

RL Fine Arts

Contemporary Art Project
Alexis Kersey
Selected Works

Exhibition: January 28 to March 6

Opening reception: Thursday January 28 6:30 to 8:30pm



RL Fine Arts is pleased to present an exhibition of selected works of artist Alexis Kersey.

Born in Mysore, India but raised and educated in the United Kingdom, Alexis Kersey brings a particular unique viewpoint to that of the colonial past and cultural heritage of the British in India.

These works show Kersey putting into place his preoccupation with identity both personal and cultural, ethnic and regional, particularly as it is posited towards India. In these works, later to come to fruition in his series of Company School Paintings, the artist has created a mythical race of beings, such as one could imagine as being born anew with Post Independence India, that is responsive and responding to the global pressures of the contemporary world.

Kersey trained with the billboard and signboard painters in South India, and brings this aesthetic and style to his works: the color, the exaggeration, the brassy advertising posture, in order to show his modern mythological race caught in a cultural *in between*. Utilizing the kitsch vocabulary of calendar art and its depiction of the pantheon of deities, visible throughout India, one is struck by the amazingly vibrant synthesis of all these elements into a unique voice of surreal strangeness. These happy beings, originating as characters in educational manuals, are happily trying to function in their new roles as part of a modern global India.

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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2006

British Library, London
Shridharani Gallery- Apparao Galleries, New Delhi
Peter Louis Fine Arts, New York

2005

British Council- Apparao Galleries, Chennai
Indian Habitat Centre- Apparao Galleries, New Delhi
Chitre Kala Parishad, Bangalore

2004

British Council- Apparao Galleries, New Delhi
Scotts Bungalow, Srirangapatna

2003

Menier Gallery, London

2000

Bedale Street Gallery, London

1998

Old Haxton Square School, London

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2008

Three Artists, Nature Morte, New Delhi

2005

'Sacred Feminine', Apparao Galleries, New Delhi

2004

'Androgyne', India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

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