



# SHIFTING GROUNDS

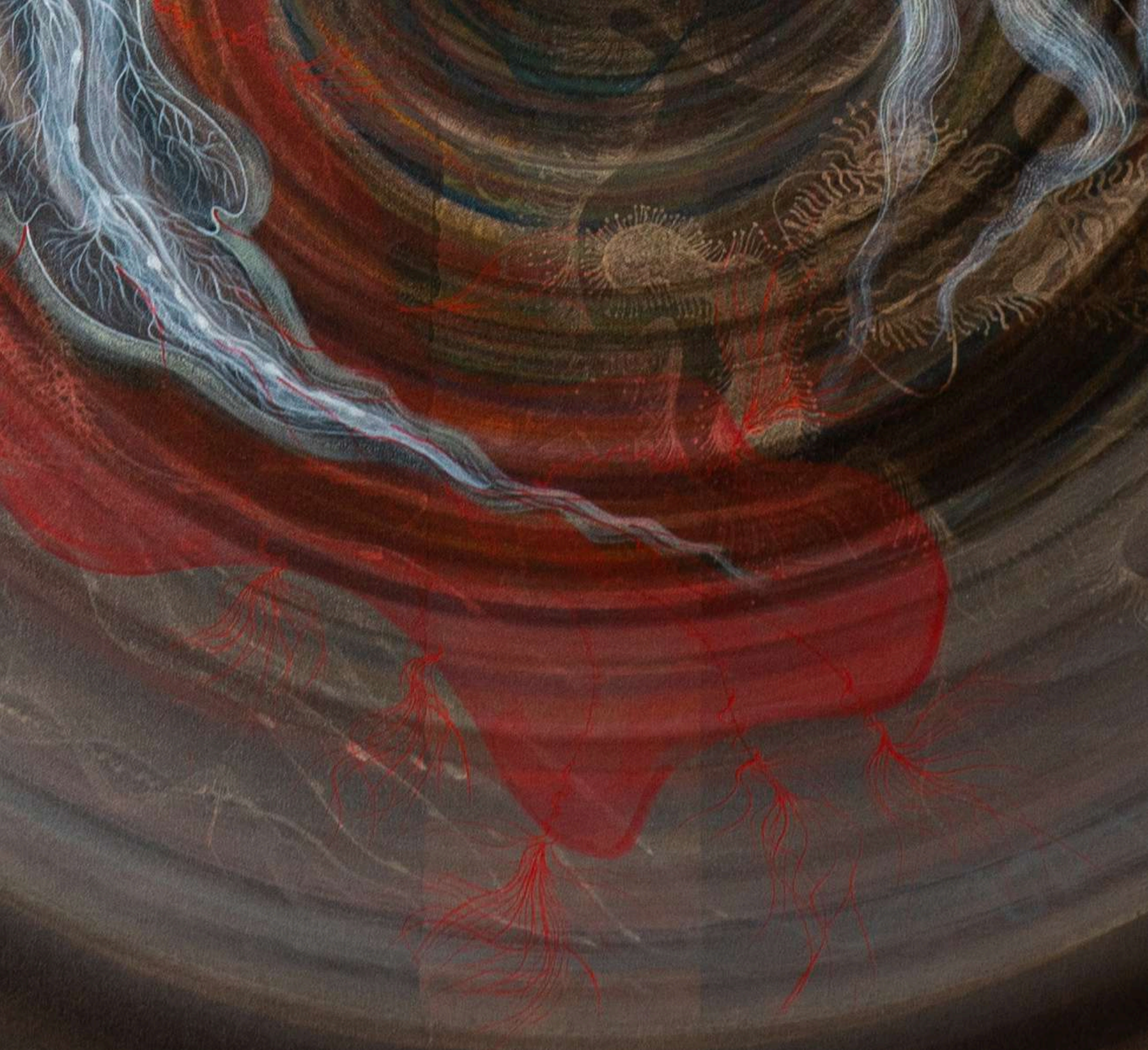
Works by

**Devu Nenmara**

**Priyanka Waghela**

**Sukalyan Dutta**

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Shifting Grounds explores landscape as more than geography, as a space shaped by memory, perception, and lived experience. Bringing together artists who move between the physical and the abstract, the exhibition considers terrain as emotional, psychological, and constructed. Forests, cities, and inner states appear not as fixed views, but as environments continually formed through time and presence.



## DEVU NENMARA

B. 1963, Kerala | Lives and works in Kerala

"Every colour and hue easily mix with that of earth," artist Devu Nenmara describes her paintings that bring intense intimacies and intimations arising from Earth. For Devu, art is a natural expression and extension of her life and is deeply rooted in her surroundings. She captures the flora and fauna, people, and landscapes around her village which she experiences every moment. The layers of darkness and light, flashes of wisdom and beliefs, traces of festivities and rituals, rhythms of seasons and labour of her land animate her earthy imaginations. Coming from a traditional weaver family, she has an instinctive feel for colours, shapes, lines and patterns.

Devu Nenmara is an artist based in Kerala, India. She is from Nenmara, a remote village in Palakkad district of Kerala, where she lives and works. A labourer throughout her life, she strayed into painting late in life, almost accidentally, during the COVID period, when she was confined to her home. With materials provided by her artist son, Unnikrishnan, she began experimenting with painting. Starting with gouache drawings on art paper of trees, animals and landscapes, she moved to acrylic and canvas, to paint the verdant and pulsating forms and figures of life, nature and object-world around her.



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Acrylic on canvas  
30.0" x 24.0"  
2024



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10.0" x 8.0"  
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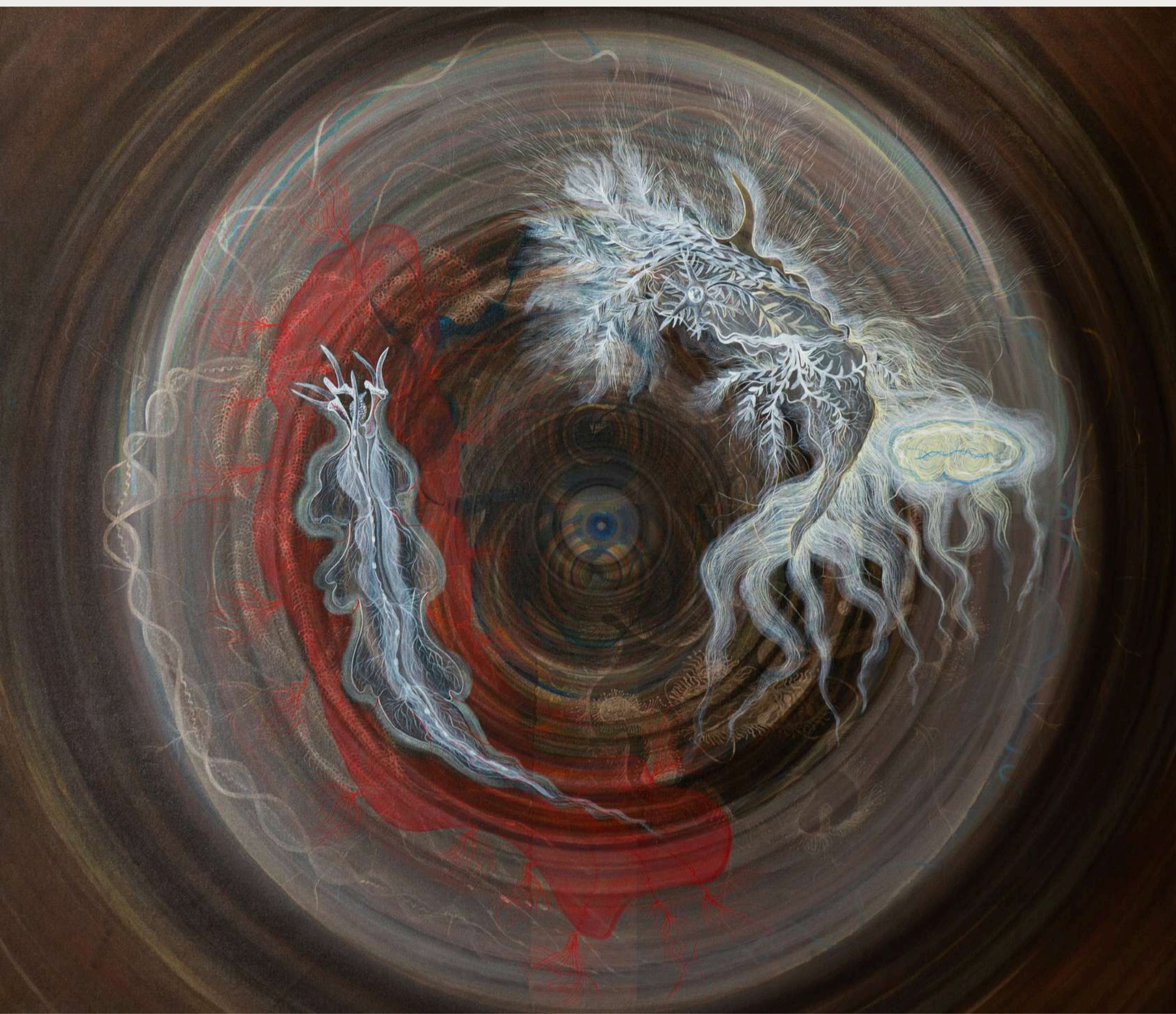


## **PRIYANKA WAGHELA**

B. 1980, Chhattisgarh | Lives and works in Chhattisgarh

Priyanka Waghela's artistic journey explores the intricate landscapes of memory and the uncharted depths of the human mind. Her canvas becomes a gateway to explore the realms of neuroscience and the cosmic enigma, weaving these threads into her creations. In her paintings, she seeks to unravel the delicate threads of memory, intricately woven into the synaptic tapestry of our brains. These threads unfold as the architecture of time, where past, present, and future converge, creating a unique fabric of existence. Her artworks are the symphony of colours and forms, a profound dialogue between the tangible and the unseen, offering a transcendental experience where science and art converge in a celestial waltz of exploration and imagination.

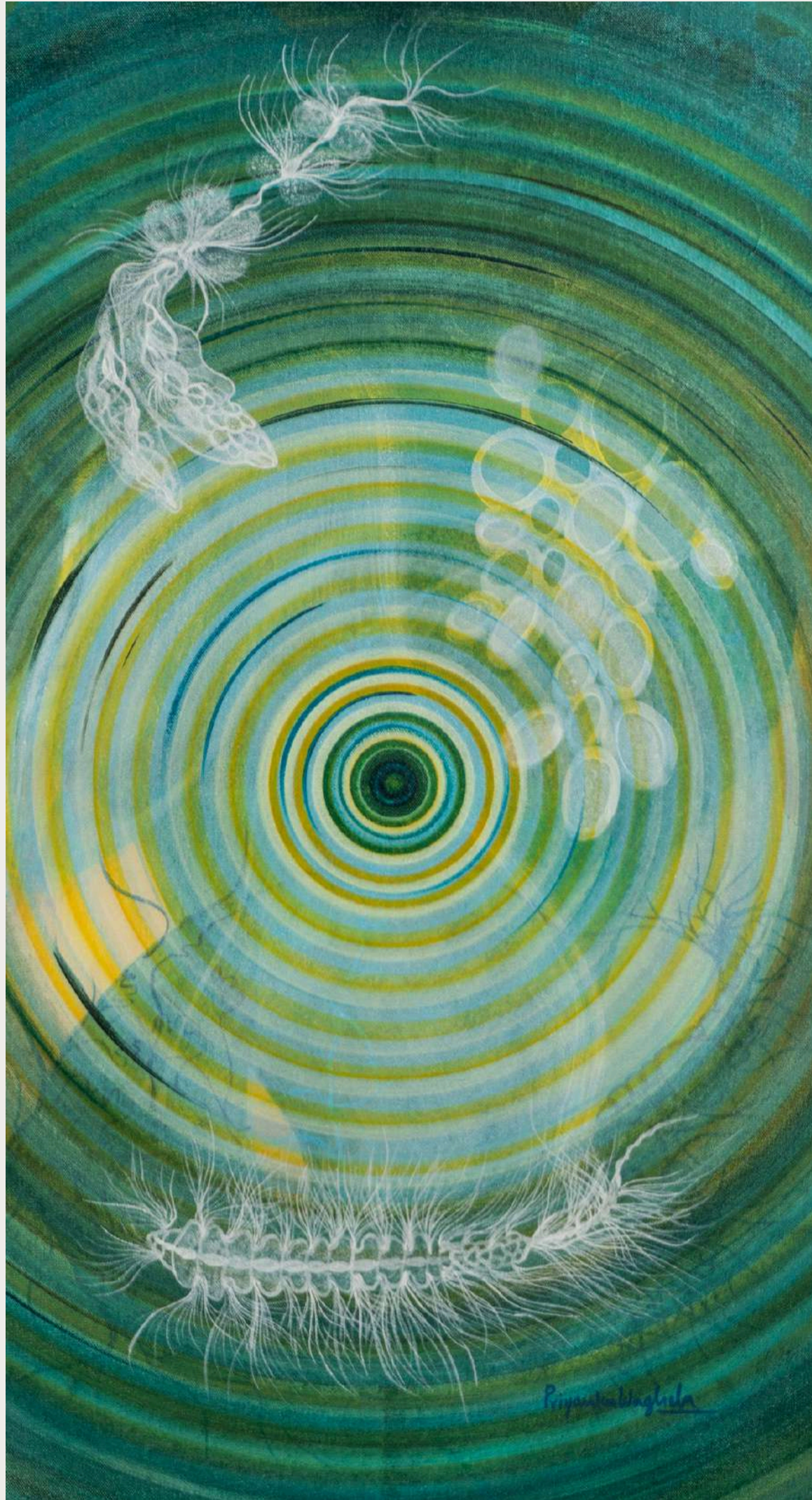
Waghela completed her BFA (2000) and her MFA in Graphics (2003) from Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya (I.K.S.V.V.), Khairagarh, Chhattisgarh. Her practice extends beyond painting into poetry, writing, and scriptwriting, with ideas moving fluidly between image, text, and cinema. Films scripted by her have been screened at international platforms, including Cannes, reflecting the breadth of her multidisciplinary engagement.



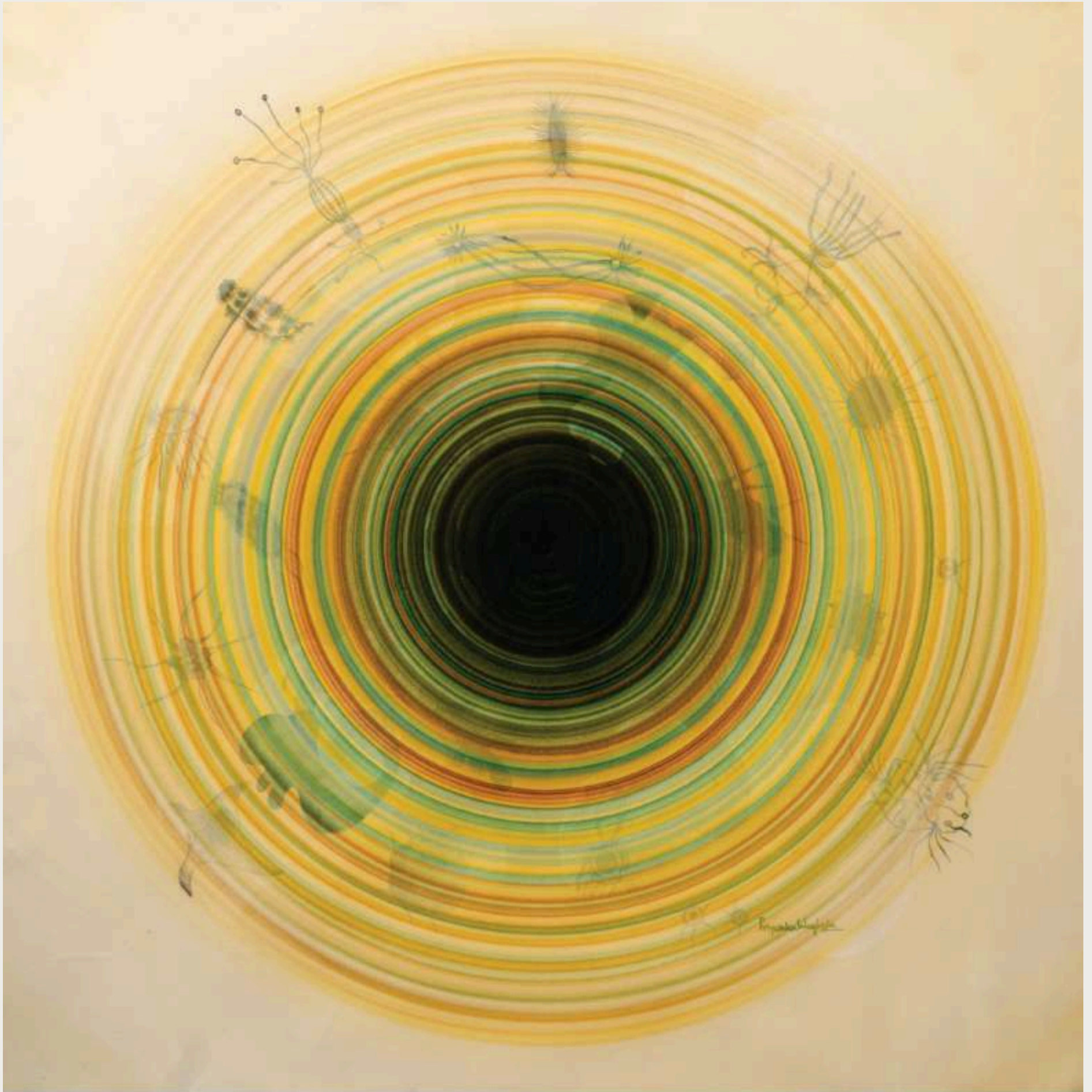
*Neural Constellations Ancestral Paths to the Future*  
Acrylic on canvas  
60.0" x 68.0"  
2025



*Navigating Memory's Labyrinth*  
Acrylic on canvas  
32.0" x 45.0"  
2023



*Illumination of Primordial Beliefs*  
Acrylic on canvas  
33.0" x 18.0"  
2024



*Anatomy of Memories*  
Acrylic on canvas  
45.0" x 45.0"  
2023



*Celestial Meditation on Ancestral Memory / The Fabric of Thought,  
Woven in Silence / Stillness in the Threads of Time*  
Acrylic on canvas  
18.0" x 18.0" each  
2025



*Fiction / Memories of Festivals*  
Acrylic on canvas  
21.0" x 21.0" each  
2022



## SUKALYAN DUTTA

B. 1975, West Bengal | Lives and works in Hyderabad

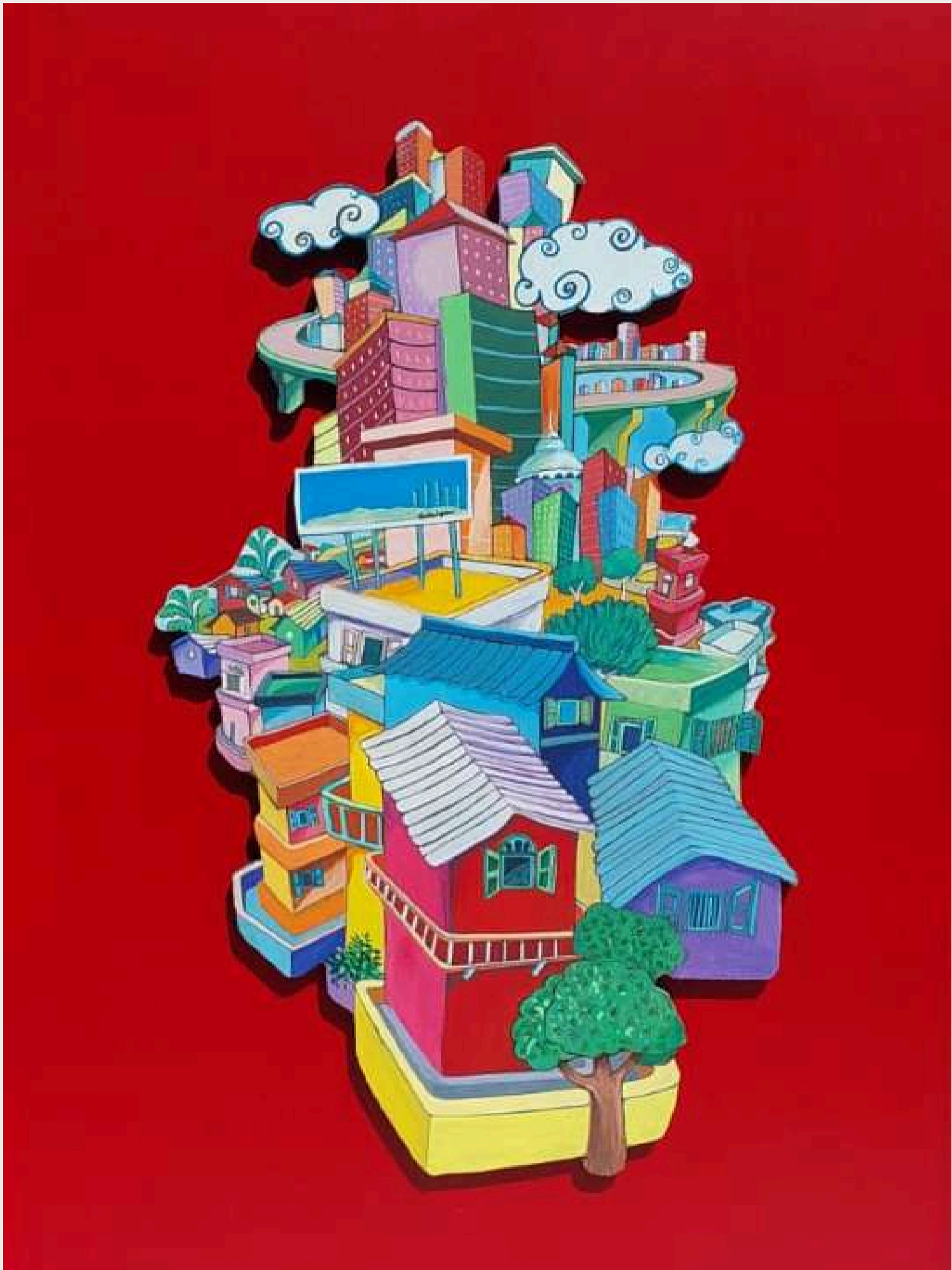
Sukalyan Dutta's paintings depict the shifting cityscape of Hyderabad where heritage structures meet the symbols of modern growth. He reimagines the cranes and blue fencing mark expansions while his brushstrokes preserve the memory of architectural gems. His works reflect the tension and harmony between tradition and progress simultaneously and showcases how the city's identity is constantly being reshaped. He deliberately asks the viewer to sense both the beauty of preservation and the urgency of change. His works represent the phenomena of architecture becoming a living dialogue between past and present. Dutta's works celebrate the resilience of Hyderabad, and invite reflection on the ways cities evolve while carrying their stories forward.

Sukalyan Dutta is an artist based in Hyderabad. He completed his MFA in Painting from the University of Hyderabad (2010) and BFA from the University of Burdwan (2008). Dutta is a contemporary Indian artist working on the juxtaposition of art, architecture, and the ever changing landscapes of urban life. His works have been vastly exhibited and collected in India and beyond.

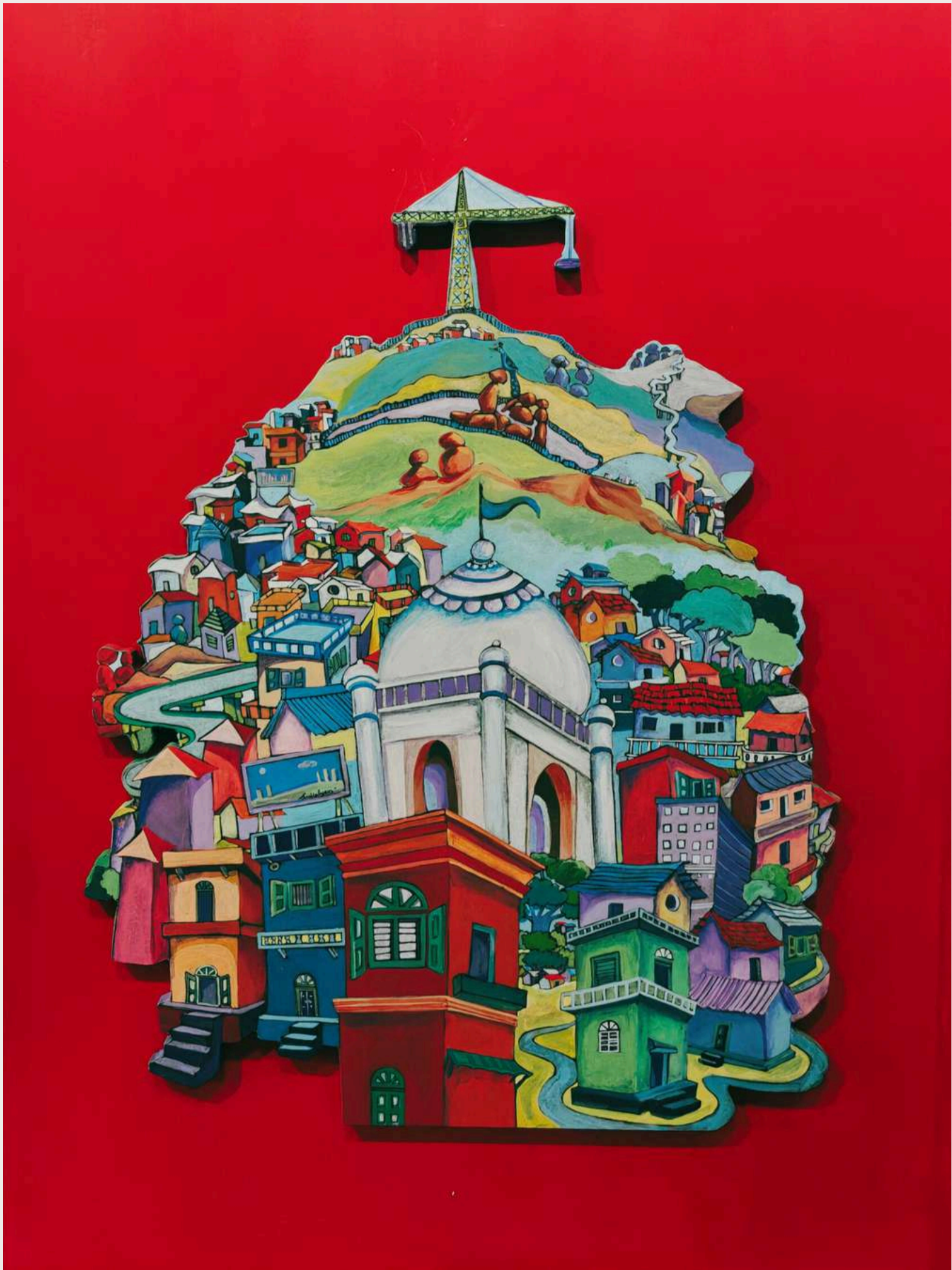




*Concrete Dreams*  
Acrylic on compressed wood  
28.5" X 20.5"  
2026



*The Geometry of Growth*  
Acrylic on compressed wood  
28.5" X 20.5"  
2026



*City of Tomorrow*  
Acrylic on compressed wood  
28.5" X 20.5"  
2026

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As we marked our 25th anniversary in 2025, we remain rooted in our Sanskrit namesake, Srishti, meaning 'creation', with a mission to create spaces where art is not just admired but integrated into life. Our tailored services include bespoke art advisory and consultations for private collectors, architects, interior designers, and corporations, helping them curate collections that transform living and working spaces. Through artist talks, workshops, and collaborative events, we foster creative engagement, making art an immersive part of everyday experience.

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