

It's pouring colours

The Showers of Tranquility celebrates the myriad emotions of monsoon

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The rains may have been leaving a trail of destruction on the city roads, but for the art lovers it has been adding a certain colour to the city. The art show at the Third Eye Gallery, *The Showers of Tranquility*, is all about colours — and affordability. And it celebrates the much-loved monsoon. According to curator Jasmine Khanna, the group show is about bringing a range of affordable art works on display by several promising and up-and-coming artists like H S Manjunatha and Ranjan Paul.

THE MOOD OF MONSOON

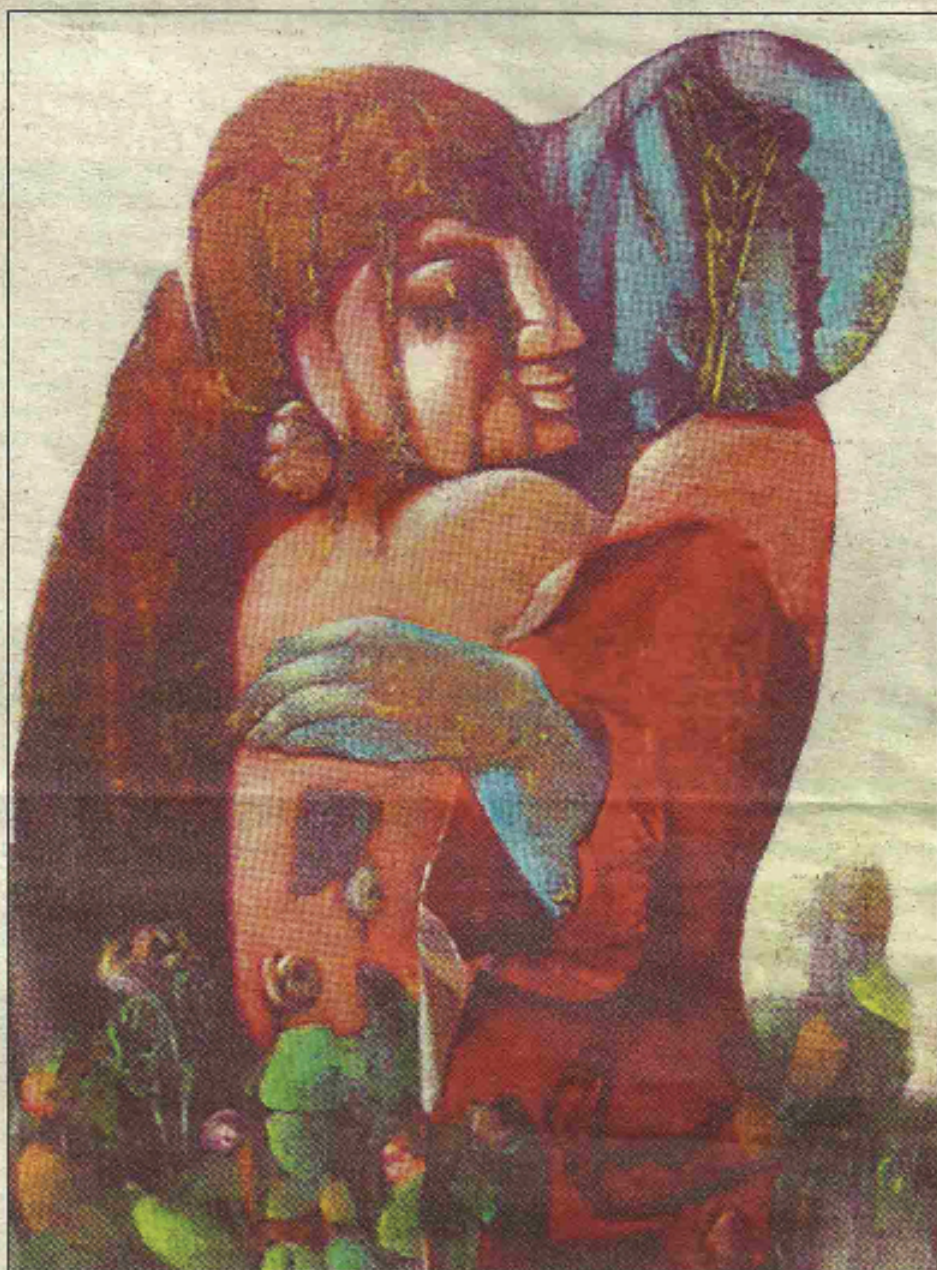
Elucidating about the show, Jasmine says, "Each season brings in a new feeling, a new change and a different mood. The monsoon, with its pleasantness and romance, has its own charm. When the cool breeze is blowing, the sky gets overcast with water-laden clouds."

The show has paintings in abstract, figurative, landscapes and cityscapes.

For artist Manjunatha, it is about the colours that the monsoon is associated with it. According to him, "The colours in my abstracts reflect the mood and the spirit of the monsoon season. There is colour everywhere, be it the lush green of trees/plants or the flowers."

Artist Ranjan Paul, who has participated in several group as well as solo shows, has a select few paintings on display. Jasmine decided to have him in the show as she felt that his "uncanny and unique style of portraying intense emotions and human form make the paintings incomparable and unparalleled".

"Ranjan's mature stroke play of the brush and colours, unconventional portrayal of human form, depth of emotive feelings, all com-



A work by Ranjan Paul

bine to give very endearing paintings," says Jasmine.

MODERATE PRICING

The paintings, totalling 100, are priced between Rs 5,000 and Rs 1 lakh.

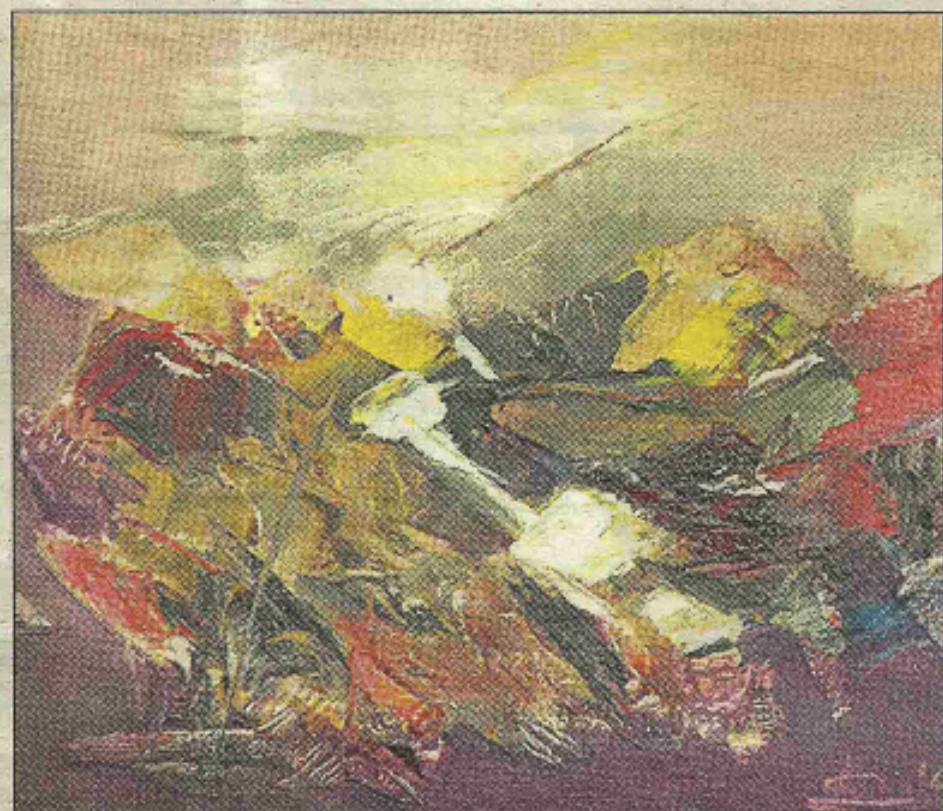
"Many people want to buy art, but

they feel that artworks are highly priced and beyond their reach. We deliberately have a healthy mix of artworks of established, mid-level and new artists, giving an opportunity to different profiles of buyers to buy something that will fit their budget," says Jasmine.

Her quest to find that connect between the artists and art buyers has led her to curate shows that sees the works of established artists like Shan Re, along with the works of budding artists.

"A painting should bring feelings of well-being and uplift the spirits of the artist while making it and also provoke positive feelings in the surrounding space and people around. Life has become too hectic and fast paced. A good painting should be able to restore feelings of peace and calm in the viewer. A painting should not be viewed only from an investment point of view, but also from its aesthetics," says Manjunatha.

Showers of Tranquility is touted to be a refreshing shower just like the monsoon season itself. "These are the last few showers of September which bring the end of the rainy season. The end of September will also see the closing of our exhibition," says Jasmine.



A piece by HS Manjunatha

Showers of Tranquility is on at Gallery Third Eye till September 30