

Of optimistic strokes and myriad colours

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Swati Pasari says she meditates on a thought before she starts painting

She is a new artist on the block, but her paintings have taken her from Kolkata to London to Miami. She is touring Bangalore for the third time, this time for a solo show. Swati Pasari, 25, a self-taught artist and a pranichealer, will host *Soullink – Celebrating Life In The City*.

Strong strokes, myriad colours and vibrancy in patterns are elements that define this artist's style. "I used to have art tuition classes at home since I was four years old. Such home art tuitions are very common in Kolkata. But I liked painting and I was smooth with the brush and picked up painting easily," she says. Though her classes stopped when she was 15 because of board exams, Pasari continued with her interest. But it was only five years ago when

she actually put up a show in her hometown Kolkata at the Genesis art gallery. "That's when I decided to take up painting full time because of the appreciation I received," says this commerce graduate.

Ever since, there's no looking back and she completes about three paintings a month. She had her works showcased in London at the

Rajasthani Foundation, a charitable organisation (in 2011), then a group show at the Nehru Centre, New Delhi, in 2013. One of her works was auctioned at the Kolkata Xavier's Alumni Meet in May at the British Museum. "The auction was to raise funds for the institute. Veterans like Ganesh Pyne, Sanathan Bind and Seema Kohli's works were auc-

tioned. It was a big honour for me that my work was showcased and auctioned too."

Pasari also has a list of high-profile clients who buy works from her. "I have done paintings for Sanjay Jhunjunwalla's Turtle Office and the work I did for Piramal Group was more realistic and very different from the work I am currently into." Though she also does commissioned work, the artist is clear about what she wants: to spread positivity and vibrancy in people's lives through painting. "I meditate on a thought before I start painting. The positivity has to reflect in the work and this is my way of doing it, apart from listening to music while I paint." At the Bangalore show, Pasari will exhibit 25 of her new works that she has worked on over a year.

Soullink – Celebrating Life, Sublime Galleria, June 21 onwards