

## Emami Art Presents 'Insights'

### An online exhibition showcasing artworks of Bholanath Rudra and Suman Dey

"Reflective thinking turns experience into insight." – John C Maxwell

**Kolkata, September 2020: Emami Art**, one of India's leading contemporary art galleries based in Kolkata is hosting an online exhibition 'Insights' showcasing artworks of two exceptionally talented young contemporary artists, **Bholanath Rudra and Suman Dey**. These artworks are reflections of the common reparative approach of the duo towards the pandemic and the wounded earth. The online exhibition can be viewed on Emami Art website.

Bholanath Rudra's paintings in the exhibition offer to his viewer a wounded image of the earth in which modern civilizational aspirations are in conflict with nature. The conflict, however, is not dramatically shown in his paintings, in which the vast desolate spaces, chromatic and beautiful, reveal the terrifying truth as a mixed sensual experience of both fear and fascination. For him, the urbanization and industrialization, and now, the pandemic are connected not just to human history, but to the future and survival of the whole earth, a tiny planet in the infinite universe.

Suman Dey a self-taught artist works in a meditative way, distilling the visible form - be it a butterfly or an old handbag - to an abstract motif. His works at the exhibition reveal his intense contemplation and careful formal exercises. Although he works in the non-representational language of abstract art, the link between the image and the world in his paintings has never been completely severed. What appears like foxing, the various, multiple stains and spots in the images which often destroy the neatness and purity of the abstract forms are the imprints of our deteriorated, impure time of toxic pollution. His abstract canvases show the contradiction between his quest for the pure form and his concerns about the crises of the world.

"The pandemic outbreak has presented us with a prodigious shift that's staring us in the face, in all aspects of life and especially in the art world. As we continue to receive an overwhelming response for our online exhibitions, we, at Emami Art are delighted to present talented and intuitive artists and their inexhaustible artworks every month. This month, we are showcasing works of two such talented artist Bholanath Rudra and Suman Dey in an exhibition named 'Insights'. The artworks featured in the online exhibition reveal the artists' different styles and temperament, yet their common optimistic approach towards the earth healing through time.", said **Ms Richa Agarwal, CEO, Emami Art**.

The online exhibition that started from 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2020 will be available on the Emami Art's [website](#) till 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

#### About The Artists:

**Bholanath Rudra**- A watercolourist and contemporary artist based in Kolkata. He studied painting at Rabindra Bharati University, graduating in 2013. He is a member of the Society of Contemporary Artists, Kolkata, which he joined in 2019. Widely exhibited, Bholanath's notable work is concerned with modernity's assaults on nature and climate. Using different hues of colour, layer after layer, in his paintings to explore the soft, luminous and transparent quality of the watercolour medium, he represents humanity's deep existential crisis arising from the destruction of nature and ecological balance by the rapid spread of modern urban civilization. He has participated in the solo shows States of Mind at Society of Contemporary Artists, Kolkata, 2018 and Mechanical Libido at Academy of Fine Art, Kolkata, 2013. He was felicitated with many awards, including the State Gallery of Art Award, Telangana Government (2019), Birla Academy Annual Exhibition Award (2018), Rajya Charukala Parshad Annual Award (2017), National Exhibition Award, Lalit Kala Akademi, Karnataka (2017) and All India Watercolour Exhibition Award, AIFACS (2017). Represented by Emami Art, his works were shown in the India Art Fair, New Delhi (2020). Bholanath Rudra lives and works in Kolkata.



**Suman Dey-** A young contemporary artist based in Kolkata. Largely self-taught, he works in the language of abstract art, distilling the visible form to an abstract motif. His work, which usually tells no story, shows his intense contemplation and careful formal exercises. Composition and Form are two recent series of paintings that show his complex handling of the non-representation language of art oscillating between the purity of form and emotions and memories of the world. Suman Dey has exhibited widely in India. He participated in the solo shows at Taj Bengal, Kolkata (2011, 2014); ECA Art Walk, Kolkata (2011) and Chemould Art Gallery, Kolkata (2008). His works have also been shown in many duet and group exhibitions in Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata (2009, 2015, 2017); Shilpi Art Gallery (2008); in the Birla Annual Exhibition at Birla Academy of Art & Culture, Kolkata (2018, 2016); in the Annual Exhibition at Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata (2017), in the All India Exhibition at Emami Art (2016, 2017) and in the Annual exhibition organized by the Rajya Charukala Parisad (2016); among others. He was awarded the Certificate of Merit for his work in the All Indian Exhibition at Emami Art, 2017. Suman lives and works in Kolkata, India.

**About Emami Art:**

A destination for Modern & cutting - edge Contemporary Art, Emami Art is a one-of-a-kind art space built in keeping with international standards. Positioned as a key destination for artists, visitors and art collectors, the gallery aligns with the Emami Group's mission to support artists & artisans and contribute to society's wellbeing. A regular programme of curated exhibitions, includes the works of new talents and eminent masters of regional, national and international repute that aligns with the promoters' ideology that while the popular contributes to the academic, the academic uplifts the popular. Spearheaded by Richa Agarwal, Emami Art's new 10,000 sq. ft. art space is located in the Kolkata Centre for Creativity (KCC), a state-of-the-art multi-disciplinary interactive art centre, off Eastern Metropolitan Bypass, Kolkata, India. [www.emamiart.com](http://www.emamiart.com)