

“Just Another Playground”

Participating Artists

Oona D’Mello

Vishakha Jindal

Roshan Chhabria

From 11th to 14th January 2024

Venue- Cocoon Fine Rugs, A-Block Basement, Shiv Sagar Estate Dr Annie Besant Road, Worli, Mumbai-400018

Timing: 11am - 7pm

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Collaborators : Cocoon – Priyasri Art gallery , Oona D'Mello, Roshan Chhabria & Vishaka Jindal

What could this new 'play-ground' look like? What forms of interaction would it could serve? What dialogues would it usher? Perhaps this exhibition explores a combination of traditional and modern weaving technologies.

The artists comprising essentially reflect the notion of strong craftsmanship that can be termed as Karta' (Doership). For each of these artists, the relationship between 'fine-art' and craftsmanship becomes extremely important in understanding their diverse methods to a quasi-scientific museum display.

'Just Another Space' aims to 'weave' a new form of play, dialogue, interaction, and space making.

Priyasri Patodia

Ideator

Oona D’Mello

Artists Statement “Yellow Monstera” is a work about art interacting with the world. It exists in our daily spaces, taking shape and form of the regular aspects of life, yet sits still. Yellow Monstera is a testament to my journey of growth in my practice, of creating work that need not be defined or categorised as a painting, a sculpture or an installation – more so a creation that allows us to interact with it, how we choose best. It invites the maker and the viewer to define it as they see best, and connect with its form and lines as it is draped – signifying being still.

Vishakha Jindal

Vishakha’s layered collages made with cutouts of painted canvas seamlessly transform into hand-knotted fine silk and wool rugs. These compositions serve as a poignant reflection of the artist’s childhood memories, unveiling the subtle yet profound elements of play. 'Sun Kissed' captures the absurdity of chasing sunsets and sunrises, while 'Bounce' embodies the unwavering pursuit of a bouncing ball and the sense of accomplishment upon catching it. 'Moonchild' tenderly associates children with the moon, a bright, shiny orb in the night sky.

'Swing' invites us to revisit the neighbourhood park—the pendulous motion of swings, slides, and the mesmerising kinetics of play

Roshan Chhabria

My works are based on these observations of middle-class people and family situations and its aspirations.

Though there is a sense of humour in my work, which comes from the kitschy element used to represent the subject, the dilemma and helplessness that I face in real life is not necessarily so. However I aim is to portray my subjects without stripping their middle class sensibility, concerns and at times their garishness; and that adds the humour. Even when my subject is a elite woman, I portray her through a middle-class's eyes. Popular culture and consumerism, stereotypes has also been part of my work. I also tend to have a formalistic approach while working and have let my formalistic concerns develop into a work itself.

About Cocoon Studio.

Cocoon Fine Rugs is an award-winning premier carpet brand based out of Mumbai, India and is recognized for its sophisticated, modern designs and unique interpretation of classic Persian rugs produced using only the finest raw materials.

Cocoon has flagship galleries in Mumbai, Bangalore, Jaipur and Kolkata and the beautiful galleries house exclusive contemporary rugs as well as oriental carpets with a fresh twist. Each piece is hand-made and created with love using the finest natural materials including pure silk and wool.

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Best Regards,

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