



You exist in everything and the universe exists within you

SEEMA KOHLI

Solo Show

Presented by

S. A. Fine Arts, London

Online Exhibition & Preview

31st of March 2021

@ 1 pm GMT / 4.30 pm IST

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PRESS RELEASE

S. A. Fine Arts is privileged to present Seema Kohli one of India's finest contemporary artists in her inaugural London solo show, **TAT TVAM ASI**. The exhibition will open on 31st of March 2021 at 1 pm GMT / 4.30 pm IST and will be online till the 31st of May 2021.

TAT TVAM ASI' – you exist in everything and the universe exists within you, forms the core of this special presentation of paintings, drawings, sculptures, etchings, and serigraphs, including hand-painted archival prints based on Seema Kohli's own video and performance art. Each work has a narrative and an insight into Seema's richly painted oeuvre and is predominantly based on the theme of '**shakti**' – the *energy*. Through her works, Seema Kohli brings to light the intricate connections of divine energies in our body and in the Universe.

The online show presents a collection of 35 artworks, specially created for the UK and international audiences. There is a specially curated section and a write-up by curator, Dr. Sona Dutta, expert in Modern & Contemporary South Asian Art who will present a selection of works by the artist, opening a door into Seema Kohli's mystical world!

Seema Kohli

Seema Kohli lives and works in New Delhi, India. She has a B.A. (Hon) Philosophy from University of Delhi and a Diploma in Applied Arts (ITI) from South Delhi Polytechnic. Between 1995-2005 she trained and worked in Triveni Kala Sangam under the eminent contemporary artist Mr. Rameshwar Broota. Kohli received a Gold Award at the Florence Biennale in 2009 for her performance video *Swayamsiddha – Myth, Mind and Movement*.

Seema Kohli's work has been widely exhibited internationally including Kochi Muziris Biennale and the Venice Biennale and is held in private collections and museums in India and abroad including The Rubin Collection (New York), The Museum of Sacred Arts (Brussels), The Park Hyatt Hotel (Chennai), The Leela Hotel (New Delhi), The Ritz Carlton (Bangalore) and also at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (New Delhi).



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Book Release:

2021 "Experiencing the Goddesses" on the Trail of Yoginis, contribution by Seema Kohli - released online at the Jaipur Literary Festival on 19th of February 2021.

2019 "The Dot That Went for a Walk" - A Book of 51 Shorts stories for children | 51 Indian Women Role Models | 51 unique artworks, contribution by Seema Kohli.

Dr Sona Datta

Curator, Writer, Broadcaster of South Asian Art

Sona Datta is an art historian and cultural collaborator, who until recently was Head of South Asian art at the Peabody Essex Museum in Massachusetts where she extended the museum's world renowned modern Indian collection to include the best contemporary art referencing all South Asia. Sona previously worked at the British Museum for 8 years where her exhibitions included the flagship Voices of Bengal season (2006). In 2015 she wrote and presented the acclaimed BBC4 series *Treasures of the Indus*, described as 'providing adventure with engaging historical and cultural material, lifting the veil on the region's past'.

Sona graduated from King's College, Cambridge University in 1994 where she was awarded the Prestigious Rylands Prize for Excellence in the History of Art. Her new book is a radical revision of Indian art, which will reset the lens on the so - called 'East'. Her latest work, "Paradoxical Modernisms" appears in *Modern Indian Painting* (Mapin, 2019).

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Organiser

S. A. Fine Arts promotes artists from India and South Asia, through exhibitions including prominent names like Thota Vaikuntum, Anjoli Ela Menon, Jogen Chowdhury, Yusuf Arrakal and Paresch Maity among others, at prestigious London venues such as the Victoria & Albert Museum, The Royal College of Art, and private galleries in Mayfair.

Founded by Sangeeta Ahuja, alumni of Christie's Education, London, the company was established in 2005 in the UK to promote modern and contemporary art from India and other Asian countries to a European audience. S A Fine Arts collaborates with artists directly to source and exhibit exclusively produced artworks of high quality and authenticity. Our endeavour is to present artists and their artworks in exhibitions at prestigious venues, through online art exhibitions and at private viewings to initiate a dialogue between the artist and the collector – creating a unique and interactive experience.

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