



Divine interactions ON CANVAS

Celebrating the essence of Mother Nature comes this poignant exhibition

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“Divinity exists in each one of us,” believes Anu Vittal, a Canadian Indian artist, who is showcasing her work at Sublime Galleria. The show, titled *Infinite Divinity*, celebrates the essence of Mother Nature, in the form of air, water, earth, and fire. A stroll down the aisle, where the walls are decorated with colourful masterpieces, will not only make you wonder about the artist’s imagination, but will also provoke philosophical thoughts about existence, God and the universe. Along side Anu’s paintings are another Canadian Indian artist’s series, Vishal Mishra. His abstract human figures celebrate mythology and all things human, in all their glory!

“I believe that as much as human beings anoint Gods and Goddesses with *kumkum*, oil and other things, they do as much to themselves. I learnt in my yoga class that bowing down and saying *namaste* to another person is nothing but an act of addressing the divinity in another person,” elaborates Anu, about her work. Although, her paintings are mostly acrylic on canvas, she uses mixed media such as saris, books, leaves, wood and other natural elements, that add Earthiness to her work.

On the other hand, Vishal Mishra is an artist who is perpetually engrossed in painting and comes up with bold colours and interesting subjects. His paintings of Ganesha, Krishna, Gopikas and portraits with a strong Indian value have been showcased and bought in New York, Canada, Dubai, India and California. In his intriguing paintings, he strives to “to por-

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tray the clash between the realities of life and the fallacy of human thoughts and desires.” Both artists have been members of Canada’s oldest art group, called Mississauga Arts Society, of which Anu was also the former president. Through the group, they met each other and spread word about each other’s art. Although they are successful in their own terms, the biggest challenge, Anu says, is to keep the art unique. “Not many people know how to market their work and thus don’t do very well. But if you go about it the right way, you can do wonderful things such as donate through the sale of art and do the society good,” says Anu.

The show is on till September 20 at Sublime Galleria, UB City.