

Art Alive Gallery
presents

NIGHT-WATCH

Recent works of Shuvaprasanna

Preview : 15th February, 2008 at 6.30 p.m.

Venue : Art Alive Gallery
S – 221, Panchsheel Park
New Delhi - 110017

Show dates : 16th February – 1st March, 2008
(11 a.m. to 7 p.m.)

Art Alive presents a solo show of the recent works of well-known artist from Kolkata – Shuvaprasanna.

Shuvaprasanna's recent works are an expression of the artist's present state of mind reflecting the political turmoil in Nandigram. Making bold use of imagery that gives the humble domesticated animals an air of viciousness, the artist recreates a world where insanity and chaos rule. The charcoals in fluid frenzied lines emphasise the elongated arched neck of a feline creature here or the furious flurry of feathers as an owl prepares for a kill in another instance. The artist known for his penchant for subjects pastoral and romantic turns his attention to the bleak wasteland where metallic smoky background effectively captures the killing fields. The sculptures are another dramatic extension of his oeuvre and Orwell comes to mind in the persona of these predator like beings, menacing and mean.

In a deeply personal sense Shuvaprasanna's journey has come a full circle. The present oeuvre draws inspiration from the imagery he once created to express his anguish and despair at the injustices he saw around him. The sad happenings at Nandigram, West Bengal have left their scars and the killing fields are haunted with the sceptre of the slain. Shuvaprasanna's canvas captures the predator-like figures of the hawks and owls as they seek newer preys. The familiar cat, popular in Bengali nursery rhymes and stories, is seen as a vicious, snarling creature of the night, as it stretches out it's limbs in agile, coiling and sinuous movements.

In this visual drama there is no mistaking the mastery of the artist as he balances the figures, making use of the limbs to bring about a complex choreography. The works mostly of animals/birds, in strong charcoal outlines impress with their sheer vitality and power.

Featuring Shuvaprassana's mixed media, charcoals and sculptures, this show will truly shock and stimulate. A show that addresses the here and now in no uncertain terms.

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