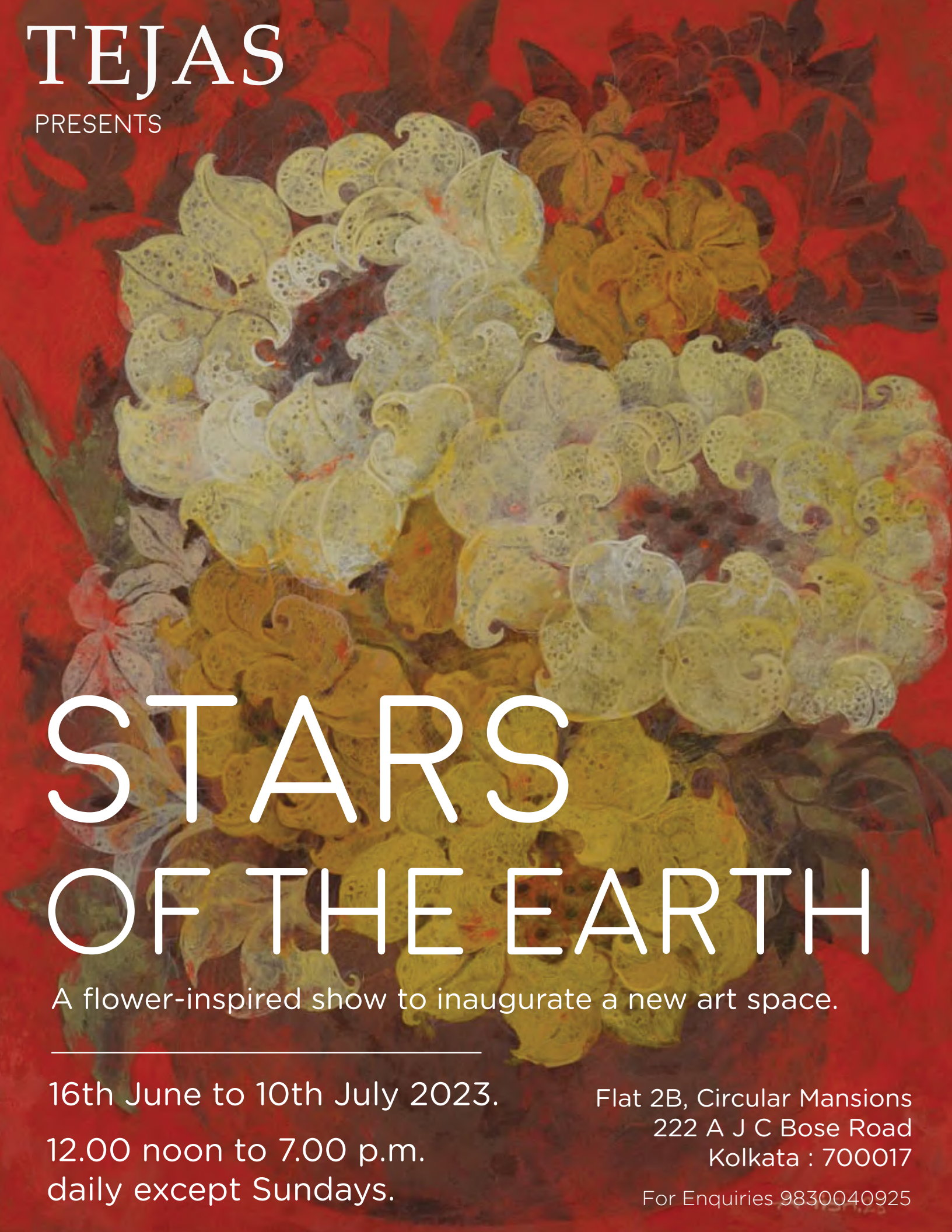




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STARS OF THE EARTH

A flower-inspired show to inaugurate a new art space.

16th June to 10th July 2023.

12.00 noon to 7.00 p.m.
daily except Sundays.

Flat 2B, Circular Mansions
222 A J C Bose Road
Kolkata : 700017

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“Are not flowers the stars of the earth, and are not our stars the flowers of heaven”

Clara Lucas Balfour



Tejas Gallery was launched in 2006 as an art space for both the known and the unknown artist. We wanted to build bridges in art: between folkart and fineart, the traditional and the contemporary, leaving all avenues open in terms of concept, style and medium. This month we proudly move into our new physical space, which we launch on the 15th of June 2023 with a floral offering.

“Stars of the Earth” is a simple art show in gratitude to a universe that has allowed us to move back into the tangible realm. Flowers carry rich symbology. In nature, flowers equal reproduction. In the world of humans, they signify fruition, harmony and symmetry, beauty, fragrance, love and death. And like the bees and the butterflies, we too are drawn to them for their evocative qualities. Until the 19th century, florals existed somewhere toward the bottom of the painting hierarchy. This changed when the Impressionists embraced flowers and nature as subjects worthy of high art. When nearing the end of his life, Manet focused exclusively on flowers. Van Gogh began painting sunflowers in the summer of 1886, and later claimed the flower as his own personal artistic signature, telling his brother Theo “the sunflower is mine!

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Georgia O’Keeffe famously said: “When you take a flower in your hand and really look at it, it’s your world for the moment. I want to give that world to someone else.” O’Keeffe’s close-up views of flowers bordered on abstraction, and challenged viewers to slow down and enjoy the process of careful observation. In 1992, Jeff Koons debuted “Puppy” a 43-foot-tall sculpture of a terrier covered in a colourful carpet of over 60,000 flowering plants. Even today the giant sculpture continues to grow, with marigolds, begonias, petunias and other seasonal flowers sprouting from its surface.

Closer to home, artists like Manu Parekh and Arpita Singh declared flowers to be a powerful source of energy, rich with symbolism, the perfect Muse. Seema Kohli played with the idea of the lotus as the umbilical bond in relationships among human beings and their connect with the cosmos. In Buddhist symbolism, the lotus represents purity of body and mind, an ethereal lily floating above the muddy waters of attachment and desire. As art critic Ashok Vajpeyi wrote – “flowers have an ambivalent lineage in Indian art. On the one hand, it represents the sacred, on the other hand sensuous.”

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Aloke Roy
Yellow Hibiscus
Acrylic on canvas
18" diameter
2023



Arunava Mondol
Flower
Acrylic on canvas
24" x 24"
2012



Atish Mukherjee
The Flower Story
Tempera on canvas board
30" x 40"
2023



Avijit Mukherjee
Green Garden
Gouache on paper
13.8" x 10.6"
2023



Debasish Sengupta
flowers 1
watercolour on paper
9" x 12"
2023



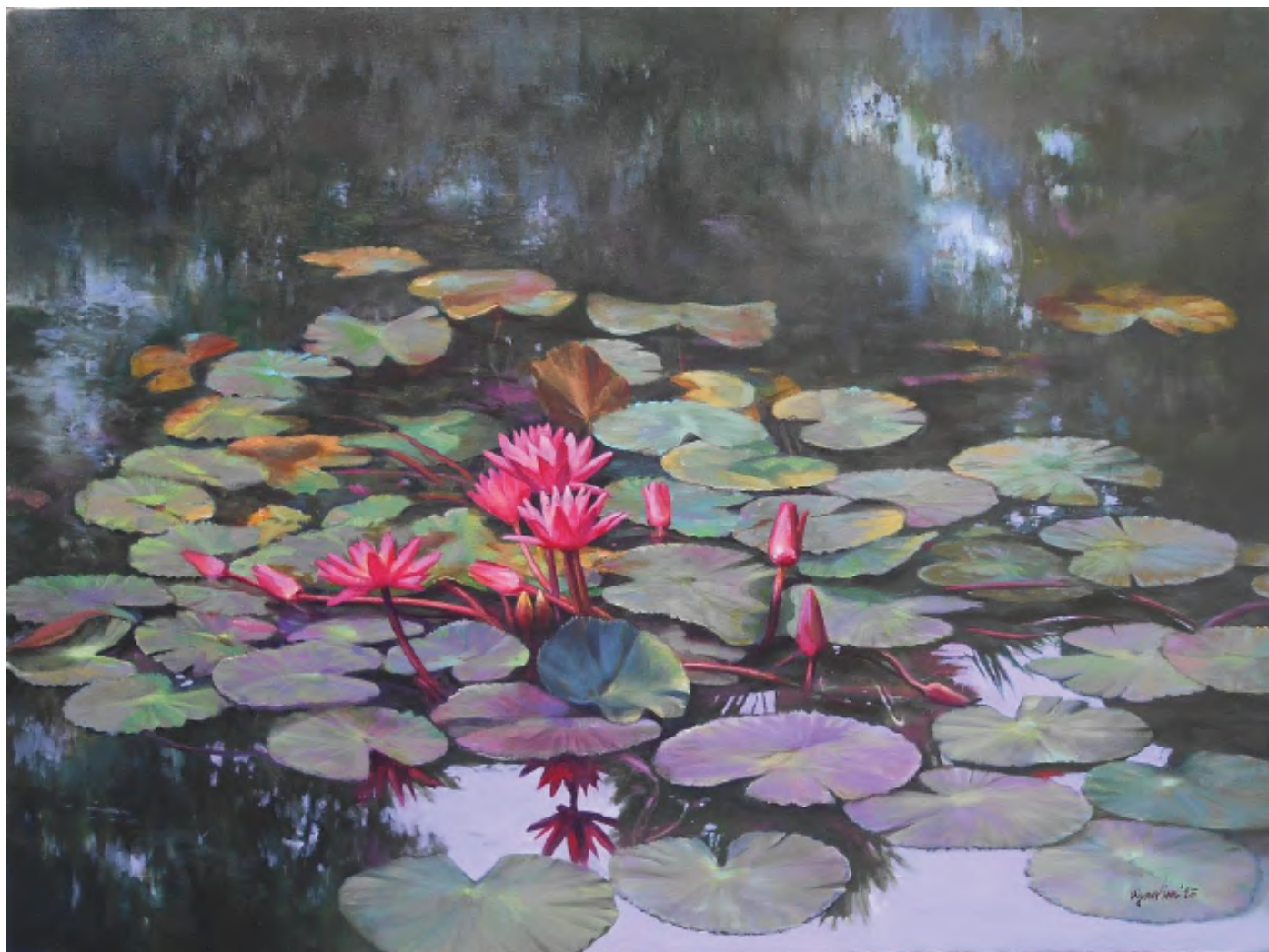
Debasish Sengupta
flowers 2
watercolour on paper
9" x 12"
2023



Dhiren Sasmal
Flower Mosaic 2
Acrylic on canvas
48" x 60"
2022



Dhiren Sasmal
Flower Mosaic 1
Acrylic on canvas
48" x 48"
2022



Gautam Sarkar
Lily Pond
Acrylic on canvas
36" x 48"
2023



Gautam Sarkar 3
Sunflowers
Acrylic on canvas
20" x 20"
2023



Kairah Desai
Luminous Lilium
digital print on archival paper
2023



Sambhu Saha
Fields of Gold
Oil on canvas
23.5" x 20"
2023



Shefali Upadhyay
Hibiscus 1
Watercolour on paper
11" x 15.5"
2023



Shefali Upadhyay
Hibiscus 2
Watercolour on paper
11" x 15.5"
2023



Sonali Chitrakar
Flower scroll 1 & 2
Powder pigments on paper scroll
11" x 28"
2023



Varun Desai
Lunar Bouquet
Digital collage on archival paper
2023

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AVIJIT MUKHERJEE

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