





Lalit Verma President Aurodhan Art Gallery

he small seed planted two decades ago has grown into a magnificent blossom with overhanging branches and fruits. Each of the fruits has been a source of sustenance for artists and art lovers from near and far. By art we mean more than just a painting on display, a particular style or a tradition or even one iconic art work. Aurodhan is cosmopolitan and eclectic in its approach to Art and goes beyond east west divide. It has been a privilege to host art exhibitions that encompass various strata of society and have given shelter to many Art for Life seekers and lovers from around the world. They walk on different paths, come from many different lands, aspire to create, express and share some of the innumerable aspects of the True, the Real, the Beautiful in a world that is becoming every day more and more divisive and discursive and for that very reason more and more vulnerable and yet one passionately seeking for oneness.

Those artists and creators perennially remind us that it is time we protect our vast human heritage. Our past is running out of breath, our present out of time and the future is knocking at our doors. Let us heed the call. Those travellers who create the Path as they walk, tell us their stories, our story and what they say rings true.

Their voice has to be heard, their touch has to reach us, move us, inspire us. Their effort has to be valued and sustained. All those streams can converse, converge and be receptive to new sources of consciousness and energy. We need not, out of fear or indifference, close our eyes and ears to the call of the future. Aurodhan is such a shelter; a place of convergence. It has welcomed hundreds of events throughout the years and will continue to do so.

Since 2019 yet another movement namely "Oneness through Art" by Aurodhan started as a platform for a few solo shows to promote Pondicherry artists and has now grown from the local to the national level and is enveloping in its own small way one and all with this oneness.

As a part of this effort towards cultural harmony, Aurodhan art Gallery has offered 185 events with over 600 participating artists, 130 solo shows, 6 lectures, 30 dance/music performances, 14 theater/literature/wellness events covering 5 continents and 20 countries with an emphasis on 40 francophone artists. Cultural harmony has been consistently promoted for decades, touching innumerable hearts across all age groups.

More than the numbers the spirit behind the many-splendoured cultures of our endangered but still miraculously beautiful planet has been constantly nurtured.

Such a convergence is possible between artists and art lovers and can also take place among people, nations, cultures and civilisations (even while living miles apart), opening up a path wide enough for all to travel on. Much seemed impossible 20 years ago. Today the tree has grown and more possibilities lie within the ken of actualization.

Aurodhan is a dream come true, thanks to all of you!

Lalit Verma —

President

Aurodhan Art Gallery.



Dr. Karan Singh.

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MESSAGE[†]

Over the years I have been deeply impressed by the work that Lalit Verma and his wife Shernaz are doing in the Aurodhan Art Gallery. Inspired by the teachings of Sri Aurobindo they have made a remarkable contribution towards the cultural life of Pondicherry and have now expanded their activities to the national level. The Aurodhan Art Gallery has completed over 150 events in 2019 alone with more than 500 participating artists covering four continents and 15 countries with an emphasis on 34 Francophone artists. The Gallery has also helped in promoting a large number of upcoming Pondicherry artists.

Through the pages of this catalogue I express my warm appreciation of the work that the Aurodhan Art Gallery has done through the dynamism by Lalit and Shernaz Verma. I also send my warm greetings to all those in Pondicherry and outside who have benefitted from this Gallery over the years. Having visited Auroville regularly twice a year in my capacity as Chairman of the Auroville Foundation, I have personally viewed many interesting events in the Gallery which I recall with pleasure.

Karan Singh Dec. 2, 2019

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Message

When divisive forces reign supreme and cause havoc with many negative forces - a new movement becomes essential. Oneness through an by Aurodhan endeavours to bring together people and cultures and is in alignment with the vision of Sri Aurobindo as expressed in these lines.

"-the rise of a new, a greater, brighter and nobler life for mankind which for its entire realisation would rest outwardly on an international unification of the separate existence of the people, preserving and securing their national life but drawing them together into an overriding and consummating oneness; A new spirit of oneness will take hold of the human race."

What started as a platform with a few solo shows to promote Pondicherry artists has now grown across continents, enveloping all in its own small way with this oneness.

Aurodhan Art Gallery's efforts towards cultural harmony have completed over 180 events since 2019. With 600 participating artists, 130 solo shows, 6 lectures, dance - music performances | 14 Theater - literature - wellness events covering 5 continents and 20 countries with an emphasis on 40 Francophone artists and also showcasing works of 300 upcoming Pondicherry artists this year.

This is a compilation of Gratitude to the organisers and the varied participants for their continuous belief in the idea of this spirit of ONENESS.

Kiran Bedi



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Honourable Chief Minister of Puducherry

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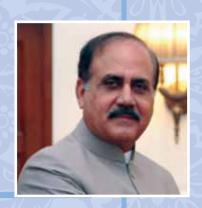
MESSAGE

The 'Aurodhan Art Gallery' is one of the trendsetting organizations in Puducherry. It has a unique identity in Puducherry among the art loving people and tourists through their imaginative and intellectual arts. I am happy to know that the Aurodhan Art Gallery has completed more than 150 events in the year 2019 and stepping towards their achievement at national level. As our Puducherry is unique in many ways especially in arts and culture, I am sure that our artists will do their best at national level.

It gives me immense pleasure that a catalogue containing over 250 Pondicherry artists/ performers have participated, is being brought out by Audodhan. I convey my best wishes to 'Aurodhan' and all the participants for their success in all their future endeavors.

(V. NARAYANASAMY)





My Dear Lalit,

17 DEC 2019

MESSAGE

The two years one spent in Puducherry as the Lt Governor from 2014-2016 is memorable for reasons more than one. Prime of course is the abundant affection one received from the people of this beautiful Union Territory, renowned for its connect with a variety of art and culture.

It is in this field that we met Shri Lalit Verma and his wife Shernaz who have contributed immensely through their Aurodhan art gallery.

I was fortunate to attend some very fine performances by outstanding artists at 'Aurodhan' where Lalit's invite ended with his famous line: "All with goodwill are welcome". More importantly, Aurodhan has also been providing a platform to budding artists and beginners. The Aurodhan art gallery has completed over 150 events in 2019 with more than 500 participants from India and abroad.

Through this forward to the catalogue, I want to place on record my great appreciation for the work my friend Lalit and Aurodhan Art Gallery are doing in Pondicherry. I wish them the very best and offer my full support in their future endeavors.

Best Always

Lt Gen A K Singh

PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM (Retd) MPhil, MSc, ndc, HC, fsc (UK)

ADVISOR, JGU

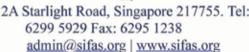
former Lieutenant Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands & Puducherry



K V Rao **President Singapore Indian Fine Art Society**



SINGAPORE INDIAN FINE ARTS SOCIETY (Ent



K V Rao President

MESSAGE

It gives me immense joy to congratulate my dear friend and a passionate arts aficionado, curator, art promoter, avid photographer all rolled into one - Lalit Verma, for achieving this unbeatable feat of conceiving and hosting 150 events in 2019 alone - featuring 500 participating artists, 120 solo shows, 4 lectures, 22 dance/music performances, 14 theatre, literature and wellness events covering talents from 4 continents and 15 countries. Being held in Pondicherry, there was a special emphasis of bringing in 34 Francophone artists and promoting over 250 local upcoming Pondicherry artists. All of these multifaceted art events are anchored in the elevating theme of 'ONENESS' that is the need of the hour for societies, countries, and mankind as a whole, to bring peace upon earth.

Lalit Verma and Aurodhan Gallery have earned national and international reputation as a vibrant centre for the promotion of art, music, and dance, now extending to holistic living and well-being. Pondicherry has a certain magic in the air. It is a tiny place upon earth that aspires to break from conventions and aims for a higher order of life, as it were - in all its myriad forms : physical, mental, spiritual and artistic manifestations. I am so glad to see Lalit playing such a vital role in promoting the arts with a strong purpose and meaning, rooted to the higher cause of making this world a better place for all.

I visit Pondicherry often and invariably my visits to Aurodhan have proven the point - it is always a festive day at Aurodhan! Something wonderful to experience and be part of and Lalit Verma exuding that ever effervescent joy, friendship, and love for artists and all things of art, makes it so very special.

SIFAS (Singapore Indian Fine Arts Society, Singapore) is a 70 years old iconic institution, in south east Asia for the promotion of classical Indian music, dance and arts and we look forward to further collaborate with Aurodhan. I wish Lalit Verma and Aurodhan all the best and invoke the blessings of the Almighty for his continued energy, focus and immense effort towards "Oneness".

> KVRAO PRESIDENT

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Datuk Ramli Ibrahim

Chairman, Sutra Foundation Malaysia Padmashree Awardee



Message:

Oneness through Art has become a mantra for Aurodhan to bind people through the message of inclusivity and the therapeutic presence of Culture and Arts in our society. Oneness through Art has also brought and celebrated the presence of the diversity of art in all its multi-faceted wonder of creativity. Besides visual art Aurodhan has also endeavoured to bring together the other allied arts which included the performing arts - dance, music and its accompanying illustrated lectures. We congratulate Lalit Verma, the founder and the mover-and-shaker of this mammoth project, who has been instrumental in fostering the creative and charged space at Aurodhan, exemplifying and celebrating the magnanimous spirit of Sri Aurobindo. Art harmonises and unites diverse people of different creed, colour and race. We rejoice at the marathon artistic endeavours that Aurodhan Art Gallery has undertaken over 2019, presenting a record number of exhibitions and performances, bringing visual and performing artists, scholars and rasikas together, to celebrate the message of 'oneness' that Art brings to our midst.

Warmest regards,



Datuk Ramli Ibrahim Chairman, Sutra Foundation Malaysia



Kiran Vyas

Director of Tapovan Open University Yoga and Ayurveda Paris - Normandi.



Lalit Verma, Founder and Director of Aurodhan, a man of Sahitya (Lit), Sangeet (Music, dance and theater) and Kala (Art in all forms).

Three cities of the world have touched my heart, Paris, Prague and Pondicherry for Sahitya, Sangeet and

Lalit Verma is an active leader in these fields in Pondicherry. He creates the beauty, the clepth and the atmosphere.

He is there to spread the message of Bharat, he is there to show the depth and the genious of India. Bharat Shakti.

Presidents, Ministers, Diplomats, Artists, Thinkers are some of his close friends.

The statues in bronze of Sri Aurobindo stand in UNESCO and the parliament house of India are his achievements.

He is blessed by Sri Aurobindo, & the Mother and their Grace and Protection are with him, his wife. Shernaz and their son Krtatma.

He is successful because he is with Satya (Truth), Shivam (the Good) and Sundaram (the Benutiful).

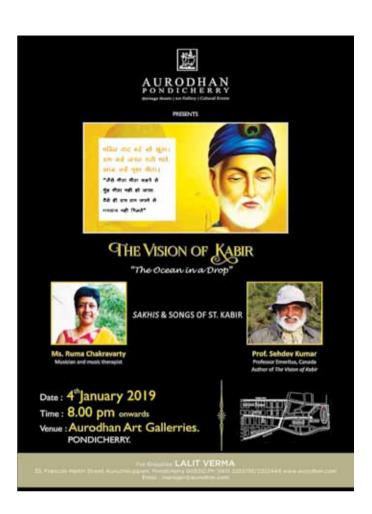
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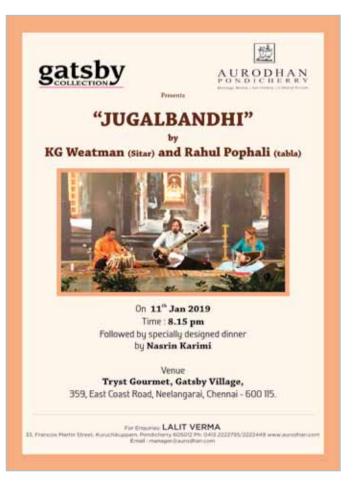
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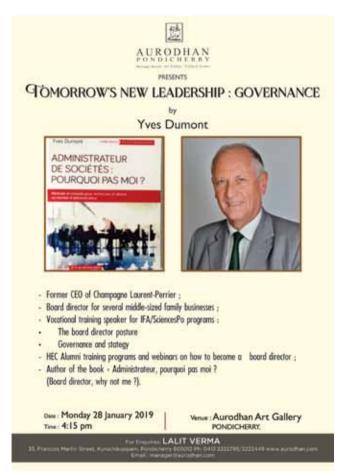




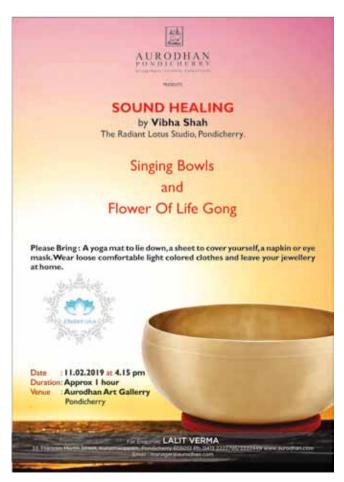










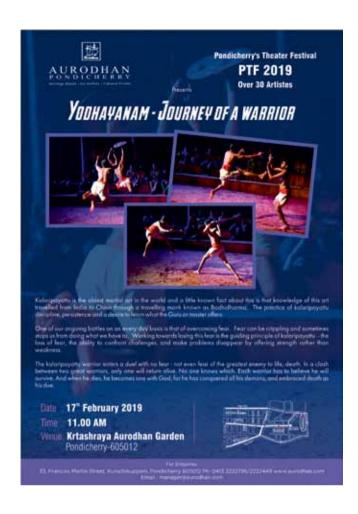


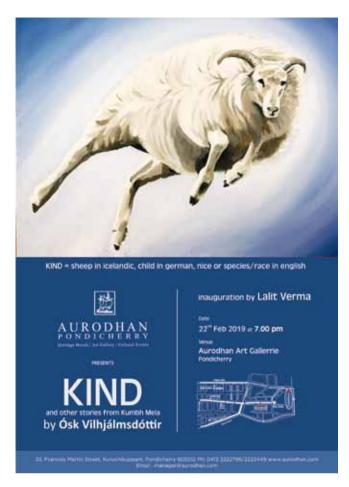


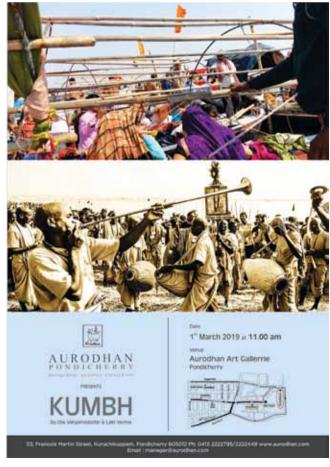


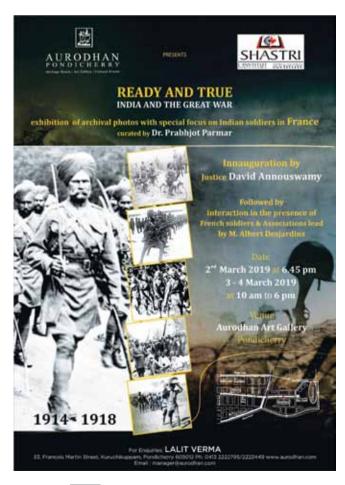


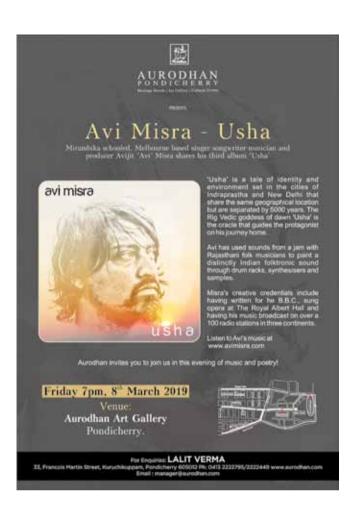


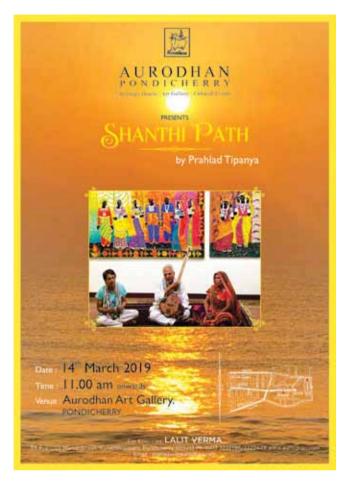


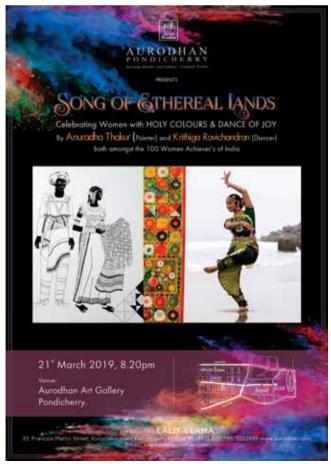




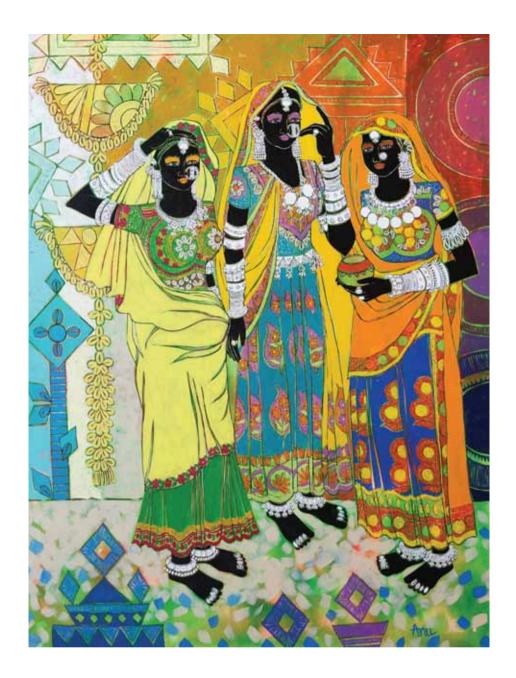


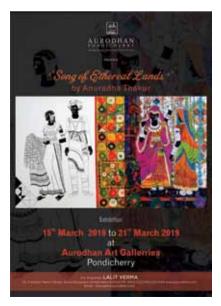












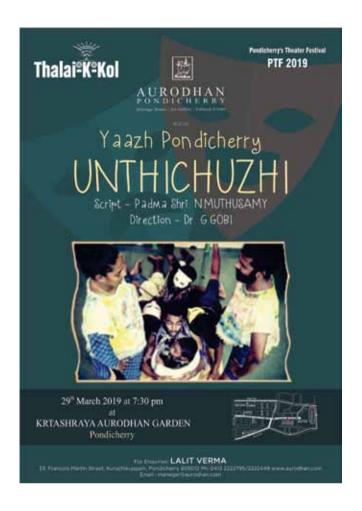


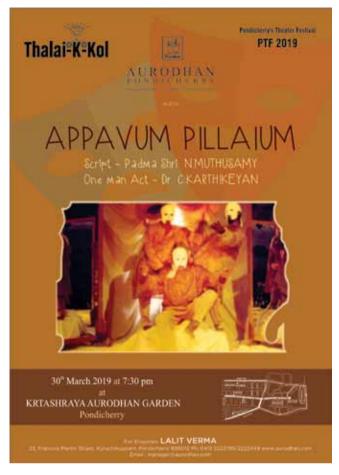
Anuradha Thakur.

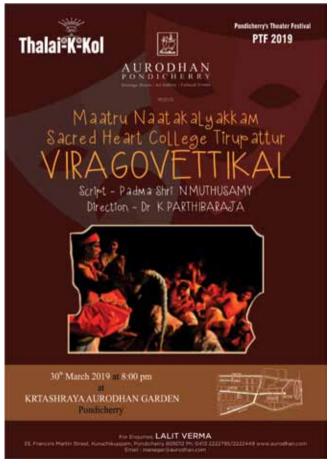
Born in 1960 in Maharashtra.

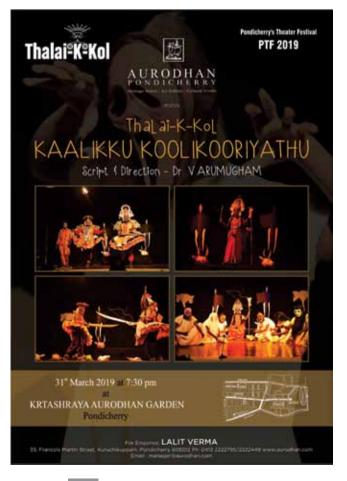
Her beautiful painting with true tribal rhythm titled "Ethnic Serendipity" was displayed at our Prime Minister's Office, New Delhi in 2015. She was felicitated as one of the 100 women Achievers of the country by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, India, in the category 'Art and Culture'.

She has delivered a TED Talk in 2016, received the Women of the Future award 2019, the Woman Global Award 2019, the American Art Award for three paintings in the category Fashion & Spritual 2017. The magazine of EOI "Les Nouvelles de l'Inde" (Paris) has dedicated a column to her in 2014. Twelve paintings from "Song of nature" and Ethereal Rhythm series had been selected for the CRY calendar 2016 and 2012 Greeting Cards.

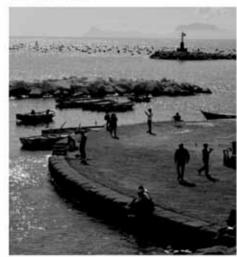












Inauguration by eminent artist Devraj Dakoji on 8th April 2019, 6pm

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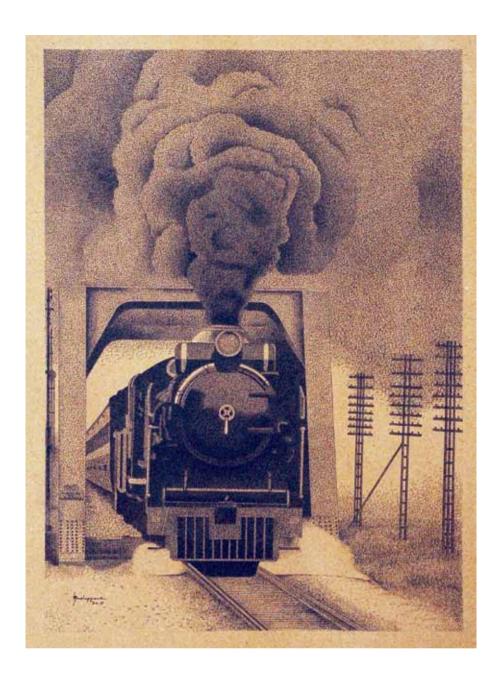


Ravi R.

Born in 1956 in Tamilnadu.

Received the "Kalaimamani" and "Best Fine Art Teacher award" from the Govt. of Puducherry. He is a professional artist and has done paintings in all mediums. He specializes in oil and acrylic. His strokes are bold. He prefers to do natural scenes and there is always a parrot perched somewhere in his work. He also works in black pen and ink drawings with shades of color.

He uses the smudge technique to create special effects in painting.





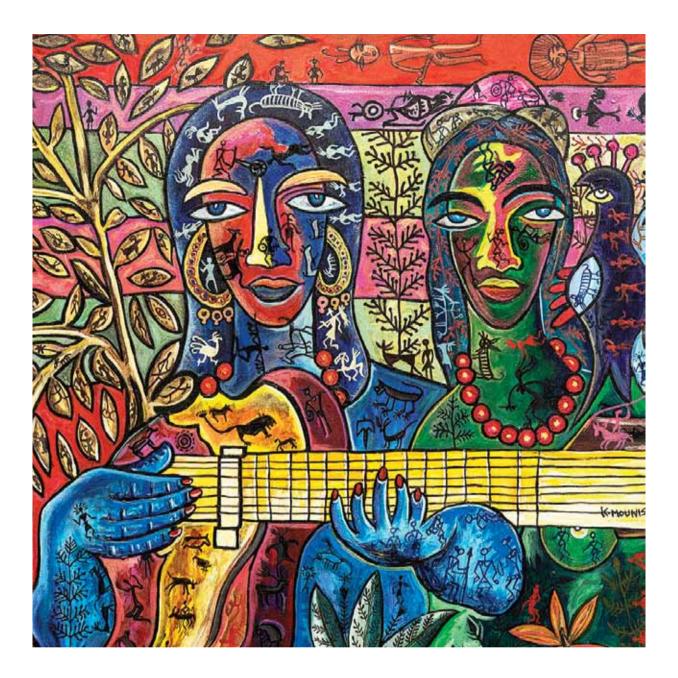


L. Candappane.

Born on 03-12-1969 in Puducherry.

Completed his M.A. in Sociology from Annamalai University, Chidambaram. Did his Diploma in Electrical and Electronics engineering from Muthiya Polytechnic College, Chidambaram. Completed his B.F.A. from Lalit Kalakshetra, Raviraj College of Fine Arts, Coimbatore.

Participated in numerous group shows in India and abroad and received several prestigious awards including "Kalaimamani" from Govt. of Puducherry and Junior Fellowship from Govt. of India, Ministry of Culture, New Delhi. Award for 11th Triennale-India Logo contest from Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi and several from other art organisations.







Mounissamy K.

Born on 11-01-1974 in Pondicherry.

He is a self-taught artist with immense talent and creativity.

He has participated in various state, national and international shows.

His works on canvas reflect nature in vibrant colours and show a synthesis of tradition in modern style. He is inspired by cave temple paintings done in primitive style. His works on canvas reflect a synthesis of traditional and modern art form. To his oeuvre, he has now added 'modern woman' holding a guitar and paintings of yoga. "Painting is like practising yoga," he says.



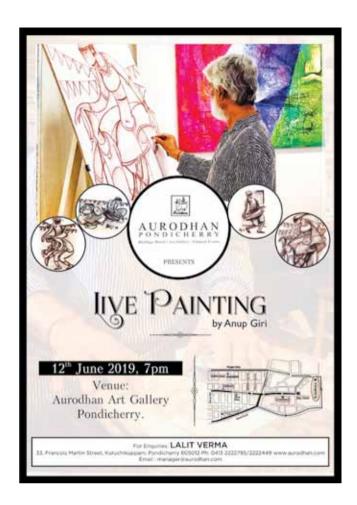


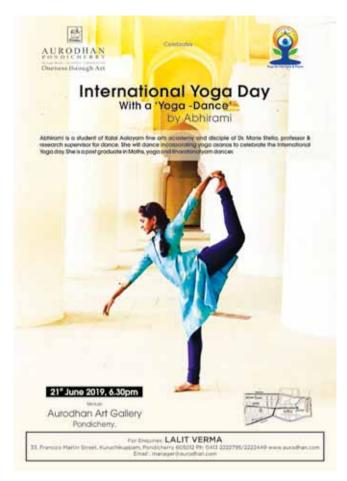


M. Jayaraman.

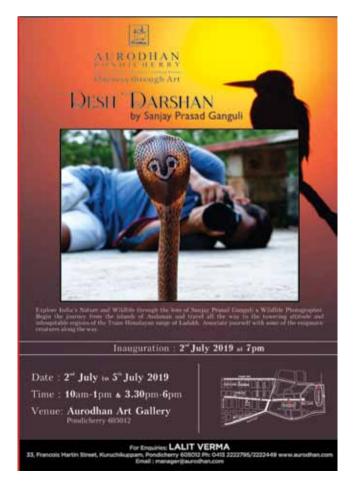
Born in 1973 in Pondicherry. He was interested in drawing from his childhood. He started by doing line drawings intitially. Later on he got interested in painting human faces.

The love for moustaches came on seeing Madurai people and a sense of strength grew in him while painting a moustache.















E. Anandraju.

Born on 30-04-1983 in Pondicherry. Studied B.F.A from Raviraj College of Fine Arts, Coimbatore.

As an artist, he prefers the meduim of water color.

According to the artist, it is a fascinating medium which ideally suits the nuances of landscapes and free expression. He loves the versatility in watercolor painting and finds it an exciting medium.

He is an assistant secretary of Pondicherry Art Akademy.







Soucoumaran.

Born on 26-12-1968 in Pondicherry.

He is a nationally recognised artist by the Lalit Kala Akademi New Delhi. According to him, art is an individual reflection of one's own insight and ideas. He works in various styles.

He has exhibited his works in many parts of India and abroad, and participated in national art camps.

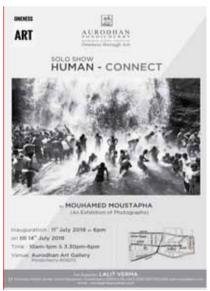




llamourougane. Born on 29-8-1969 in Pondicherry. Education: B.F.A.



He is very strong in live portraits. For the last several years with the help of his subjects (dogs), he is expressing many feelings. He produced and developed his art with 'Dog' expressing regret. In this exhibition, a piece of his art portrays the street dog lying down on the road looking at a kolam without distroying it. The artist feels that we have forgotten all our cultural practices which are actually related to science.





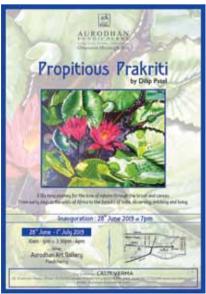


Mouhamed Musthafa.

Born on 16-12-1972.

He is an independent Photographer hailing from Pondicherry, India. About his art, he says: "Growing up in difficult circumstances, I established myself in the area of my passion which is photography (since 2012) where I excel in capturing and showcasing the subtle beauty of life through my visual imagery. The main element one can observe in all of my visuals is simplicity. As I believe that it is through simplicity that one can transfer the beauty of people, the connection between their inner souls and their emotions into the pixels of the camera".







Dilip Patel. Born on 21- 04-1955.

He is a Pondicherry based architect/artist specialising in nature artwork, believing as he does strongly in conservation of the natural environment for future generations to appreciate. He works in watercolour and acrylic on canvas.







Radja Perumal.

Born on 25-02-1984 in Pondicherry.

He is an MFA., M.Phil. graduate. He has received many awards and participated in more than 50 exhibitions including solo shows, group shows and art camps. The concept behind his Artwork is nothing but the exposing of our contemporary society's non-eco-friendly attitudes towards Mother Nature. For example, once, honey bees had enormous landscapes, forests and gardens and a great variety of flowers, wherefrom they could collect their nectar and build their honey combs on the trees, boughs and branches but now the case is different.







Gounassegarin. P (KK Segar).

Born in 1958 in Pondicherry.

Received the "Kalaimamani" award from the Govt. of Puducherry. Participated in many national and international group shows and art camps. Received the National award from SCZCC-Nagpur. He has his works in many private and public collections in France, USA, Germany, the Netherlands and India. His artwork is an epitome of man and his cultural background. It depicts man's ambitions, dreams, visions, sorrows and sufferings. It is a conglomeration of colours that are seen between dawn and dusk, depicted by light and shade. He has painted from his imagination the different aspects of life... all with the purpose of realizing the Divine within him.







Sridaaladevi.

Born in 1990 in Pondicherry. She is an M.com. and MBA. graduate. Did evening course at BPK Fine Arts College.

As she progressed, her semi-realistic works changed to a semi-abstract style of painting. The free bold lines she uses in her paintings strongly demonstrate the delight and enchantment of which she is a part. She believes the canvas is a mirror. She has exhibited her works in several shows and has attended many Art Camps. Her works are in private collections in the USA, Netherlands, France and India.



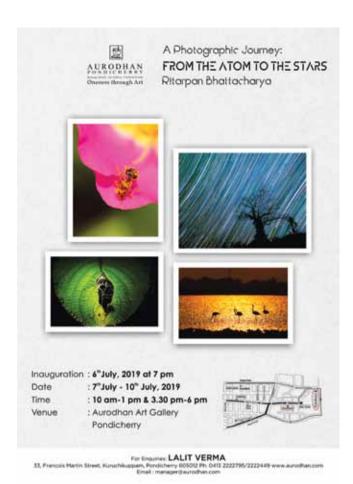


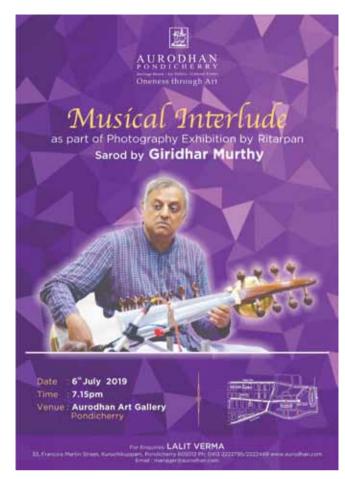
G. Kamal Raji. Born in 1985 in Pondicherry.

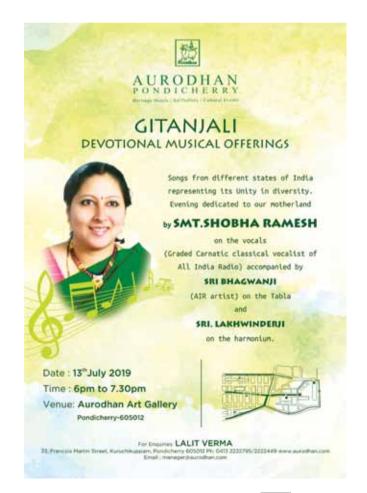
Basically a petro-Chemical engineer.

Currently living in Kuwait. Photography was his hobby and has now become his passion. His lens enables him to capture for posterity moments ranging from the mundane to the unexpected. All his subjects are captured during his travel to various parts of the world.

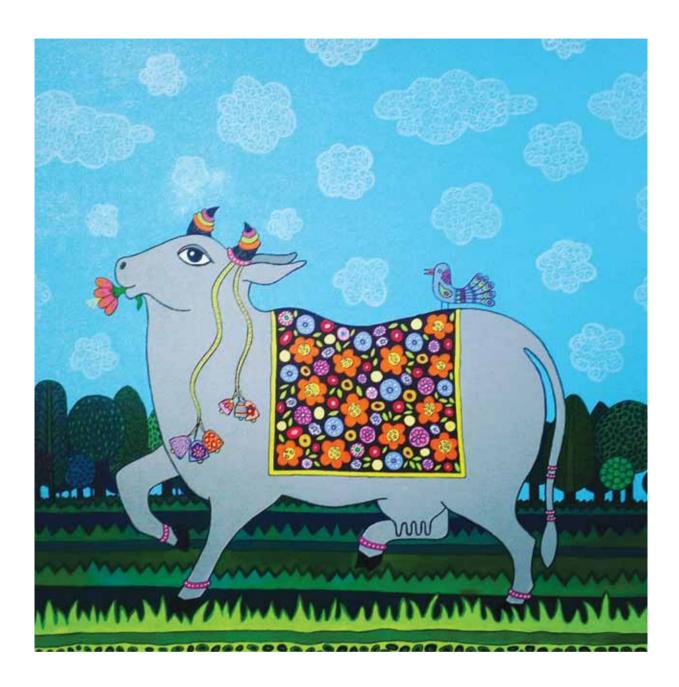
His previous show was held at Lalit Kala Akademi Chennai.















Kashmira.

Born in 1975 in Kolkata.

At present she is based in Pondicherry.

She considers her world of art as a form of meditation. It helps her introspect and develop and gives her a sense of peace and joy.

Her first painting, a woodpecker on silk, was made in 1985. She enjoys detailed work and is fascinated by the expressiveness of eyes. The absence of a formal art education gives her creative freedom. As Alev Oguz says, 'Art is the journey of a free soul. She hopes everyone finds her world revealing and inspiring. The curation of her first solo show at Aurodhan Art Gallery was assisted by Rhea Mehta, a student from Parsons School of Design, New York.



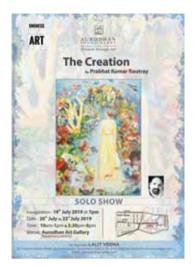




Priti Ghosh.

Priti Ghosh came to Sri Aurobindo Ashram at the age of four and grew up with the Divine Mother's love and guidance. After finishing her education at the Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education she took to teaching there. The Mother, also an artist, guided Priti in her artistic development.

She was helped by eminent sadhak artists of the Ashram. Particularly through the guidance of Shri Sanjiban Biswas she matured into an artist learning the techniques of using water and oil colours in different moods of her paintings and widening her aesthetic perceptions. Her artistic spiritual disposition brings in a wave of devotional and spiritual touch in the domain of Indian art.





Prabhat Kumar Rautray.

Born on 18-02-1955 in Odisha.

Comlepted D.C.A. (Diploma in Commerical Art) from Govt. College of Art and Craft, Khalikote, Odihsa.

His paintings are mostly real life renderings, such as portraits and paintings of spiritual figures. In his painting he specializes in the spatula technique with oil colors. He first came to Pondicherry in 1978 to visit the Sri Aurobindo Ashram. He now lives in Pondicherry and enjoys giving service to the Ashram. His works are regularly shown at exhibitions in Pondicherry and Auroville. In 2017 and 2019 he had his show at Aurodhan Gallery. He is also a teacher and a source of inspiration to others.





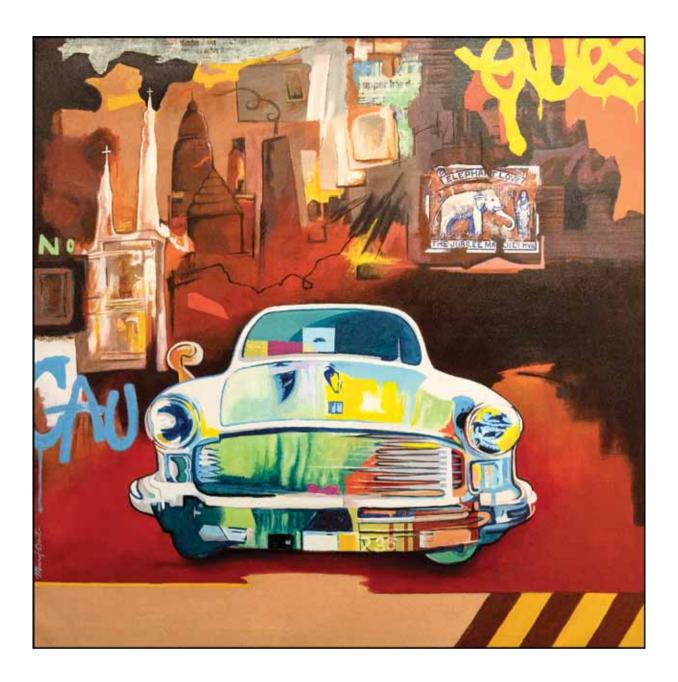


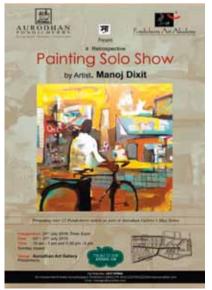


Bipin Acharya.

Born on 02-11-1944 in Mumbai.

"Hand fallows the heart mind calm and quiet observes and supports the inner task that's the aim of my art". He started painting when he was 50 years old. The continuous activity of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram gave him the opportunity to nurture and inculcate this art. Managing the Ashram Exhibition House and working closely with different artists he had the chance to learn new techniques and got inspired by their works. He has participated in many painting exhibitions, international and national. One of these was MAA (Mother), where he was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the former Tourism Minister of India Dr. Karan Singh.



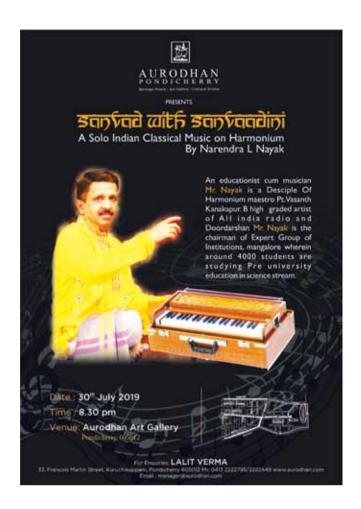


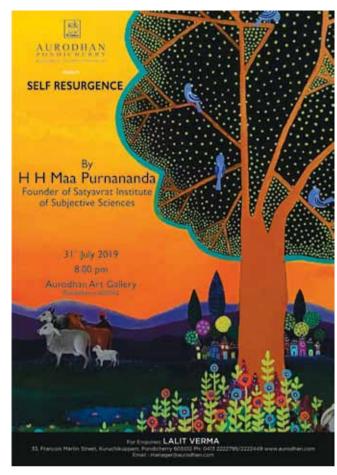


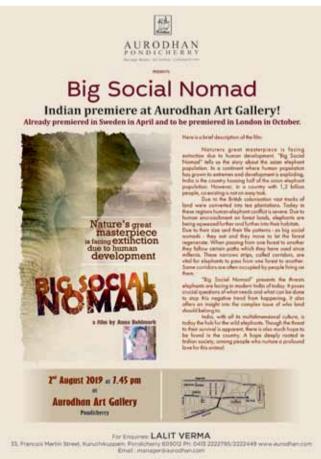
Manoj Dixit. Born in 1974 in Nagaland.

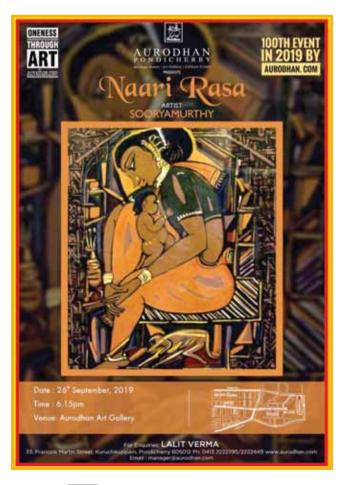
His recent work expresses much about 'himself' and how he relates to the contemporary somewhere between nostalgic inspection of vanishing icons and vivid perceptions of our current culture and social climate. In dealing with random bombardments of contrasts and chaotic harmonies, he attempts to explore the energy behind our unpredictable, contradictory day-to-day lives.

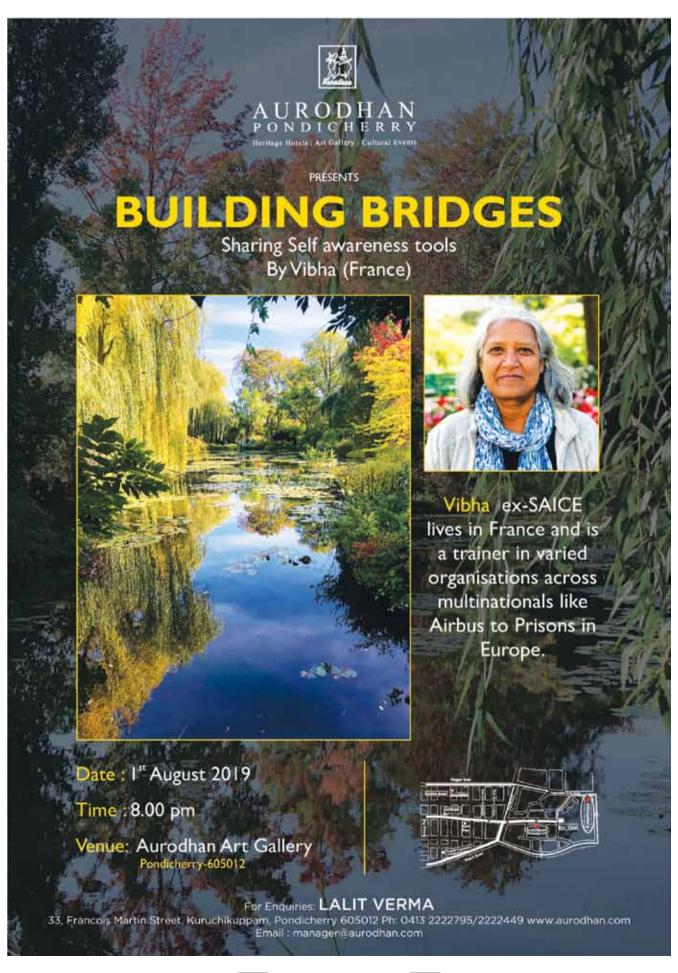
The sensations of layered juxtapositions in a cut and paste environment of a rapidly mutating India are expressed by means of recycled street art and 'objets trouvés'. He is presently based in Pondicherry.























Lalit Verma.

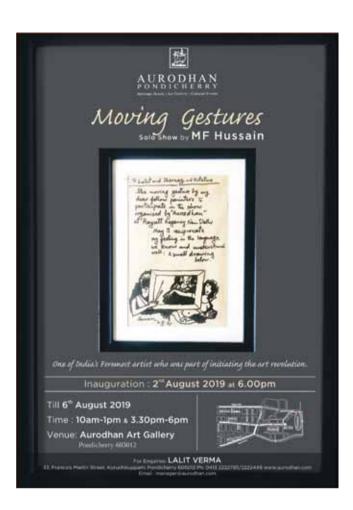
Born in 15-01-1965 in Ludhiana.

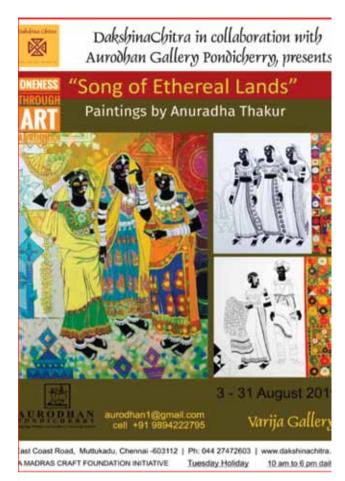
He graduated from Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education.

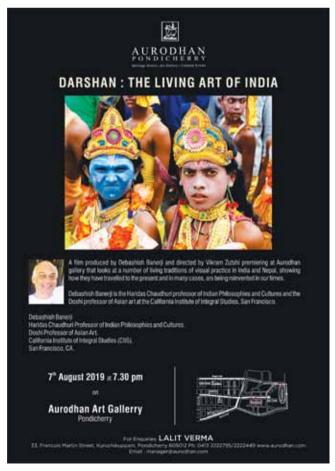
After several years of experience with the TATAs in the corporate world, he returned to Pondicherry where he founded the AURODHAN Art Gallery and runs a small guest house. He holds lots of cultural events.

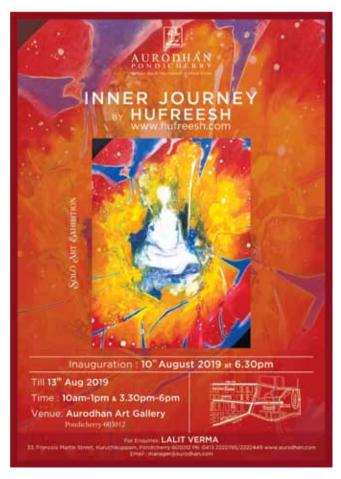
He is a photographer and has held over 12 solo shows in Malaysia, France and

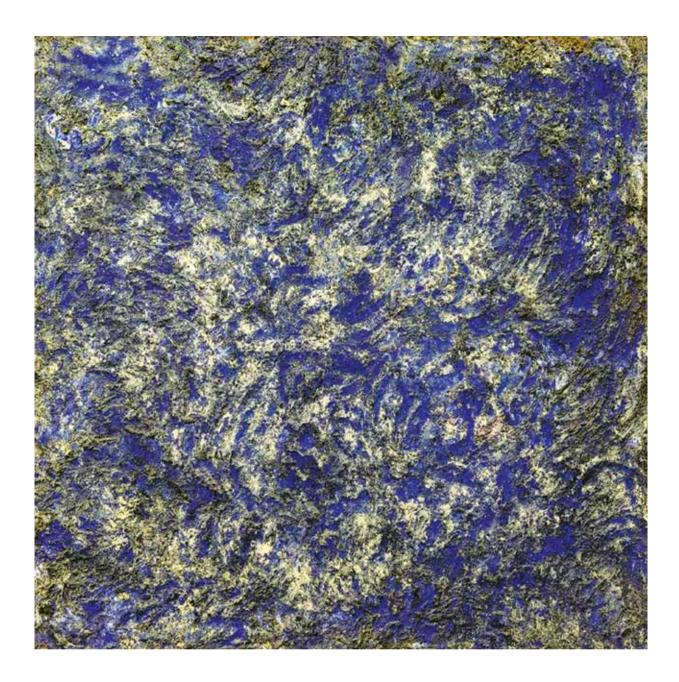
He was honoured by the Indian Prime Minister in the Parliment house in 2007 and by UNESCO Paris in 2009 for his contribution in the cultural field.

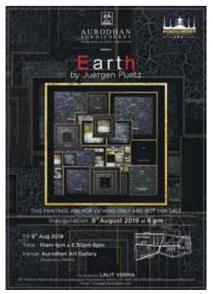














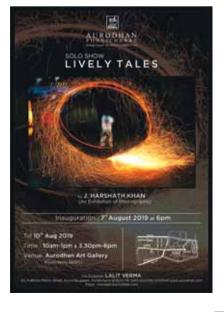
Juergen Puetz.

Born on 29-04-1950 in Germany.

He was interested in art and painting from an early age and began exploring colors and shapes in his late teens. He came to India in 1973 and painting took a backseat as he supported Auroville's land generation efforts. He began again around 2011.

In the artist's words: "In my own 'abstract explorations' I work with all kinds of materials to give expression to a singular flash of inspiration to be materialised on wood or canvas. I work with commercial oil paint, soil from different locations such as Auroville or the Arunachala, different kinds of pigments, oxides, acrylic and oil paints as well as glass paints, linseed oil and arabic gum. "His works have been shown in many exhibitions in Pondicherry and Auroville since 2012.







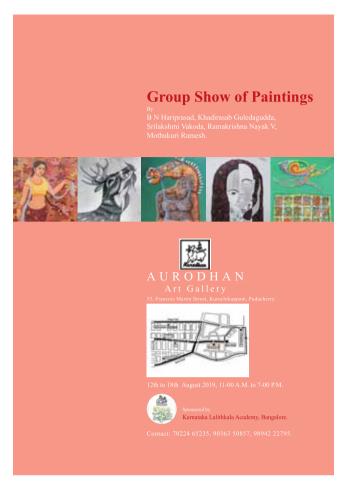
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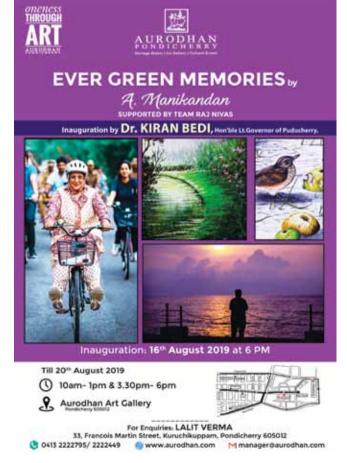
Born on 07- 01-1975.

He is a passionate photographer and film maker from Pondicherry. Has made many films, documentaries and album songs.

"Lively moments are captured through my eyes. Whatever I capture I let it be: the people, joy of festivals, nature etc. The art of photography calms and relaxes me".

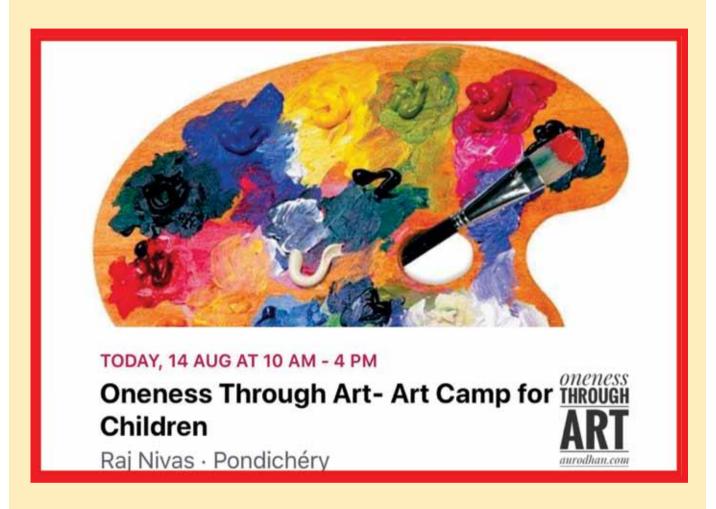


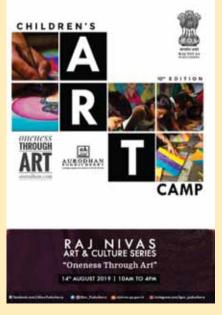




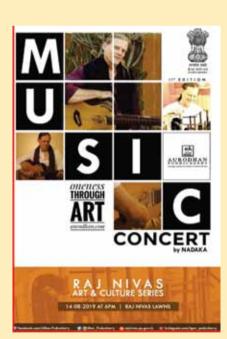


Several Events held at Raj Nivas on 14th August 2019.





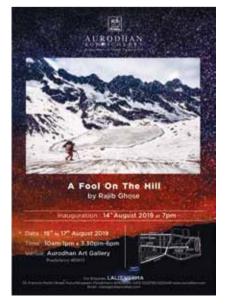














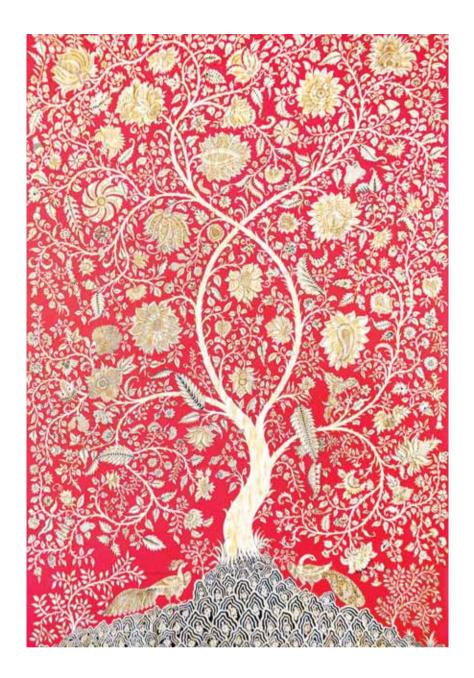
Rajib Ghose.

Born on 28-02-1975

"During that journey to the mountains, *I discovered* that I am here with a mission. The mission is to inform inspire and amaze, not with my words but with the art of capturing moments and colours into images that bring clarity to life.

Click it before it vanishes: I first explored the progression from analogue to digital photography and each time the truth which revealed itself was that nothing can be fake - it is only an opportunity of a click to show who you are, why you are the photographer and what value you can add.

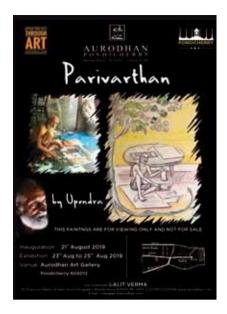
The sharp observation skills that I am gifted with allows me to capture the beautiful story that is happening and is turning into a lifelong memory."







Niranjan.
Born on 10-04-1967.
M.A. in English.
He hails from a traditional Kalamkari artist family.
His works were shown at several exhibitions in India and abroad.
Niranjan has won many awards for Kalamkari art.
His works are held in collections around the world.





Upendra Ratra.

Born on 10-05-1948.

He is a self-taught artist.

He was interested in art since a very young age.

Apart from water colours and oil paints, he has also worked with clay, batik and metal.





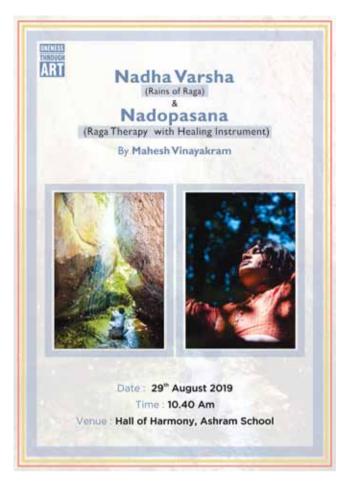


Raj Chowdhary.

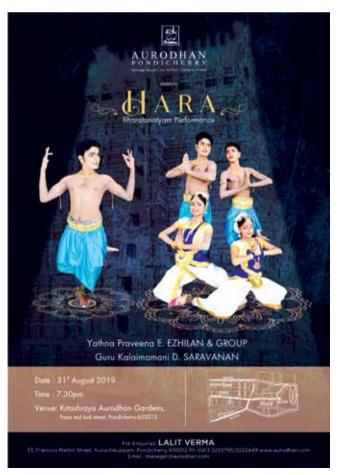
His art has been shown at numerous exhibitions:

"The Beginning" was a solo exhibition at "Aurodhan Art Gallery" Pondicherry in 2019. "Prarambha" art exhibition at "Gaganendra Shilpa Pradarshanshala", Kolkata in 2019. Indo Bangladesh art camp "Amar Bhasha" at Star Theatre, Kolkata in 2019. "Sublime 2018" by Sublime at Star Theatre, Kolkata in 2018. "Artex 2018" by Art of Colors at ICCR Gallery, Kolkata in 2018. "Rupang Dehi Jayang Dehi Yosho Dehi" by Altamira Art Gallery at Kolkata in 2018.

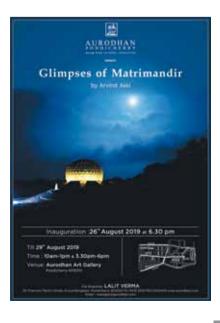












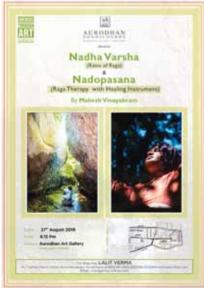


Aravind Akki.

He graduated from Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education. As an artist/photographer he had one solo and many group shows and has participated in artist camps.

According to photographer Pesi Dubash, Aravind Akki "has a gift few photographers can boast of and that is: to see the beauty in his subject and bring it forth for the world to see. He is an artist with talent par excellence. In my humble opinion he stands tall amongst equals."





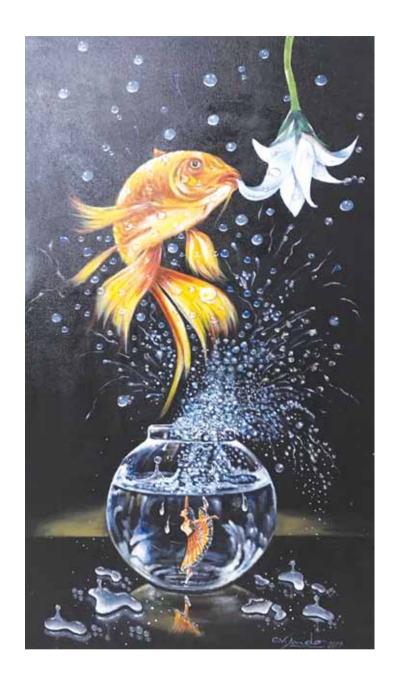


Mahesh Vinayakram.

Mahesh Vinayakram, son of the Ghatam legend Padmabhushan T. H. Vikku Vinayakram, is the first Indian male singer to be cast in the Cirque du Soleil.

He started his career as a solo vocalist at the age of 19, Among many prizes and awards he won the "UNESCO Award" for the Millennium Concert held in Indonesia in 2000. He has participated in many festivals and musical productions around the globe and with world class musicians to list a few Ustad Zakir Hussain, Steve Smith, Pete Lockett, Talvin Singh, A. R. Rahman and many others. He has toured extensively to many places in Europe, U.S., Africa, Asia and Austrelia.

He has many music albums to his credits which are available in online stores including Google.

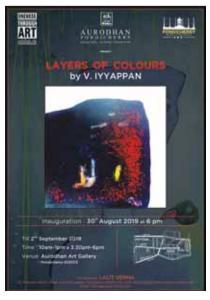






C v Ando@Velmourougan.Born on 13-11-1971.
Participated in two solo and four group shows.







V. lyyappan.

Born in 1994 in Thiruvannamalai.

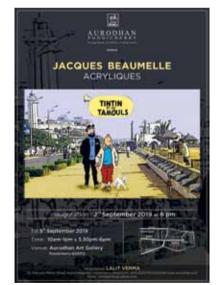
M.Sc (Public Health Entomology) 2016 ICMR-VCRC, Puducherry.

He is a self-taught artist.

Participated in two solo shows in 2018 and 2019 and four group shows between 2014 and 2019 in Chennai and Puducherry.











Jacques Beaumelle.

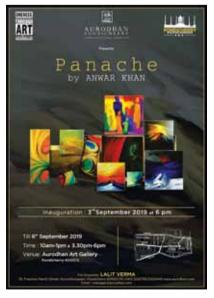
Born on 25 -11-1950 in France.

At present he is living in Pondicherry.

As an artists he expresses what he feels freely. All of his paintings have something in common; they reflect the magnificence of lights and colors of Mediterranean

landscapes and trees. Local boats and architecture are also subjects of his inspiration. In addition, he paints portraits.







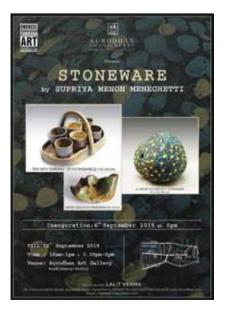
Anwar Khan.

Born on 12 - 02 - 1964 in Pondicherry.

In spite of being a businessman it didn't take long for the self-taught freelance artist to acknowledge himself as an ingenious talent in this domain.

Having gained a stupendous experience he is one of the eminent artists in both traditional and contemporary works. Abstract paintings are his passion.





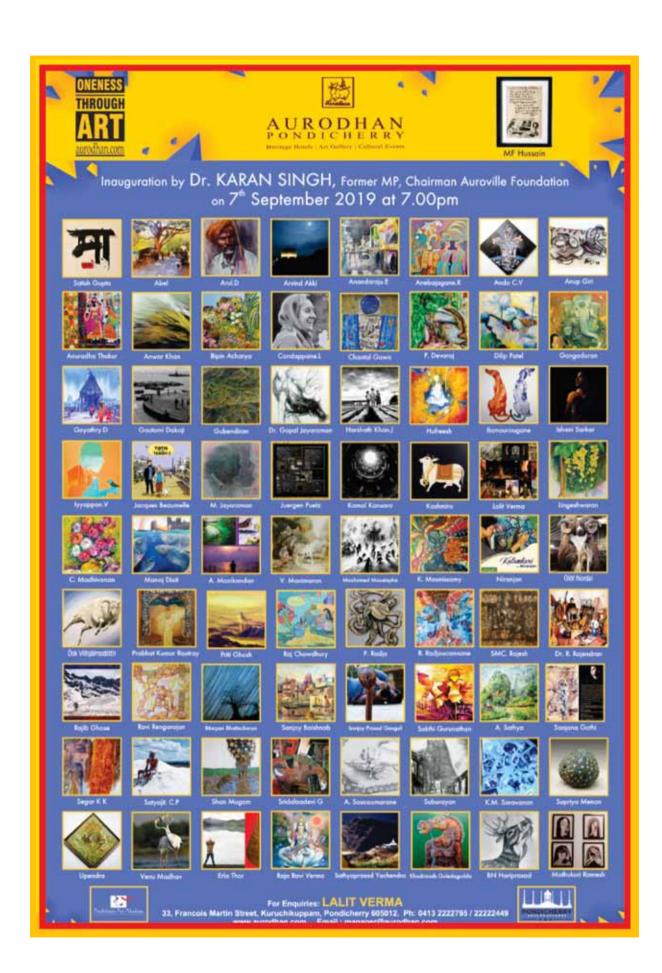


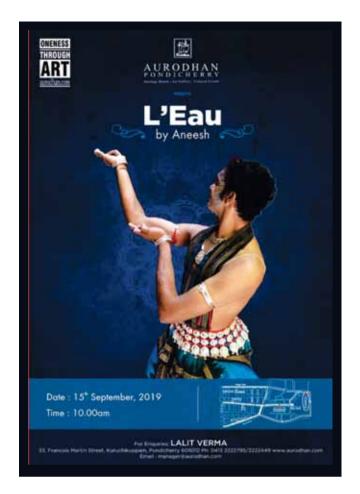
Supriya Menon Meneghetti.

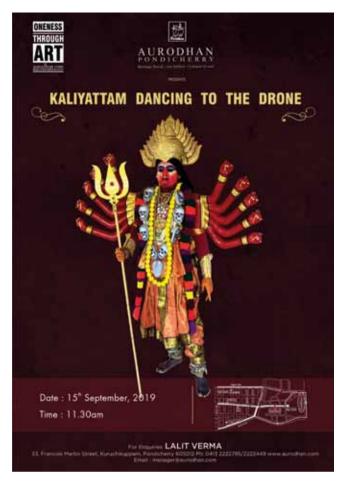
She is a ceramic and an Ikebana artist with love for painting. In ceramics she uses different clays and different ways of firing in a gas kiln and an anagama kiln which reflect different surfaces to express her creativity.

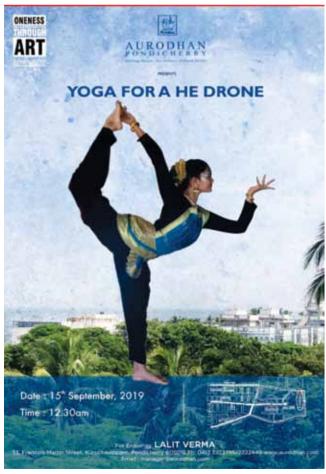
Form is her ever attractive inner drive. A thought, an idea, a vision starts the process of creating and then while creating, intuitive energy takes the lead. Finally the fire completes the process. The three mediums interflow to create an artwork.

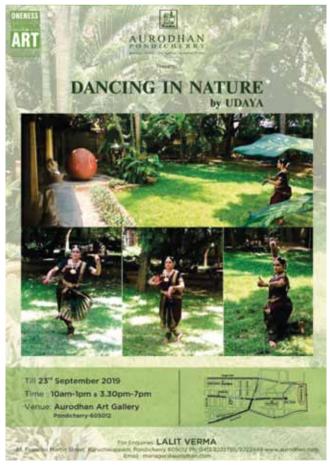
Her works have been exhibited widely in India, as well as abroad. South Korea, the UK and Italy.



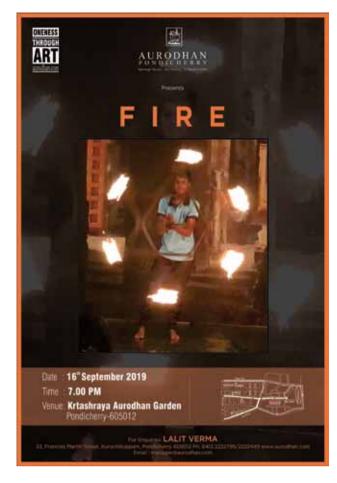


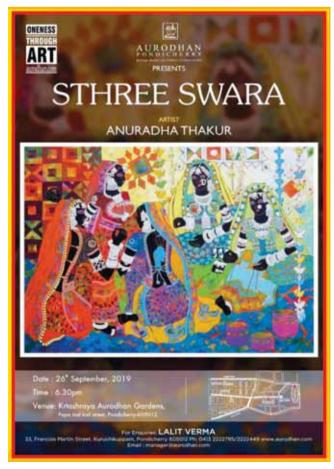


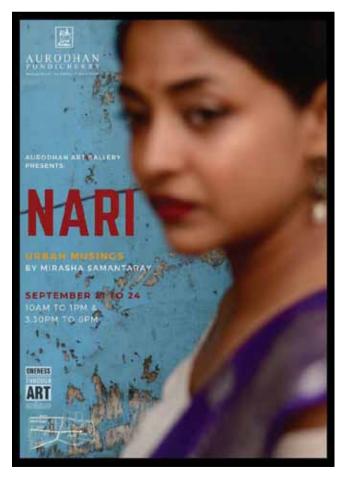


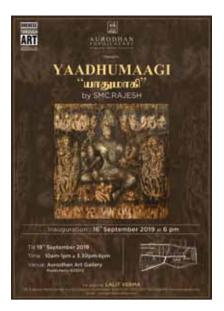


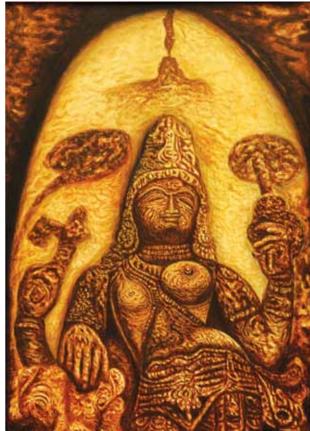








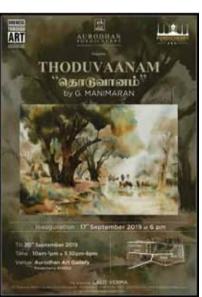




S.M.C. Rajesh.

Born on 16-12-1972 in Pondicherry.
Education B.A. in Tamil language.
Participated in two solo shows, 20 group shows and 5 Art Camps.
Lives and works in Pondicherry.









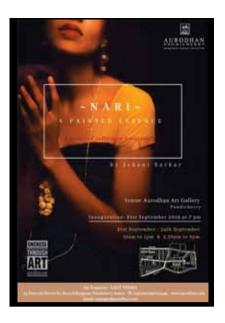
G. Manimaran.Born on 13-04-1972 in Pondicherry.
Education M.Sc, (Agri).
Participated in 18 group shows and 4 Art Camps.







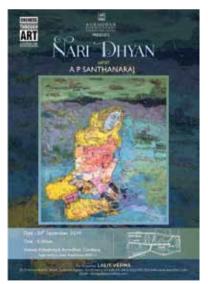
SAV Elaiyaraja.
Born on 16-05-1979.
Studied B.F.A. in DMS Mysuru.
He had two solo and eight 'two men' shows in Chennai and Pondicherry. He lives and works in Chennai.





Ishani Sarkar.

I was first introduced to photography at school at the age of 15 and it claimed me immediately. We studied the renaissance artworks and paintings, understood the invisible lines and compositions considered from various cultures, as well as learned bout the prevailing rule of the thirds in photography composition from our teacher Yann Pitchal. But then the most fun part of those classes were applying what we had learnt and by taking photos, exploring our surroundings, always trying to find unexpected perspectives and using natural light by reflecting and bending it, which would later go on to surprise the viewers at the exhibition that we would hold. That was the beginning of my journey in photography. I have ever since continued to improve my skills.

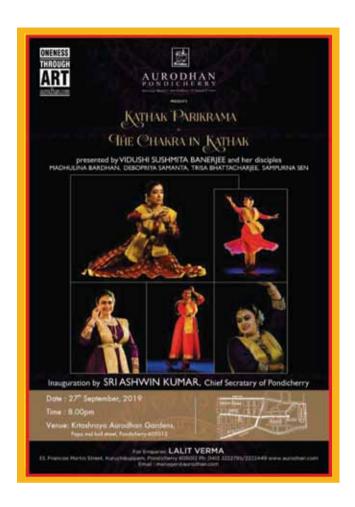


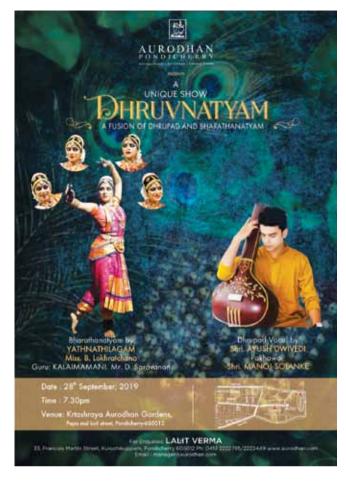


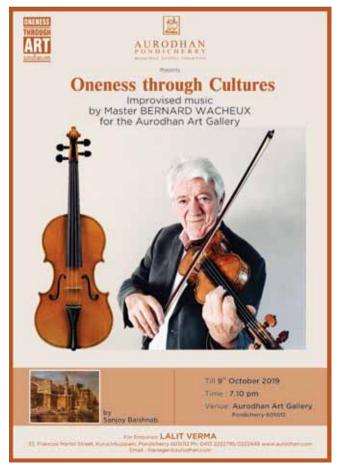
A. P. Santhananraj. Born in 1932.

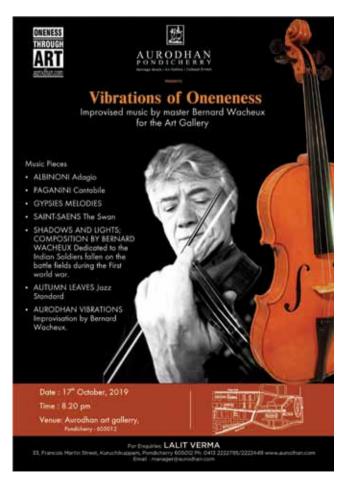
Studied at the College of Arts and Crafts, Chennai. He was principal of the college from 1985 -1990. Recipient of several awards: including the National Award (1957), Kala Ratna (1997) and the Kalaimamani Shiromani award (1996). Retrospectives of his works were held in Delhi in 1990 and 2001. Has executed portraits for Parliament House New Delhi and murals for the Madras State Museum.

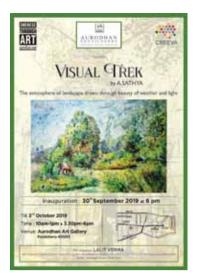


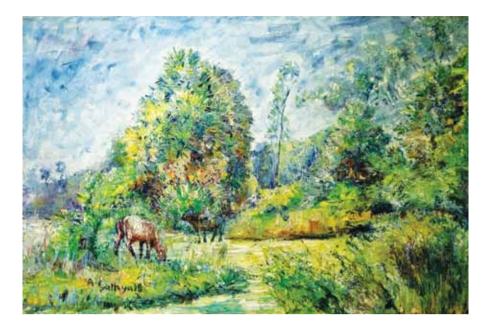










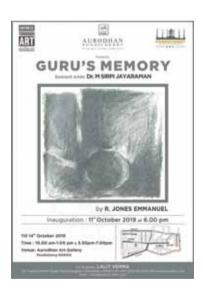




A. Sathya.

Having lived in Auroville my whole life I have been passionate about painting. Since my early years I have pursued art as my way of expressing my instincts. I've participated in many group and solo shows besides art camps. I love sharing my works through exhibitions and by participating in different activities to experience the depth of art and enlarge my perspectives.

Currently I am happy to present my "Visual Trek" exhibition. Through it, I share with you my love of Nature. I have ventured out with my art materials and visited various scenes. I can only begin painting when the landscape affects me deeply. Roaming is an integral part of my Art as I am drawn to the atmosphere. Dealing with light and shade, I'm led into the process and I intuitively know when the process is done.



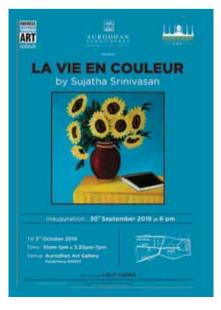




Jones Emmanuel.

Born on 12 - 02 -1994 in Pondicherry Studied visual communication in Government College of Art and Craft (GCAC) Chennai, 2012 to 2016. Working as a designer and illustrator.



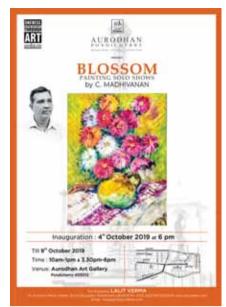




Sujatha Srinivasan.

She is a self-taught artist from Pondicherry, and is the founder of Studioviya based in Bangalore. Years of creative influences through nature, music and dance led her to discover her passion for art which she began pursuing seriously after quitting her career as a marketing professional. She explores diverse themes in acrylic, oil and watercolour, and draws inspiration from Mother Nature and objects in daily life and loves sharing her passion with students, helping beginners overcome initial barriers in art. She also conducts group workshops to explore their creative dimensions.

Some of her works are at private collections in India and the USA. She holds a post-graduate degree in Computer Applications from Pondicherry University.





C. Madhivanan.Born on 24-08-1968.
He has 30 years of exeperience a fine arts teacher.
Participated in several group shows and art camps.









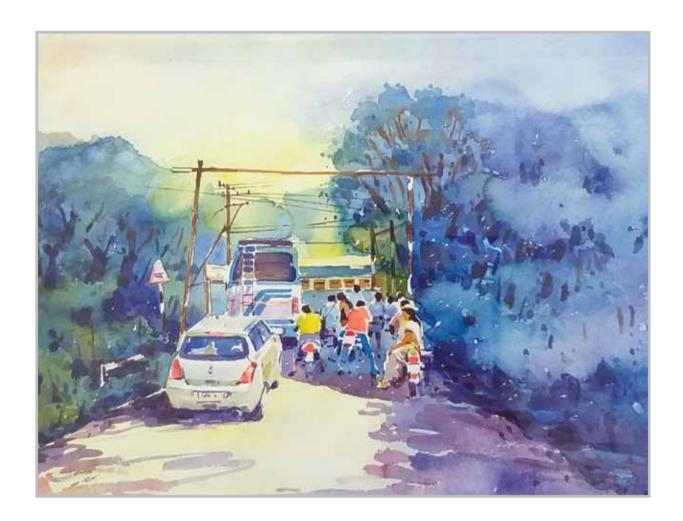
P. Devaraj.

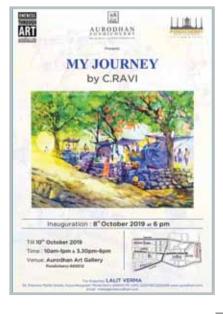
Born on 17-11- 1960 in Puducherry.

He was interested in painting since childhood.

After completing schooling he got the Tamil Nadu Examination Certificate. From 1972 he has trained eligible teachers.

He is also familiar with stone and clay sculptures, painting, poetry, and more. Since 1988, he is associated with the Puducherry Museum.



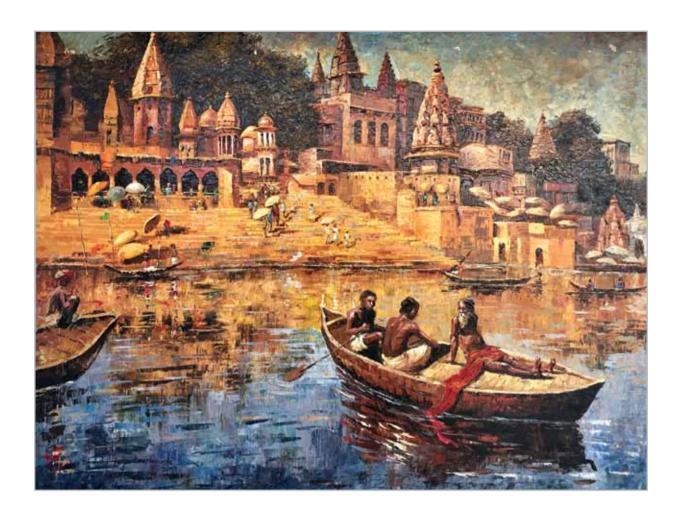




Born on 01-04-1979 in Pondicherry. B. F. A. (Painting). M.A. (History).

My work has been featured in exhibitions in the state and national level. His works are in various collections in France, London and Qatar.

My paintings feature the natural scenes, I admire and the real people i saw surprisingly and amazed at the nature of the people who are forced to live for themselves in the society.







Sanjoy Baisnab.

Born on 04-01-1986.

B. F. A. Painting from Govt. College of Art and Craft Calcutta University. Participated in 12 exhibitions, two solo shows, one group show. His works are published in various Ramakrishna Mission Children Magazines.

C. Vijayalakshmi Prabhakaran.

Born on 23-05-1970.

Paticipated in 3 group shows.

She has 23 years of exeperience in tradional Tanjore Painting. Won Kalaimamani award in 2011 in Pondicherry.









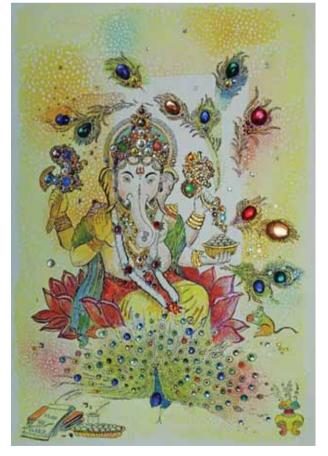


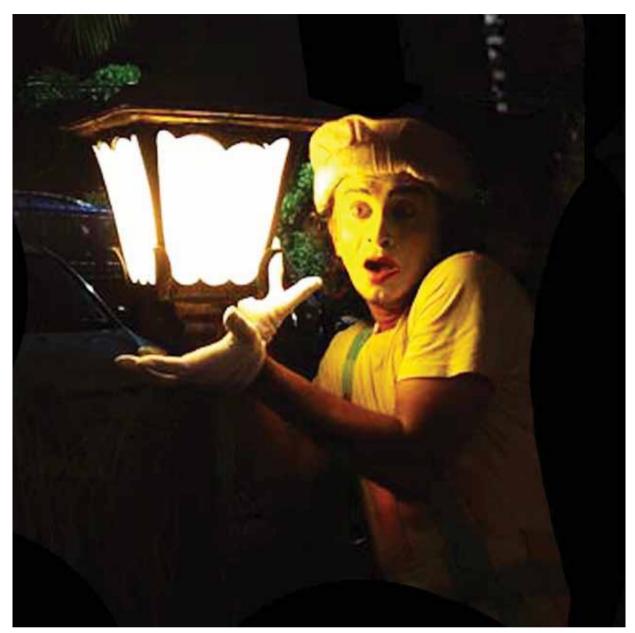
Olaf Van Cleef.

Born on 11-12-1950 in Paris. Died on 08-11-2018 in Pondicherry.

He started painting from an early age. His first visit to India with his grandmother in 1964 made a strong impression on his young mind. Cleef was a sales consultant for the French jewlery company Cartier for thirty-three years.

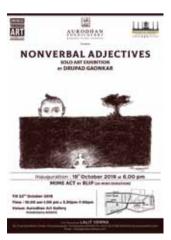
Since 2002, he essentially created compositions such as collages with metallic papers of different colors and crystals from Swarovski. His subjects are drawings of Indian inspiration, using watercolor, pastel and ink as medium. The themes of most of his paintings are Hindu gods and goddesses as well as scenes from Hindu mythology. His art has been described as "... unmistakably Indian, but with a subtle French touch."





Drupad Goankar. Artist, Mime Actor.

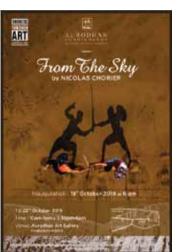












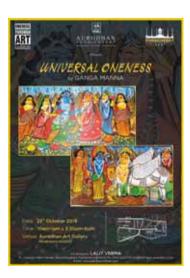


Nicolas Chorier.

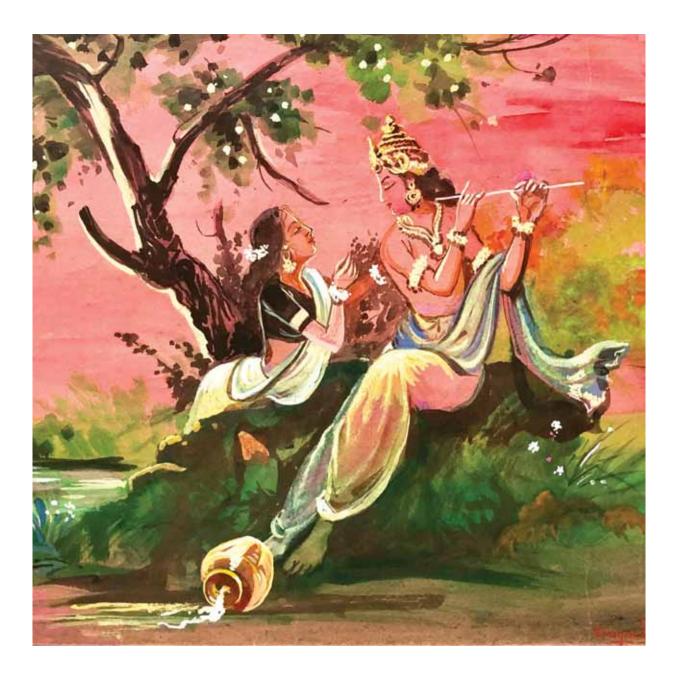
Nicolas Chorier is a professional photographer, specialised, for the last 15 years in Kite Aerial Photography, the only real eco-friendly aerial photography.

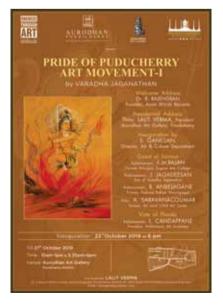
These photographs challenge one's sense of orientation and perspective, play with textures and graphics and provide a close view of the world from an unusual angle.

The kites' precision and potential provide an exciting, cost effective and innovating solution for any type of aerial capture from the ground or from a boat in motion, for tracking smoking vessels or wild life, as well as coastal survey. It's the simplest way to carry an aerial platform anywhere in the world, with no hassle due to administration procedures, energy logistic... It all fits in a couple of regular cases and can be operational in 10 minutes time.











Varadha Jaganathan.

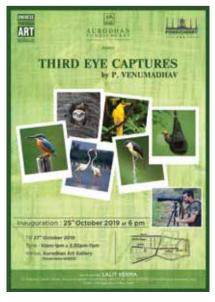
Born on 12-08-1910.

From a young age, he devoted most of his time to art and sculpture. At the Govt. School of Arts and Crafts Madras where he studied painting for six

years, his skills got sharpened under the guidance of D. P. Roy Choudhary. After completing his course in 1937 with a 1st class Jaganathan came back home to experience and work full-time with various mediums.

It is reported that the first portrait he made was of K. Moutoupoulle, the last mayor of French Pondicherry.







P. Venumadhav.

Born on 11- 08-1990.

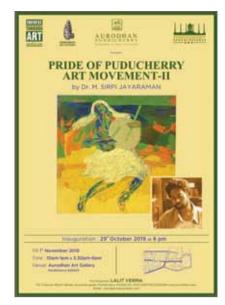
He was in love with Nature since childhood.

Bird photography has been his special interest.

For the past five years he has been clicking away.

For him it is a continuous journey of capturing so many beautiful moments to educate the children and save our natural environment.

He is a professional photographer and traveller.





Dr. M. Sirpi Jayaraman.

Born in 1964 in Tamilnadu.

He is a renowned personality in the world of fine arts and is deemed as one of the "Modern Icons of Art & Culture".

He completed the Bachelor and Doctoral Degree in Fine Arts.

His artwork has been shown at many exhibitions in India and abroad. Dr. M. Sirpi Jayaraman is also a creative sculptor and versatile artist in the field of music, playing creative roles and composing songs. He has written many books related to fine arts and performing arts.

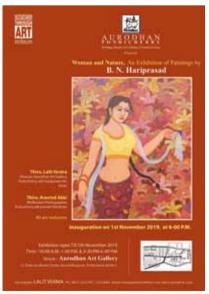
He believes that "Art is for People".













B. N. Hariprasad.

Born on 21- 07-1990, in Tumukuru Karnataka. Education: 2010 Bachelor of visual art in Tumkur. 2012 Master of visual art in Gulbarga.

Paricipated in 33 group shows and three solo shows. Participated in several art camps. His works are in many private collections.







Khadirasab Guledagudda.

Born on 08-06-1989 in Karnataka.

Education in M.M.K College of Visual Art Gulbarga. M.V.A. in Painting 2012. M.Phil. in Painting at Kannada University, Hampi 2014. Participated in group shows, solo shows and Art Camps. Received the 2010 Panchayat Raj Award for the best painting. His works are in various collections in Mumbai, Bangalore & Orissa.

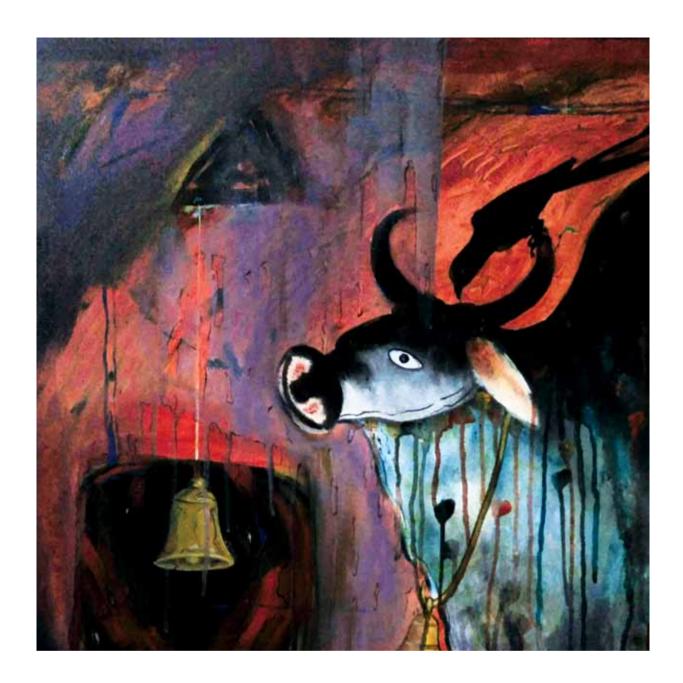




Sri Lakshmi Vakoda.

Born on 13-04 - 1974 in Karnataka. Participated in eight group shows. One solo show and five art camps in India. According to her teacher, she was very apt in acquiring various Indian styles of painting and techniques.







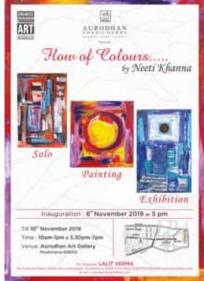


Panchanan Samal.

Born on 20 - 03 - 1973 in Odisha.

Education: B.F.A. in Painting from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar-1993. M.F.A. in Painting from Indira Kala Sangeet Viswavidyalaya, Khairagh (M.P.) 1997. Participated in solo and group shows and several art camps. He won the state award for painting by Orissa Lalit Kala Academy 2002.

His paintings are in many private and public collections in India, London, Chicago and Australia.





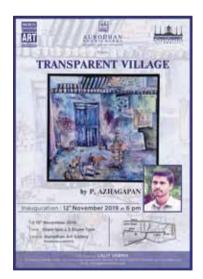


Neeti Khanna.

Born on 11-12-1968, in Amritsar, Punjab.

Studied at Delhi college of art, masters in history of art from Punjab University, Chandigarh.

1st solo show in Aifacs in 1993, other shows in habitat center Delhi, Nehru center, Mumbai, Chandigarh Museum Gallery, three shows in Pitanga (Auroville), one in Bharat Niwas (Auroville) and three shows in Tasmai Gallery in Pondicherry.





P. Azhagapan.

Born on 03-09-1987 in Pondicherry.

Graduated in Arts & Science.

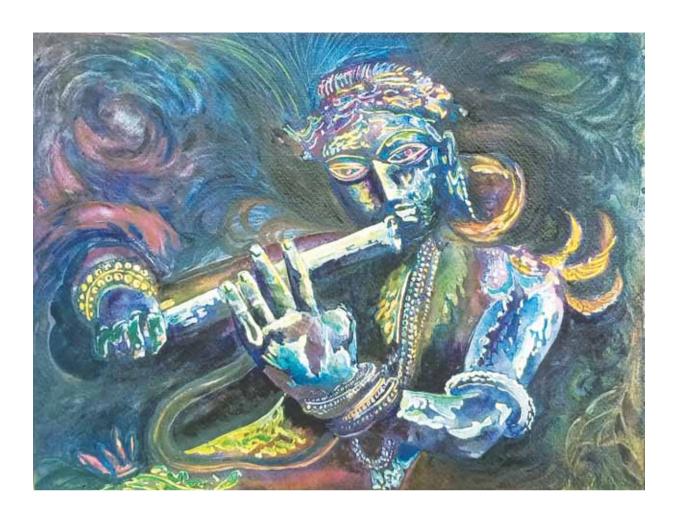
4-years post graduation in Fine Arts at Bharathiyar Palgalai Kodam Pondicherry.

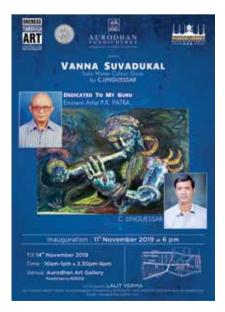
Started working in Vivekananda school.

Participated in one solo show, seven group shows and four art

Was part of five workshops and got the best Art Teacher Award in 2014 - 2017.









C. Linguessar. Born on 06 - 02 -1968. Education B.A. (History) from Tagore Arts College, Pondicherry. B. Ed. from Pope John Paul II College of Education, Pondicherry. P.G. diploma in pre-primary education. Participated in two solo and 23 group shows.



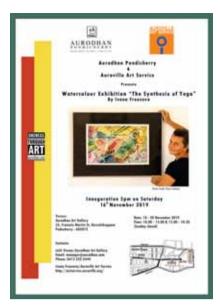




Mothukuri Ramesh.

Born in 1970 in India. Education: M.V.A. and B.F.A. in Painting. Gulbarga University, Karnataka. Passed first in class in both.

Participated in 12 solo shows, 42 group shows, 46 major state, national and international art exhibitions. Attended 16 State, national and international Art Camps. Got nine Awards and Fellowships for his contribution to art and was feliciated by many organisations. Works are in various collections in India, the U.S., Belgium, Canada, and Sri Lanka. He has travelled widely in India and visited Nepal, Qatar and Oman. Published articles in Telugu media and was an art juror for many exhibitions. He lives and works in India.





Ivana Frousova.

Born on 16-7-1965 in Czechoslovakia.

Holds a Master degree in Finance from the University of Economics in Prague. Lived in the United Kingdom for nine years.

Started to draw and paint five years ago.

Experienced in different mediums and focusses on abstract paintings with limited watercolours.

Had the first solo show at Kala Kendra (Auroville) in April 2017. Participated in many group shows.

Ivana lives in Auroville since July 2014. "To paint means to live".



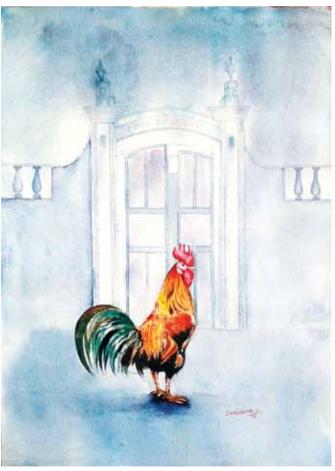




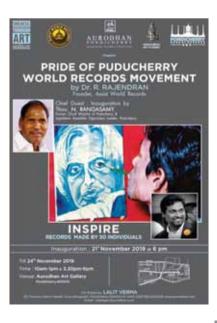


S. Sakthidasan.

Born on 5-10-1987 in Pondicherry. Education: Diploma in Civil Engeering. Had two solo shows and 30 group shows. He is currently teaching.









Dr. R. Rajendran.

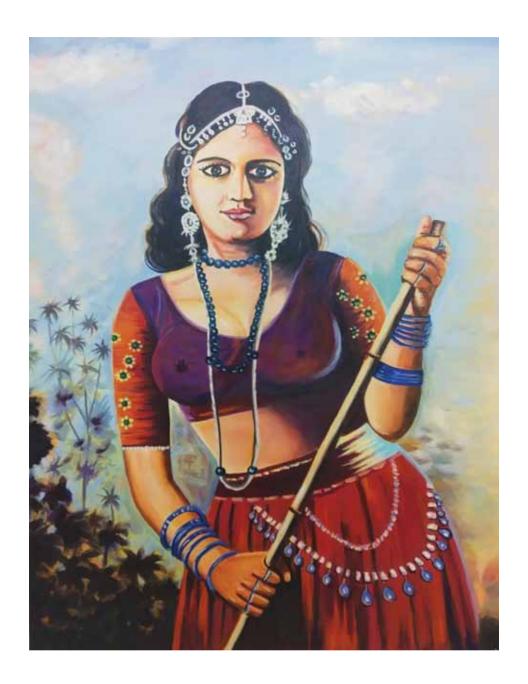
Born on 06-08-1981 in Puducherry.

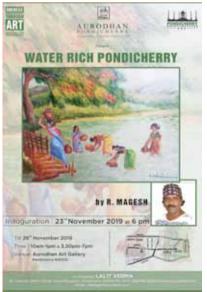
He is the founder and chairman of "Assist World Records" research foundation. He assisted people in expressing and exploring their talents.

In 1998, he started his small innovative style of painting by the mouth, toes, tongue and fingers.

This type of creativity was appreciated by his school friends and teachers. Presently "Assist World Records" has reached more than 60 countries and 3 crore people.

He has had five photography shows in different parts of India.







R. Magesh G. B. Born on 01-03-1963 in Pondicherry. Participated in one solo show, 10 group shows and several art camps. He won the National award from the President of India Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy in 1981.







Alfred Bast.

Born in 1948 in Germany.

After pursuing his studies of painting at the state academy of fine arts in Stuttgart, Germany, he received several scholarships. For his work, he has stayed in Georgia, Senegal, the U.S., Hungary and Canada. He has spent time in Pondicherry and Auroville since 1994.

Alfred Bast is also the founder of the initiative KUNSTKLOSTER art research, which supports exhibitions, seminars, performances, talks and publications on international, national and regional levels.

According to Bast, artwork evolves from within and expresses itself outwardly while the outer interiorises it self.







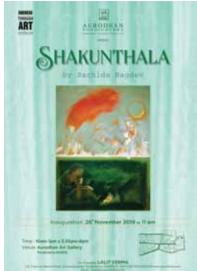




Kathryn Mayers.Born in the U.S.A.

She is a professor of Art at the University of Connecticut and a three-time India Fulbright scholar.

Her paintings in the exhibition at Aurodhan Art Gallery served to document the early years of her two-decades long engagement with India.







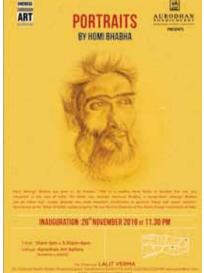
Born on 25 -10 - 1939. Died on 29 - 05 - 2017.

He studied at Sir J. J. School of Art, Bombay in 1961 and received an M.A. in ancient Indian history and culture in 1962. In 1970 he was awarded an M.A. in Painting from Vikram University, Ujjain.

He participated in many solo shows in India and abroad. His works are in various collections including the National Gallery of Modern Art and Lalit Kala Akademy. He received many awards for his work.





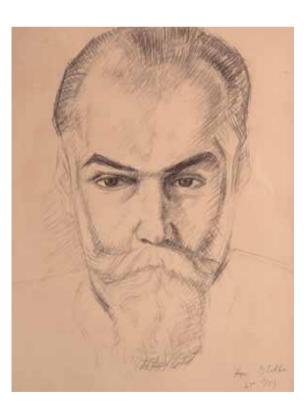


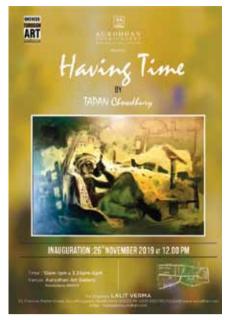
Homi Jehangir Bhabha

Born on 30 - 10 - 1909. Died on 24 - 01 - 1966.

He was an Indian nuclear physicist, founding director, and professor of physics at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) TIFR and AEET. They were the corner stones of Indian development and nuclear weapons which Bhabha also supervised as director. Apart from this he was also an artist.

Bhabha was awarded the Adams Prize in 1942 and Padma Bhushan in 1954. He was also nominated for the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1951 and 1953–1956.



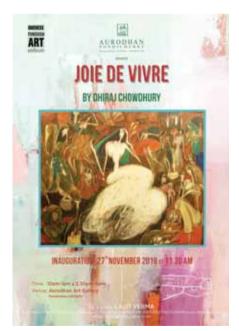






Tapan Bhattacherjee. Born on 12 -11-19 67 in Kolkata. Studied B.V.A. from Govt. College of Art & craft in 1990.

Participated in one solo show and five group shows at the Academy of Fine Arts in Kolkata 2001, Kala Mela and Open air show organized by Birla Academy of Art and Culture at Kolkata - 2000, 2001, 2004, 2006, Calcutta Information Center - 2005 and two other art camps. His works are in the collections of Mystiq Art Gallery, New Delhi, The Art Mall, New Delhi, Aurodhan Art Gallery, Pondicherry and other personal collections in Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata and abroad.







Dhiraj Chowdhury.

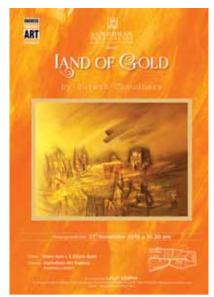
Born on 01-04 - 1936. Died on 01 - 06 - 2018.

He was a famous Indian artist.

He has more than 80 exhibitions to his credit.

Among them, 16 were on the international platform.

His works were exhibited in Geneva along with those of Salvadore Dali and Joan Miro.







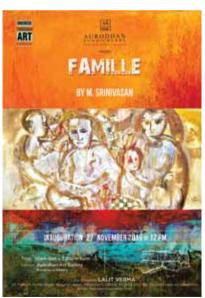
Suresh Chowdhary.

Born in 1943.

Studied G. D. Art at Sir J. J. School of Arts Bombay. M. A. Painting, Diploma in (Hons.) fine and applied arts. Also studied in Fine Arts College Indore, M. P.

Participated in 37 solo shows, seven group shows and art camps.

He won several awards: at AIFACS, 8th All India Veteran Artists Honour 2006: 49th National Art Exhibition at Lalit Kala Academy New Delhi. At Bhopal in 2003, 2001. "Kala Acharya" felicitation by Sahitya Kala Sangeet Sanstha Madhuban in 2001, 2000. Awarded Senior Fellowship in Creative Paintings by Govt. of India. 2001. Participated in the art camp by Aurodhan Art Gallery, Pondicherry at Taj Krishna Hyderabad.







M. Sivanesan.

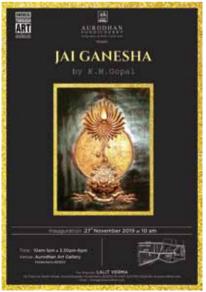
Born in Chennai in 1940.

He joined the Chennai Government College of Arts and Crafts in 1956.

Sivanesan's works represent his personal predications and moods rather than attempting to make a profound statement to the viewer. Humans are his central theme. His works are figurative in style and subtle in colours.

Sivanesan exhibited his works all over the world and was partial to New York where he showed his work every year. He was a recipient of the award at the International Inter Church exhibition in New York and the Royal Overseas exhibition in London.



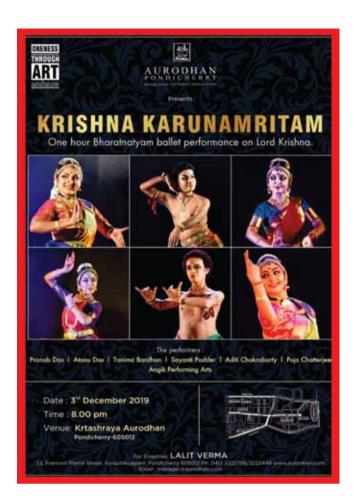


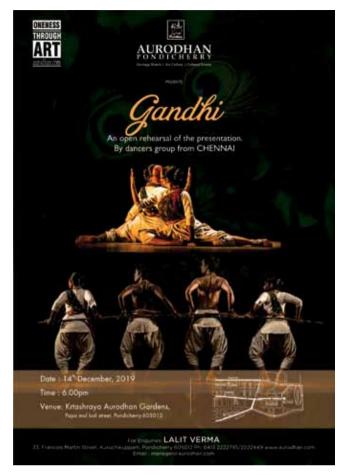


K.M. Gopal.

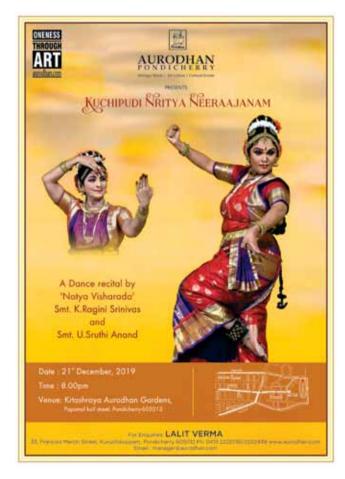
Salem born artist, sculptor, philosopher and a master of Ganesha, who studied in Madras School of Art. He is a founding member of Cholamandal Artists' Village and has won Tamil Nadu Government's Kalaichemmal and Indian Government's Lalit Kala Akademi award. He is a most celebrated Tantric artist in India and across the world.

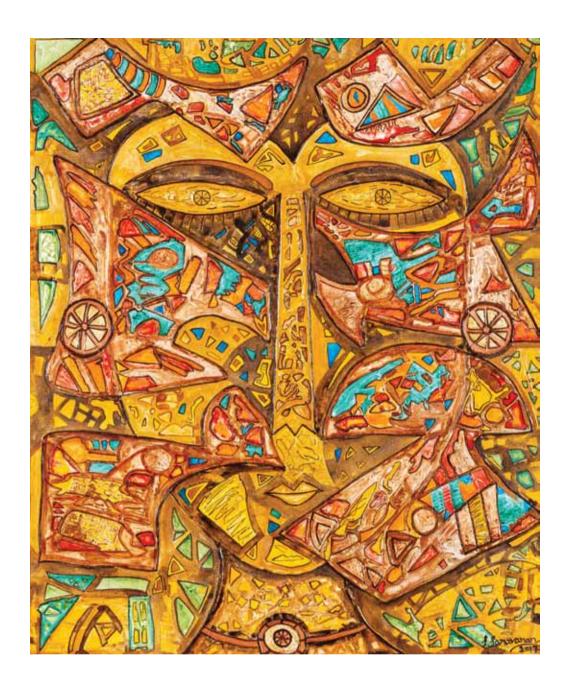
Indian contemporary artist Dr. K. M. Gopal is a world renowned Tantric sculptor, who has a doctorate for Ganapathiyam research (Ganapathy Worship). His metal relief sculptures are the most celebrated in the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Delhi, and have been widely exhibited in Europe, Australia and Japan.

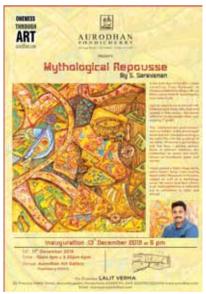












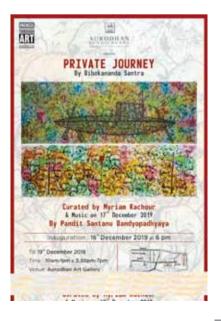


S. Saravanan.

I got an opportunity to interact with Cholamandal Artists who lived and worked in their studios. Our family shifted to Cholamandal when I was in the 7th grade. The environment at my Father's studio encouraged me to start art. I started practicing in the early 90's under the guidance of my father. Whenever I got holidays and any free time, I painted abstract forms in different mediums: watercolour on paper or acrylic on handmade paper and canvas. I have created a "Tribal Village" series and a "Dream Series". I'm creating metal reliefs (repousse) with the same subject as well as a series in mythology. My works have featured in many major shows.









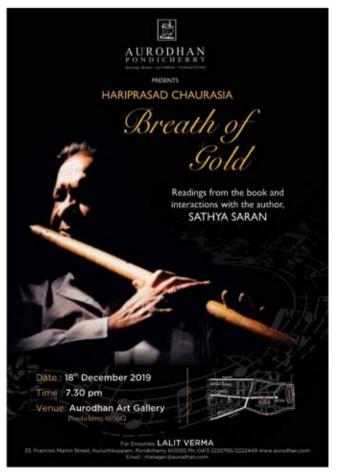
Bibekananda Santra.

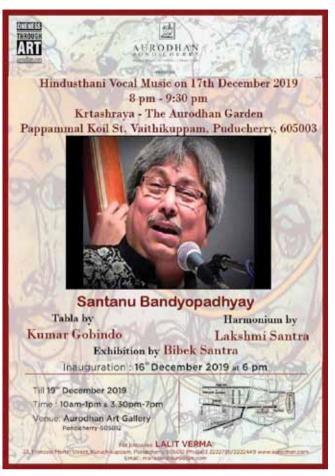
Born in 1968 in Komdhara, West Bengal. Studied in Kolkata college in 1983. At Kala Bhavan, Visva Bharati, Santiniketan,1992. He pursued his education at l'Atelier Paris in France in 1997. He has had more than 180 shows across the globe.



Santanu Bandyopadhyay.

Pandit Santanu Bandyopadhyay is the sole torch bearer of the famed Bishnupur Gharana of Indian Classical Music from Bengal. Son of renowned Sangeetacharya Amiya Ranjan Bandyopadhyay and grandson of Sangeetacharya Satyakinkar Bandyopadhyay of theBishnupur Gharana, Santanu was a noted prodigy when he was young. Born into a family of glorious musical tradition, music was something that came naturally to Santanu. As a child he spent hours at riaz (practise) to attain the standards that the stalwarts in his family had set. Today, Santanu Bandyopadhyay, the Hindustani classical vocalist directly represents the 6th generation of Bishnupur Gharana, the only Gharana of Bengal.



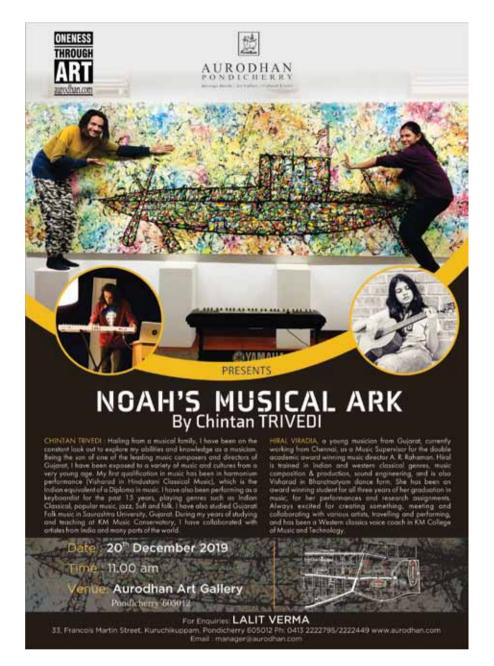




Sathya Saran.

She has just completed a biography of Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia. Till recently she was the consulting editor of Harper Collins India Pvt Ltd.. Her assignments included editing the newly released anthology on marriage titled "Knot for Keeps".

She teaches fashion journalism at NIFT Mumbai, Kangra and Srinagar. She has been a stage actor with Veenapani Chawla.





Chintan Trivedi.

Hailing from a musical family, I have been on the constant look out to explore my abilities and knowledge as a musician. Being the son of one of the leading music composers and directors of Gujarat, I have been exposed to a variety of music and cultures from a very young age. My first qualification in music has been a harmonium performance (Visharad in Hindustani Classical Music), which is the Indian equivalent of a Diploma in music. I have also been performing as a keyboardist for the past 15 years, playing genres such as Indian Classical, popular music, Jazz, Sufi and Folk. I have also studied Gujarati Folk music in Saurashtra University, Gujarat. During my years of studying and teaching at KM Music Conservatory, I have collaborated with artists from India and many parts of the world.



Hiral Viradia.

A young musician from Gujarat, currently working in Chennai as a Music Supervisor for the double academic award winning music director A. R. Rahaman, Hiral is trained in Indian and Western classical genres, music composition & production, sound engineering and is also Visharad in Bharatnatyam dance form. She has been an award winning student for all three years of her graduation in music for her performances and research assignments. Always excited about creating something, meeting and collaborating with various artists, travelling and performing she has been a Western classics voice coach in KM College of music and technology.

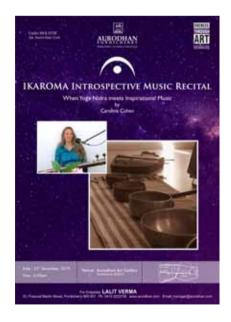






Dev Guru.

Dev Guru is an exceptionally talented and versatile artist from Pondicherry. An 8th grade pianist scoring distinction marks. He has done more than 60 Jingles and was awarded the Best Musician for Jingles (2010). He was awarded the best composer for Nalaya Iyyakunar by Kalaingar TV (2015) and the unique composer award by Galatta (2015). He entered Bollywood cinema as Back Ground Score Composer and won the famous "DADA SAHED PHALKE AWARD-2016" for Best BGM Composer for the movie "BOLLYWOOD DIARIES" as his use of instruments was unique and has done a Tamil movie (Enna thavam seidheno) and a telugu movie (Karam Dosa). Been "The Star of Chennai" for 4 consecutive years (2011-2015) by the Chennai Social Event Management. Colloborated with various composers from India, USA, Australia, Africa and France.

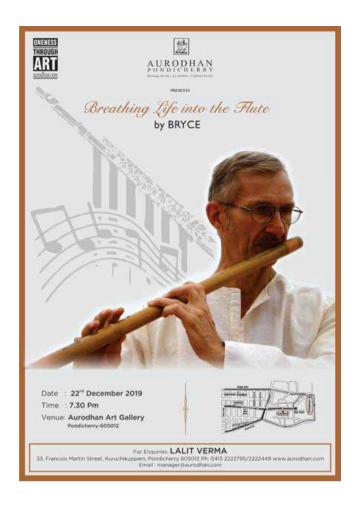


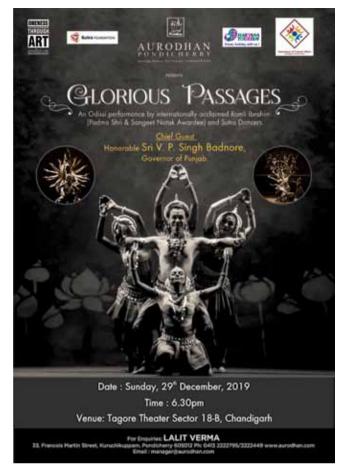




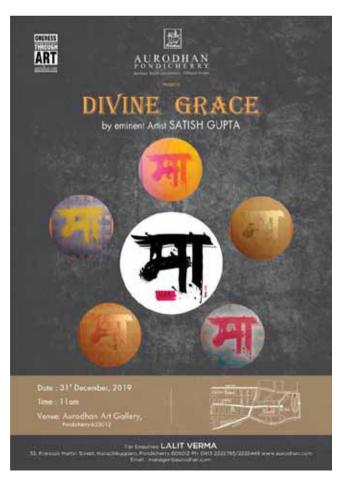
Caroline Cohen.

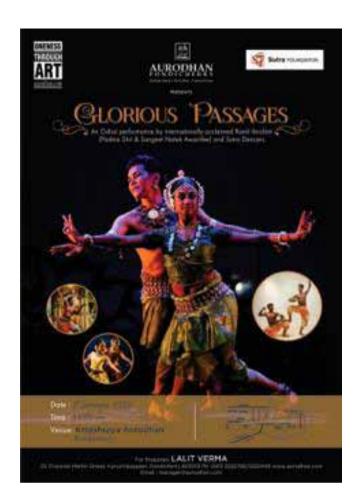
Introspective music recital by Caroline Cohen, singer, naturopath and vocal yoga teacher since 2009. Caroline studied theatre and clown in Paris before moving to India in 1999 where she lives in Auroville. She studied and practiced holistic singing, Carnatic singing from southern India as well as different types of yoga such as hatha, nada and Sri Aurobindo's integral yoga. She was also attracted by the exploration of conscious breathing and sound on the physical and psychic health. She got trained in Bel Canto vocal lyric technique. She has been able to foster and practice music as an instrument of consciousness at the service of the soul.

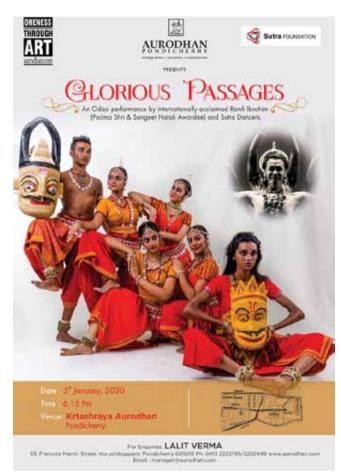


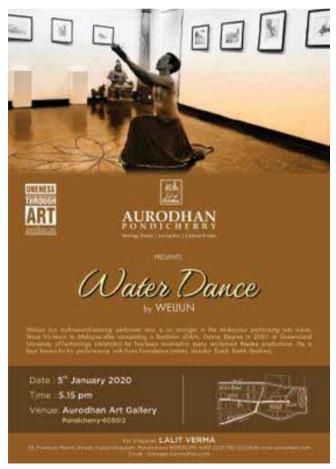


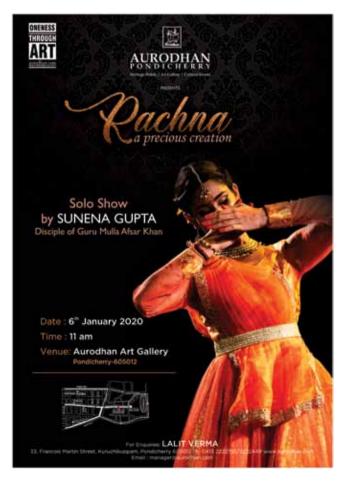


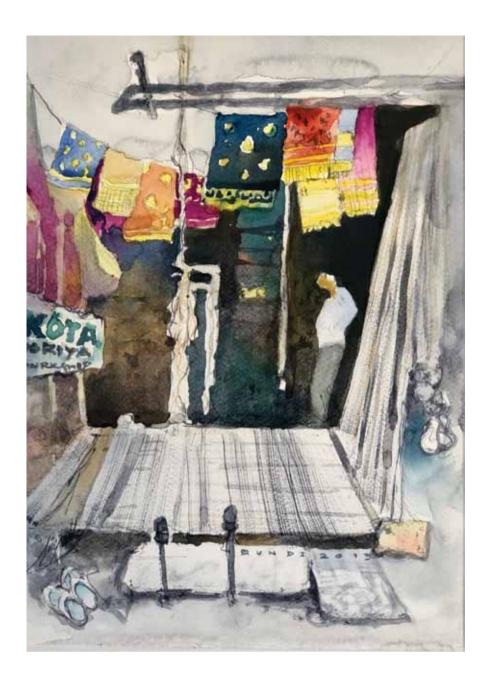










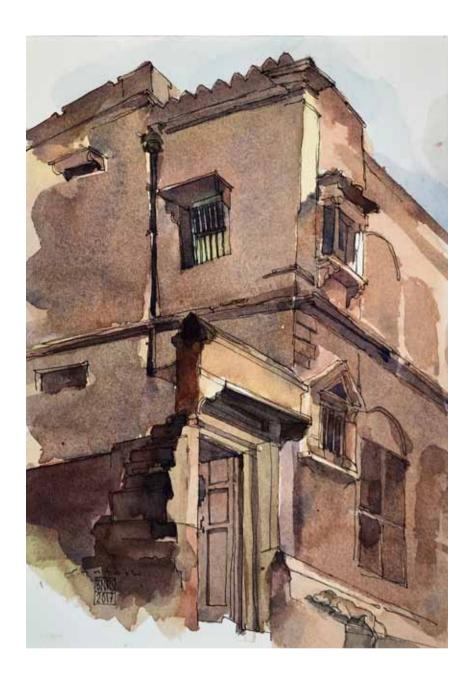


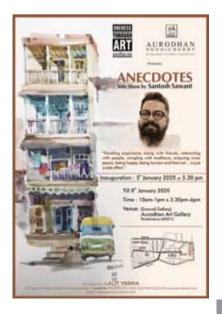




Kailas Anyal. Born on 08-01-1967.

The displays in this show were not an exact imitation of the spectacles that I happened to behold in this charming little town of Rajasthan, nor are they any kind of historical or geographical representations; they are expressions of my experiences, in response to the forms and colours I encountered, while 'Rowing through Bundi'. Here, the timeless marvels that have existed for centuries and which one cannot help but be fascinated by, are the preserved architectural structures of typical Bundi-styled houses, temples and step-wells. It was sheer joy playing with water colours, as I was enamoured of the hues - yellows and blues, that seemed to me to be visible all over in this quaint town.



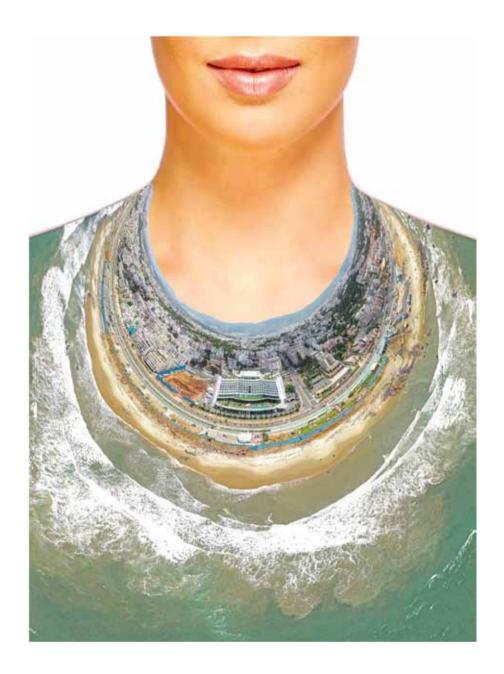


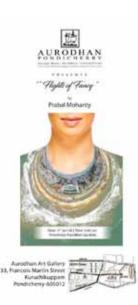


Santosh Sawant.

Born on 30-6-1973.

"Travelling experience along with friends, interacting with people, mingling with traditions, enjoying inner peace, being happy, being human and then art... is just a side effect."

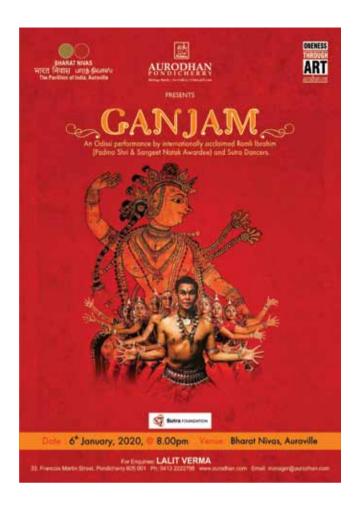


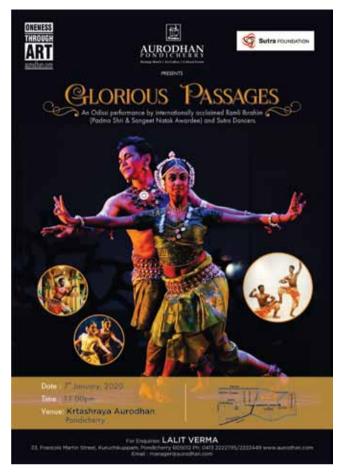


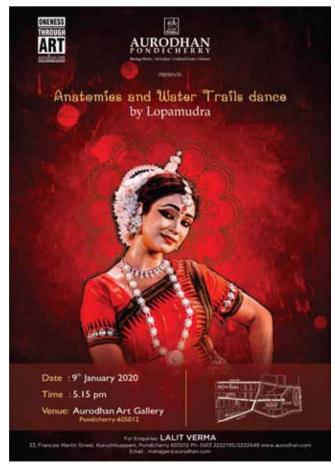


Prabal Mohanty.

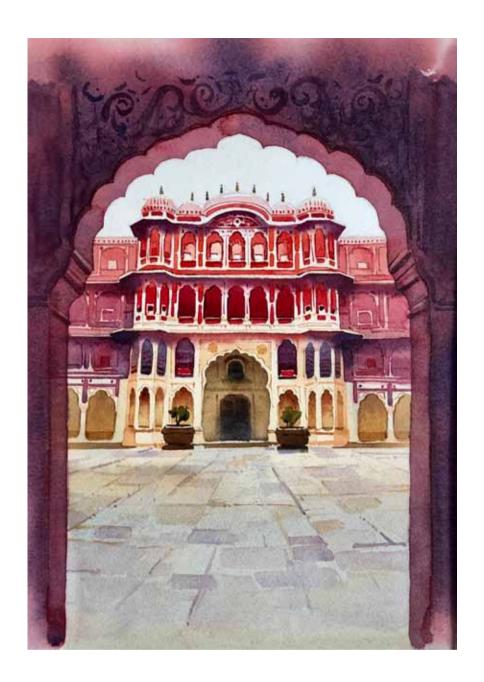
Prabal Mohanty has a certificate of competency as a Marine Engineer Officer class I and has sailed to over fifty countries during his fifteen years services in the Merchant Marine. After a year in academia, he decided to purse a creative career as a designer, copywriter, columnist and photographer. He has received a National Award for lifetime achievement in photography from the Public relations society of India some of his works have appeared in publications and cofee table books. He loves to take dream sequences of places he's seen and experiments with out-of-box ideas.

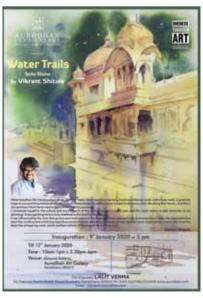














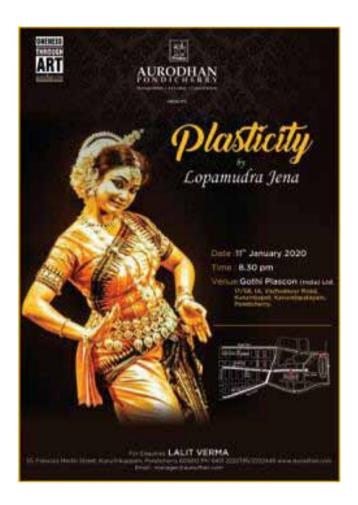
Vikrant Shitole.

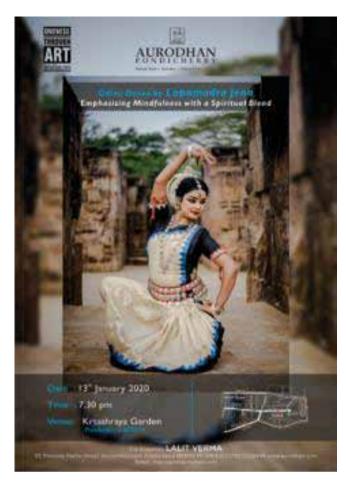
Born on 27-04-1980.

He paints with various styles, mediums and techniques. His inherent passion for watercolors has led him to gain mastery over the medium. Most of his achievements have been in fluid medium of watercolors and genre of landscapes. Though adept at cityscapes too, Vikrant is more at home with historical places in vast expanses of rustic India.

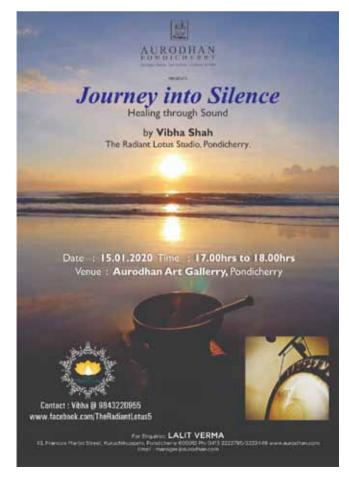
Vikrant has worked and conducted workshops in Europe, Dubai and India.

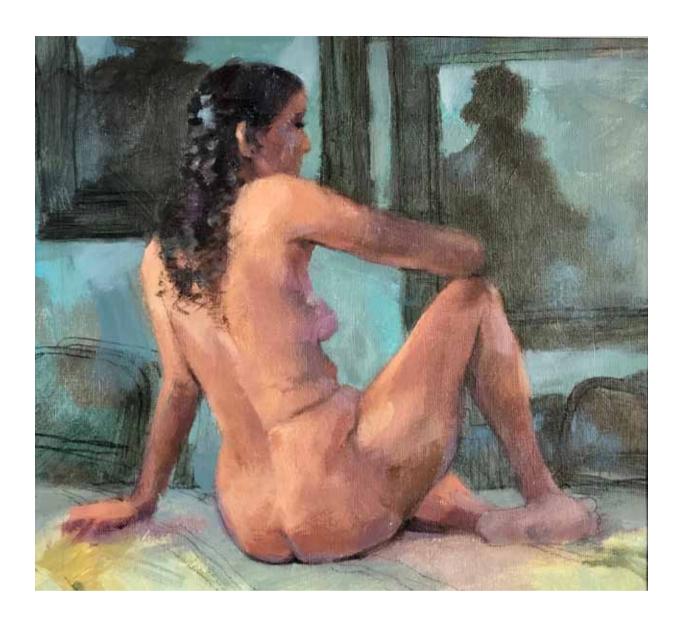
Presently he is serving as Hon. Secretary of "Art Society of India". He is an active co-ordinator of International Watercolor Society in India.

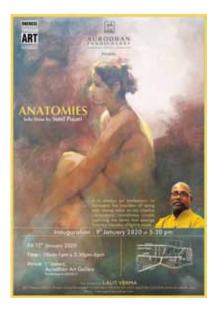










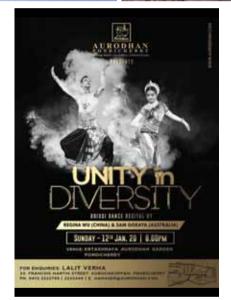




Sunil Dattaram Pujari. Born on 15-2-1966 Studied B.F.A. from J J School of Arts in Mumbai. He had two solo shows, 28 group shows and participated in various art camps and work shops.









Sam Goraya.

Apart from four Masters degrees, he gained his Ph.D. in the field of Mathematics and Oceanography.

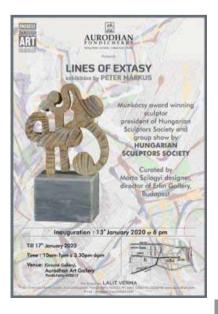
He trained with Padma Shri Madhavi Mudgal at Gandharv Mahavidalaya and Guru Bichitranand Swain at Rudrakshaya Foundation of Odissi Dance to gain advanced understanding of Odissi dance. In Australia, Sam worked with Dr Chandrabhanu's Bharatam Dance Company for over a decade performing Odissi, Bharata-Natyam and Contemporary art forms. Sam learnt Navarasa Sadhana under the guidance of Guru Venu G. He has performed in Australia, NZ, Malaysia, Indonesia, France, Spain, Morocco, South America, Canada and USA.



Regina Wu.

Brought up in China, she graduated in computer science and worked 10 years in various companies. She joined Odissi dance classes while working in Shanghai. After her basic Odissi training, she decided to move to Odisha. In 2015, she received an ICCR scholarship and got accepted at one of the best institutes of Odissi classical dance style. Regina has recently completed her formal training in Srjan Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra Odissi Nrityabasa under Guru Ratikant Mohapatra. In March 2019, she graduated as a solo Odissi dancer and was highly praised by many experts of this field. She has performed widely in China and India. She has worked with the Chinese consulate in Kolkata and the Indian Embassy in China as a part of culture programs to promote this art form.

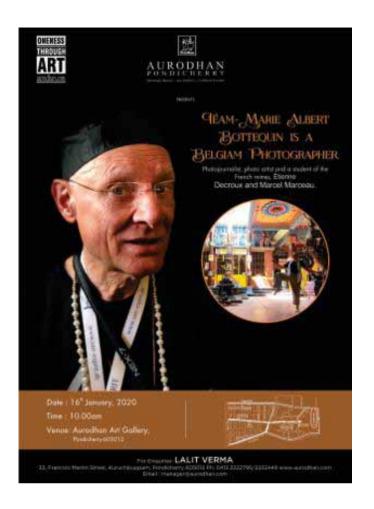


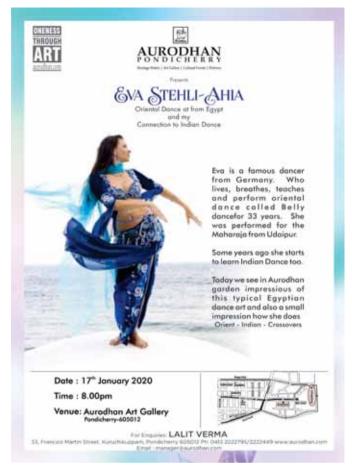


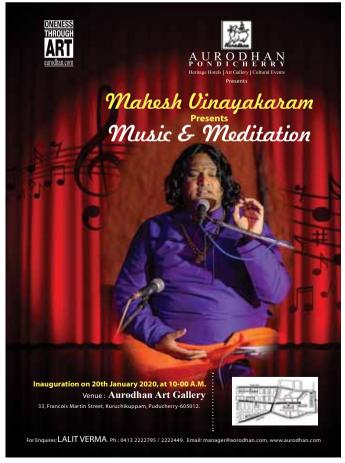


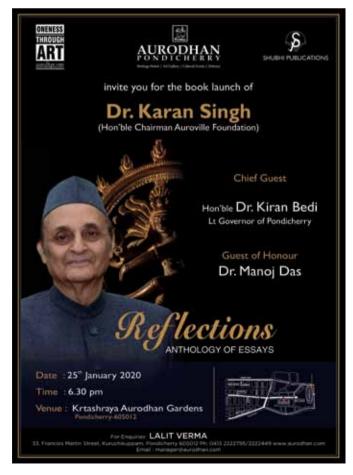
Peter Markus.

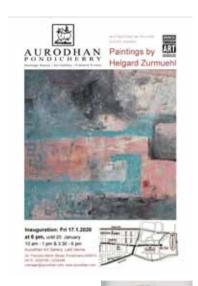
The richness of art comes alive in Munkácsy award recipient sculptor Péter Márkus's relentless search for excellence. Be it brass, stone or wood, he passionately gropes for the inner truth. A brilliant product of the Hungarian Academy of Fine Arts and President of the Hungarian Sculptor Society, he was awarded scholarship of the Foundation József Eötvös in 1989 and Derkovits scholarship in 1990.









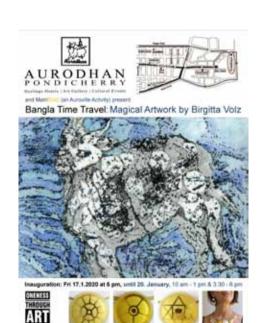






The main artistic focus for Helgard Zurmuehl is on the human being expressing in body-language, spirit and mind. Its reflected in her sketches, paintings and sculptures. Working on small clay sculptures, she created her first big mixed media sculpture 2000 in Germany. India led her to experiment with small bronze sculptures. 2019 she installed the 6 m high kinetic stainless-steel sculpture "Marathon" in Auroville, India, where she is resident.

Through courses in painting at different German Art academies she developed her own personal style in painting. In her search of the spiritual and energetic substance of man and nature, she is using collage, painting, frottage and mixed media. Since 1999 H. Zurmuehl takes regularly part on single and group exhibitions in Europe and India.







Birgitta Volz.

Birgitta Volz, an artist with major international recognition, can be credited with more than 100 solo exhibitions, 160 group exhibitions, and work in 19 different countries. Recipient of numerous international awards, fellowships, and artist residencies, Birgitta's bark prints and botanical prints are kept in many public and private collections.

Birgitta wishes to open people through the beauty of nature, which is a continuous theme in her artwork. Her aim is to create a consciousness which guides the observer above mere decoration. Ultimately, perhaps some viewers will be able to gain access to the spiritual aspects of nature and treat it with more respect.

Chimbses of AURODHAN

Distinguished guests are Dr. Karan Singh, Dr. Kiran Bedi, Lt. Governer of Pondicherry, Thiru. V. Narayanasamy C.M. of Pondicherry, Thiru. N. Rangasamy, ex. C.M. of Pondicherry, Padmshree Ramli Ibrahim (dancer from Malaysia), Justice David Annoussamy.



















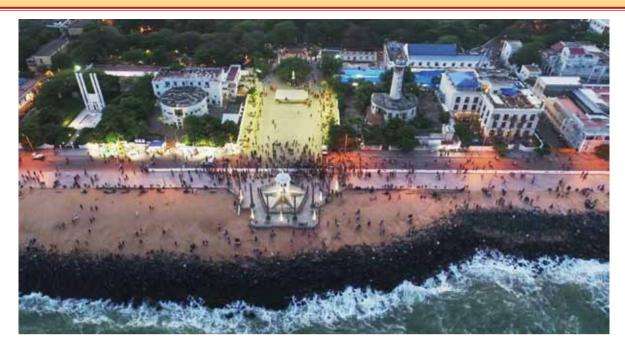












The highest aim of the aesthetic being is to find the Divine through beauty; the highest Art is that which by an inspired use of significant and interpretative form unseals the door of the spirit."

- Sri Aurobindo.





