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Priyasri Art Gallery

Presents

"The Night the Writing Fell Silent"

Works by Jogen Chowdhury

Words by Srajana Kaikini

Duration: 12th to 15th January 2023; 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

Walkthrough Friday, January 13; 3:15 - 3:50pm

Venue: Kathiwada City House (KCH) 69, Sir Pochkhanawala Road, Worli, Mumbai-400030

Join scholar dr sajana kaikini as she takes you on an exclusive walkthrough responding to Jogen Chowdhury's works in this new ensemble titled 'The Night the Writing Fell Silent' featuring artworks inspired from the artist's iconic 50+ year journey.

Don't miss the chance to get a HANDBOOK OF POETRY signed by Srajana Kaikini. These poems are specially written in response to this body of works by Jogen Chowdhury.

Works will be available to view on appointment basis until **30 March, 2023**

Reflections by Srajana Kaikini

Artist-exemplar of a tradition that brought craft, tradition, and modernity into conversation with each other, Jogen Choudhary sensorially evokes the wafts of folkloric time in his recent works. The beings in his imaginaries work as torchbearers, to a world perhaps out of reach or lost to perception, or a world to come. Here, a dialogue unfolds between two modes of imaginaries in the form of a response.

A letter from Santiniketan lay on her table,
half opened and unread
She looked at herself in the mirror
found a forest on fire.
She wouldn't read the letter
the stamp was what made her content
the inside did not matter.

"Did you hear what she said?"

"I've heard, I've heard"

"The little gulmohar tree has stopped growing"

“What do we do about it?”

“Let's try to sleep”

The night the writing fell silent,
The gallop of her horse was heard across the shores
Bridle less.
The clay toys in the backyard of the fisherwoman's home,
Started to dance in celebration,
And bolted.

Lifting skies
Is hard work
The sun fires my navel
The curtains are not enough
To block this light out.

Lobsters - morsels
I eat those
who think they can
Hope to embrace me
Time cannot eat me
I do not want to see
what lies ahead.

- Srajana Kaikini

About Priyasri Art Gallery

Priyasri Art Gallery is a contemporary art space located on the seafront in Madhuli, Worli. Founded in 2004, Priyasri Art Gallery has been responsive to the evolving language of art and is nurturing a gamut of artistic practices and expressions. The gallery is dedicated to its role of exhibiting modern, contemporary and experimental artworks. Besides being committed to promoting young artistic talent, the gallery represents veteran artists such as Akbar Padamsee and Jogen Chowdhury. Priyasri Art Gallery also provides artists with a studio facility in Baroda called AQ@Priyasri. The artist studio in Baroda has been providing space and housing for young artists since 2003. It has recently launched a separate printmaking practice wing.

Social media handles -

1. Facebook: Priyasri Art Gallery
2. Instagram: @priyasriartgallery
3. Twitter: @artgallery42
4. LinkedIn: Priyasri Art Gallery
5. Website: www.priyasriartgallery.in / www.priyasriartgallery.com

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