paper 23 x 15 in / 58.42 x 38.1 cm

Self Portrait after Rembrandt, 2014 Opaque watercolor on paper 23 x 15 in / 58.42 x 38.1 cm

## ALI KAZIM

b. Pattoki, Pakistan, 1979 Lives and works in Lahore, Pakistan





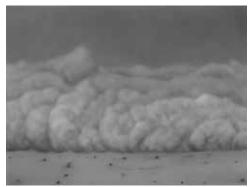
The Fall, 2013 Watercolor pigments on paper 61 x 32.2 in / 155 x 82 cm

(left) Untitled (Self Portrait), 2014 Watercolor pigments on paper 60 x 30 in / 154 x 76 cm



Untitled (Self Portrait with Cloud), 2014 Pigments on watercolor paper and polyester film 26.7 x 15.7 in / 68 x 40 cm







Untitled 02 (The Storm Series), 2014 Pigments on tracing film 12.5 x 16.5 in / 32 x 42 cm

Untitled 03 (The Storm Series), 2014 Pigments on tracing film 12.5 x 16.5 in / 32 x 42 cm

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#### SONIA KHURANA

b. Saharanpur, India, 1968 Lives and works in New Delhi, India

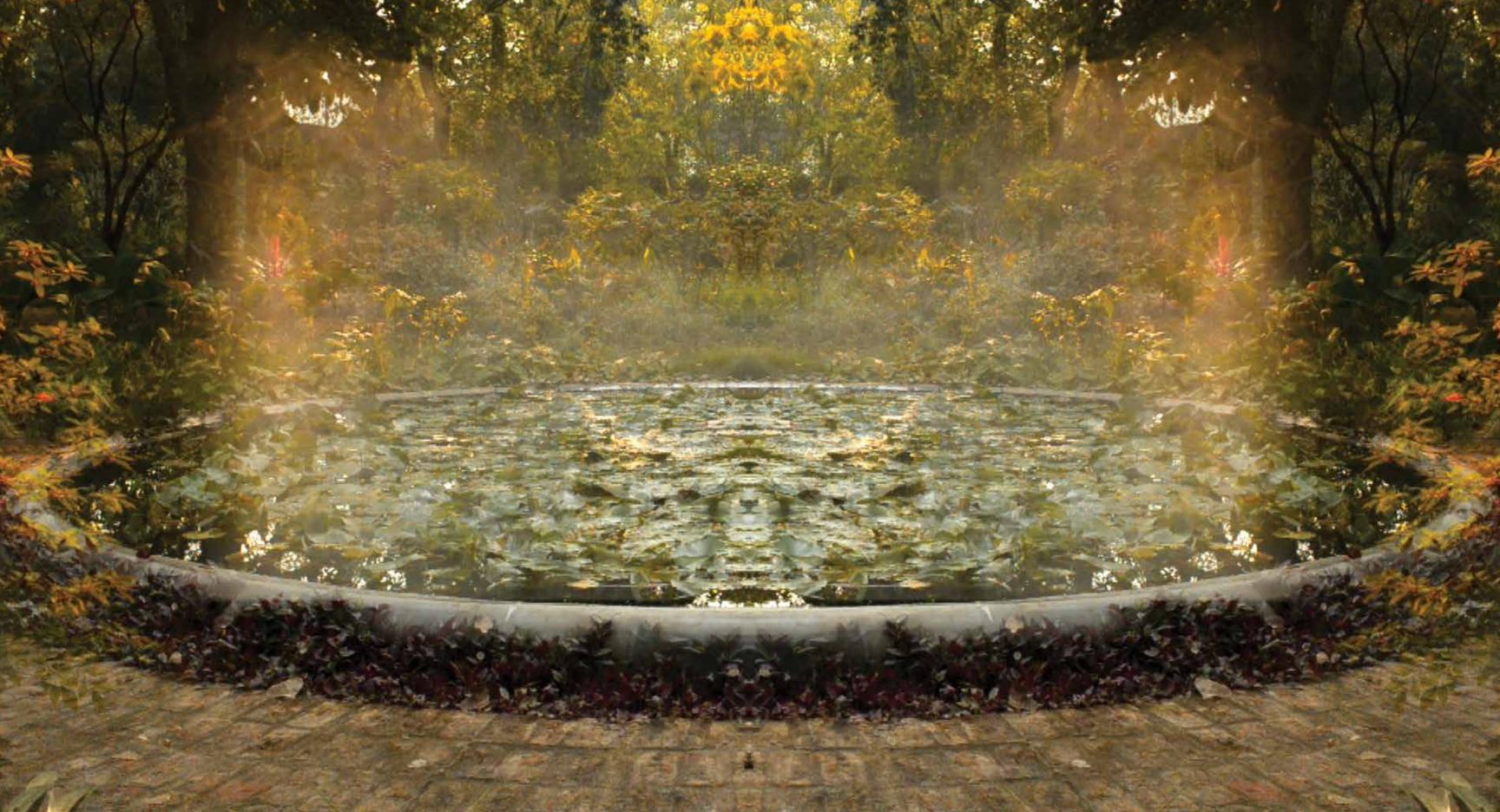




*Surreal Pond* Multi channel installation 2013-2014

Surreal pond - II [detritus] 2013/2014 Two channel wall installation; dyptich High definition video, synchronized. with sound, 18 minutes each, loop. © Sonia Khurana Edition of 10

(opposite page) *Surreal pond – I [epiphany]* 2013/2014 Single screen wall piece. High definition video, silent, color. 4 minutes, loop. © Sonia Khurana Edition of 10

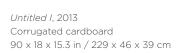


#### MANISH NAI

b. Gujarat, India, 1980 Lives and works in Mumbai, India







(opposite page) *Untitled*, 2012 Dyed burlap 66 x 48 x 4 in / 168 x 122 x 10 cm

# PRABHAVATHI MEPPAYIL

b. Bangalore, India, 1965 Lives and works in Bangalore, India

> *rw/ten*, 2013 Copper wire embedded in gesso panel 15.7 x 17.7 in / 40 x 45 cm Private Collection





## PREM SAHIB

b. London, England, 1982 Lives and works in London, England



We Get Down II, 2013 Aluminum and resin 39.3 x 98.4 in / 100 x 250 cm Collection Nicoletta Fiorucci, London

(opposite page) *Taker XII*, 2014 Aluminum and resin 39.3 x 27.5 in / 100 x 70 cm Private Collection



#### RASHID RANA

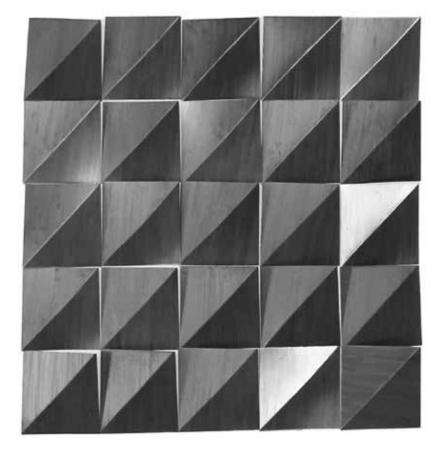
b. Lahore, Pakistan, 1969 Lives and works in Lahore, Pakistan



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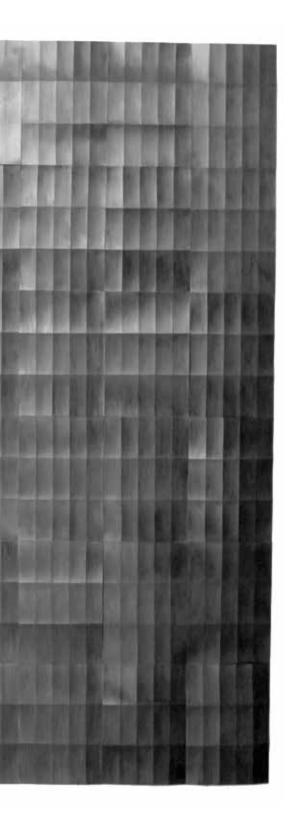
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b. Jessore, Bangladesh, 1984 Lives and works in Dhaka, Bangladesh



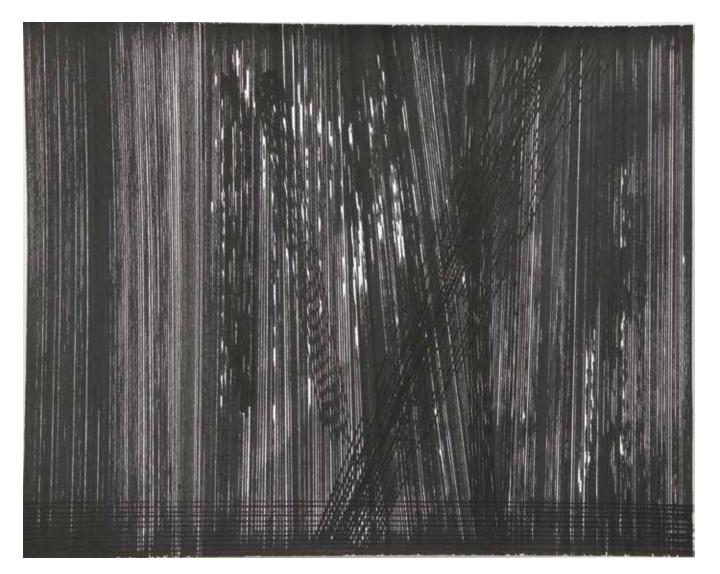
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## MOHAMMAD ALI TALPUR

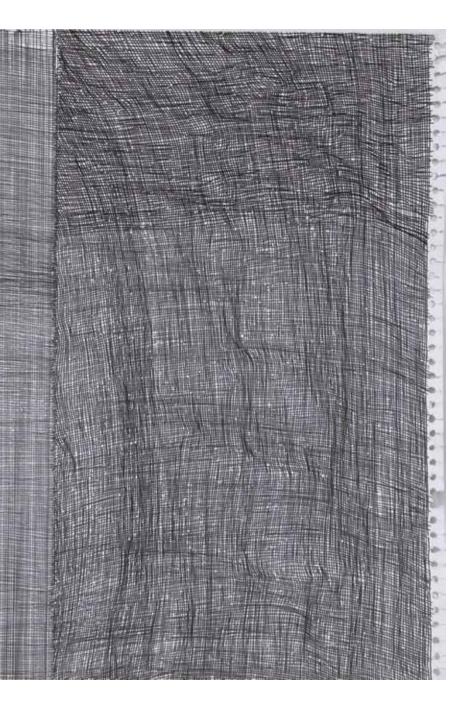
b. Hyderabad, Pakistan, 1976 Lives and works in Lahore, Pakistan



*Leeka-1,* 2008 Technical pen on paper 9.5 x 12.5 in / 24 x 31.7 cm



*Leeka-2*, 2008 Technical pen on paper 9.5 x 12.5 in / 24 x 31.7 cm



## THUKRAL & TAGRA

Jiten Thurkral b. Jalandhar, Punjab, India, 1976 Lives and works in New Delhi

Sumir Tagra b. New Delhi, India, 1979 Lives and works in New Delhi

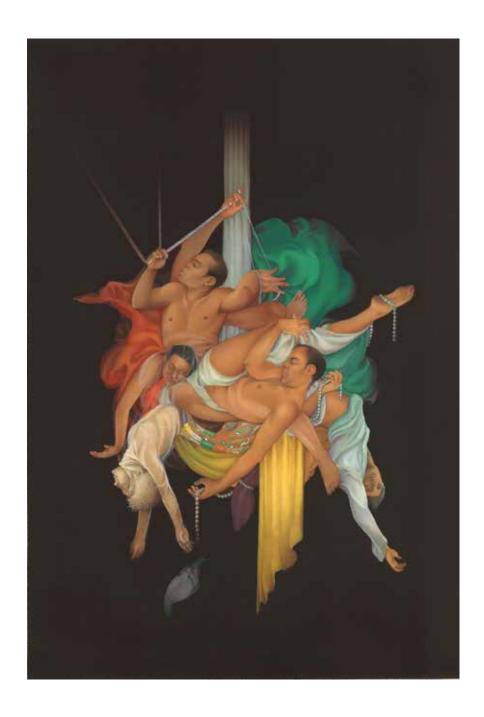


Dominus Aeries - Escape - Twilight Series 1, 2014 Oil on canvas 96 x 72 in / 244 x 183 cm

## SAIRA WASIM

b. Lahore, Pakistan, 1975 Lives and works in San Jose, California





*ETHEREAL I*, 2014 Gouache on wasli paper 14.6 x 10.4 in / 37 x 26.5 cm

(opposite page) *ETHEREAL II*, 2014 Gouache on wasli paper 14.6 x 10.4 in / 37 x 26.5 cm

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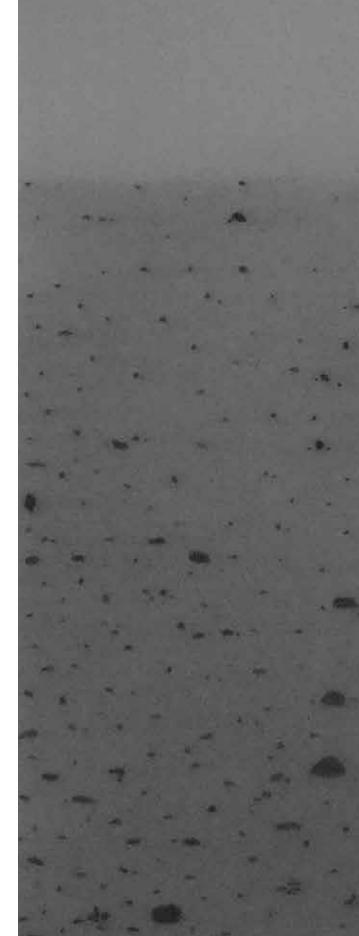
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