


# Stellar works of art!

This private preview of some of the finest works of art in the country included arts from Husain Souza, to Gaitonde and more

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 Bid & Hammer, Bengaluru's very own Auction House held a private preview in their Bengaluru setup leading to their major auction showing which was held in New Delhi recently and the results of the auction were terrific.



The elite collection of artists included the likes of J. Swaminathan, MF Husain, VS Gaitonde, FN Souza, Manjit Bawa, Ram Kumar, KG Subramanyan, T. Vaikuntam etc. The auction featured some rare works by Karnataka artists like Gokuldas Shenoy, S G Vasudev, G R

Iranna, KK Hebbar and his daughter Rekha Rao.

The yoga exponent and poet Bharat Thakur (a former resident of Bengaluru) also made his auction debut, with one of his work's selling at ₹7.25 lakhs, along with Giridhar Gowd from Andhra Pradesh. Artworks depicting Gods, Goddesses and Saints were a recurring theme in the thoughtfully curated catalogue of 55 artworks with a price range starting from ₹4,000 and going upto ₹1.5 crores including Tanjore Paintings and Bengal School art.

One of the main draws of the auction was a magnificent depiction of St. Gonsalo Garcia, a revered figure by Malyalee Christians in India, attributed to the painter Raja Ravi Varma not only because of the subject which was a rare occurrence in the artists repertoire but also because of its attractive price range of ₹65 - 95 lakhs and the work notching up ₹1.25 crores. Their viewing in Bengaluru



Bharat thakur new

drew in all the art aficionados and lead to the auction concluding with some stellar results that is available online.

The other show in question is an upcoming group show by Asian Art show curated by Rajat Mittra. Rajat has been curating shows across the country and his initiative of promoting art has been of help for many aspiring artists in the country. The upcoming show has on display some wonderful artists. The ensemble this time includes Vijit Pillai whose works are drawing a lot of attention, Shaun Heffernan from Manchester England, through his oeuvre narrates how modern society and how class and wealth undermine humanity's social and moral fabric.

Debutant photographer Reuben Kataria, has displayed his thrilling digital collection which he photographed when he was in Egypt. The photographs by Reuben show a lot of maturity for someone who is self-taught. The show begins on November 15 at JW Marriott, level 1.



Reuben

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