

# Stroking the mane

Architect-turned-artist Parbonni Bhowmik flaunts her paintings, featuring animal and abstract art



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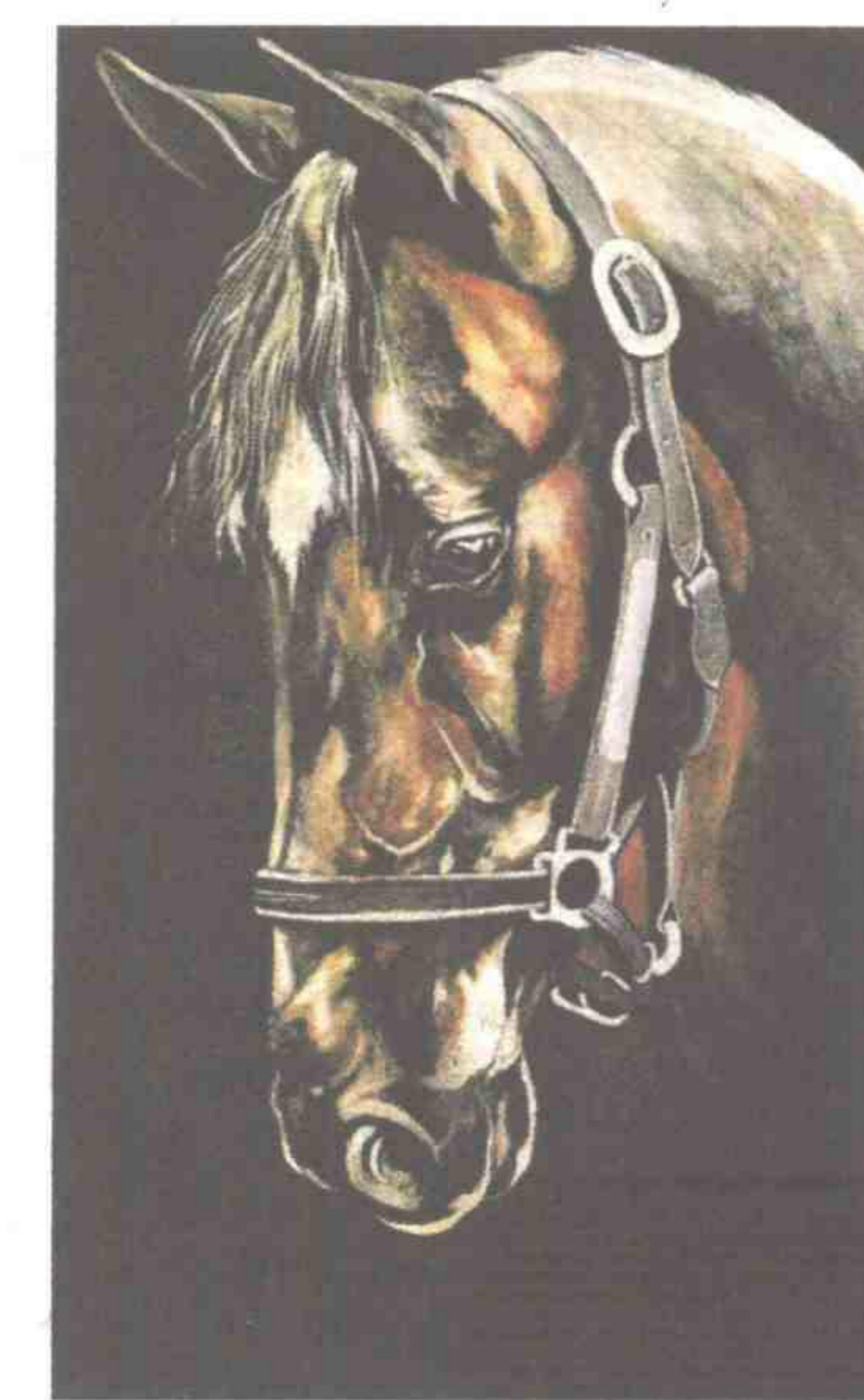
It was a devoted relationship between Parbonni Bhowmik and her paintbrushes that encouraged her to switch from being an architect to an artist. A collection of paintings, highlighting horses and abstract art – titled *Under The Spell* – at Sublime Galleria, portrays Parbonni's self-taught

artistic abilities. Her works, inspired by nature, wildlife, and colours, will be on till May 27.

Parbonni recalls, "I have been painting since childhood. Even during architecture school, I did not lose touch with painting." She juggled between her work in a corporate office and passion for art for a few years before "finally deciding to freelance as a graphic

designer and focus on my paintings. I learnt painting techniques online and soon picked up my style and built on it."

A keen animal lover that Parbonni is, she admits: "I find horses identical to energy, power and elegance. And abstract art is something that I can relate to. It is spontaneous and bright. Consequently, I blended both my fa-

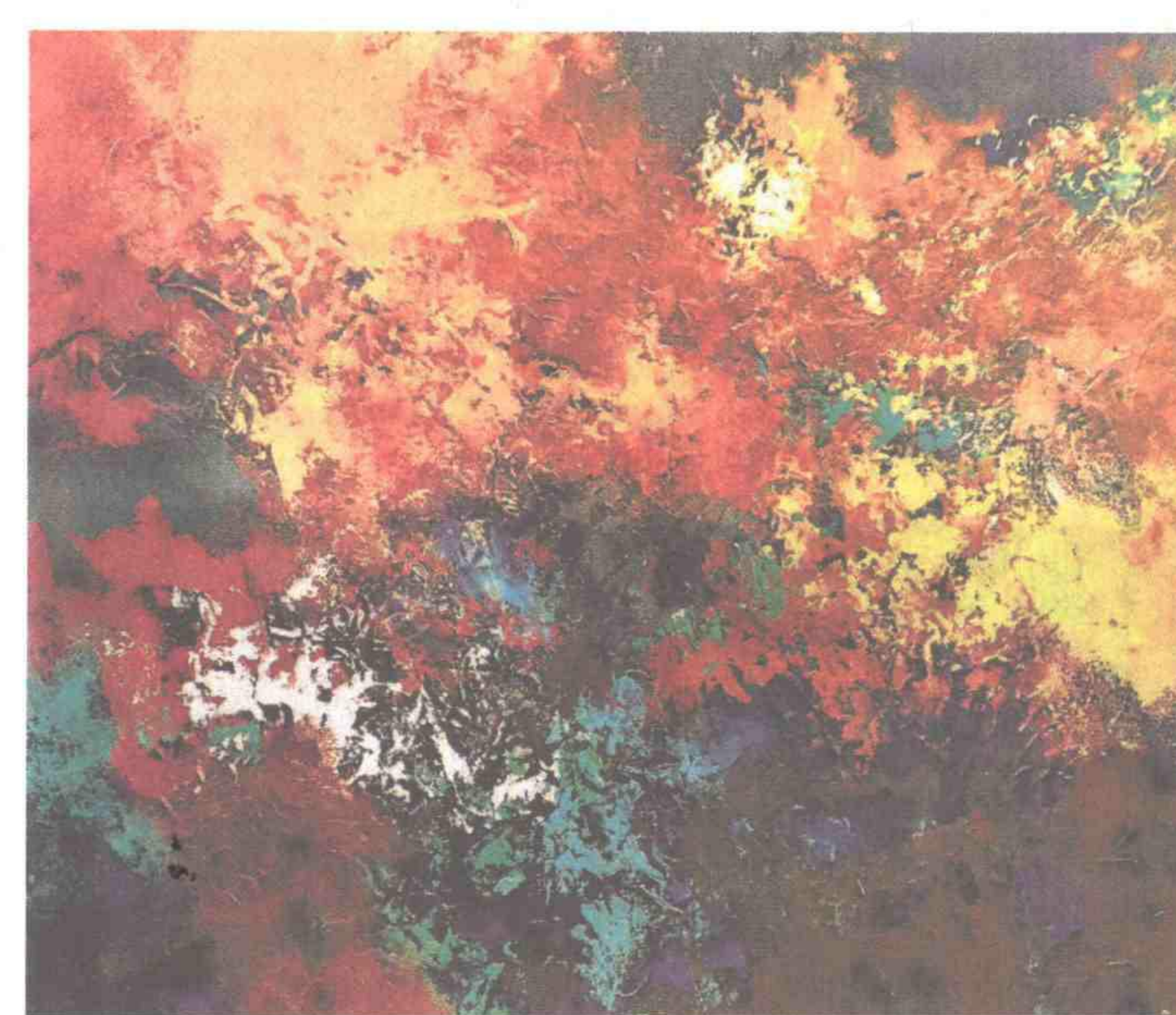


vorites and painted." She adds: "I have sold paintings of reptiles and also painted a portrait of my pet dog. The horse paintings took me about two to three days while abstract art took one, as the state of my mind was different the next day."

Uzma Irfan, director of Prestige Group and founder of Sublime Galleria says, "The use of vibrant colours in her works not only tell you that she is a happy person but also contribute to her positive energy. You can notice a lot of soul and thinking in her artwork." She laughs and adds: "We have to sell out. But importantly, it should encourage her to do more. Selling out is secondary."

On the opening night of the exhibition, Parbonni says: "I hope people feel happy when they look at the

paintings" and in encouraging words, she adds, "If you love painting, just sit, paint and never stop."



**Vibrant and colourful** Parbonni's works depict her passion for animals and nature