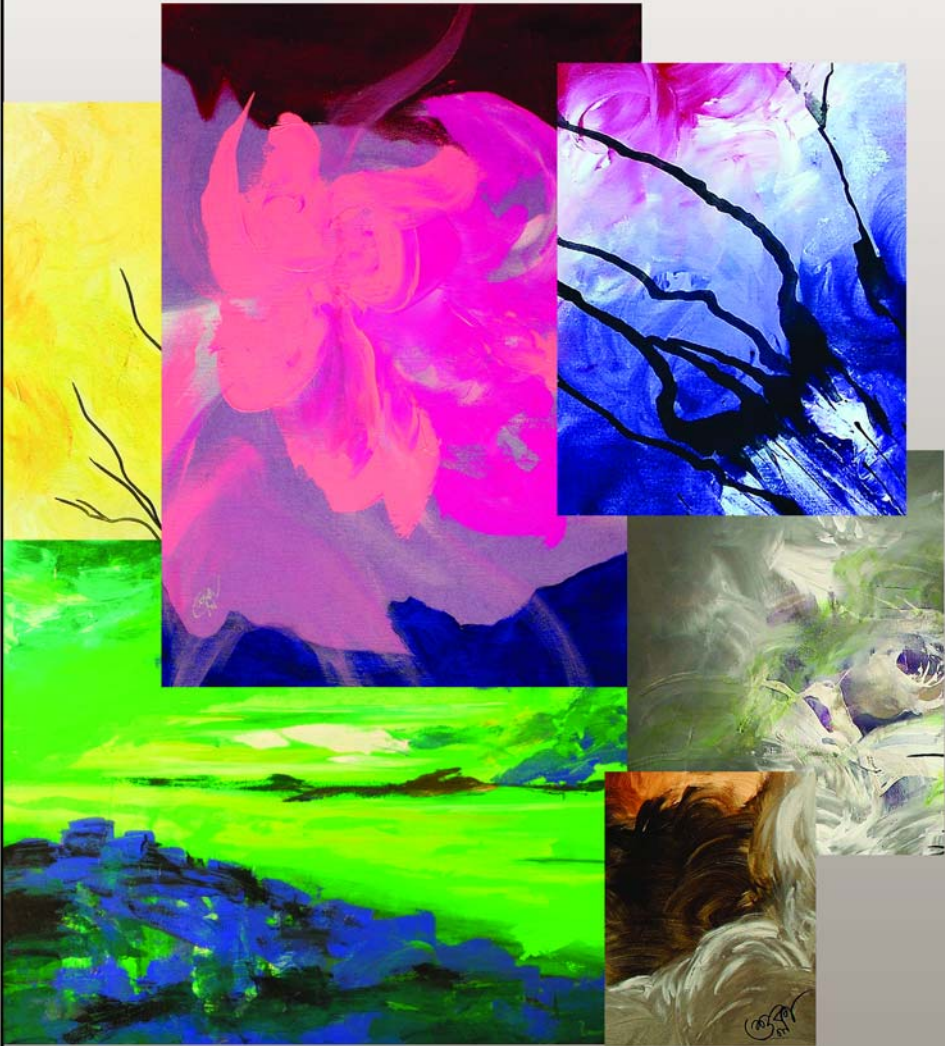


THE PHOENIX TURNS TEN
From Ashes to Blossoms...



10th Solo Exhibition by
Shukla Chowdhury
April 26 - May 2, 2011



After the Storm Has Gone

Acrylic on Canvas (48" x 36")

Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath
Art Complex,
Kumara Krupa Road,
Bengaluru: 560001

April 26 - May 2, 2011
10 am - 7.30 pm

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When I reflect upon my musings with the Phoenix, a raconteur of my tales of fantasy, I reminisce of my stunning and exotic experiences in the ethereal world. At the threshold of its tenth voyage into the unknown, the Phoenix primes itself for another eventful journey into the future. This show is in the form of a commemoration of the wonders of the natural creation. Through my work, I seek a divine confluence between the soul and the Supreme creator of the Universe, in my quest to realise the actuality of my existence.

It has been an enriching and eventful journey the past nine times I forayed into the creative ether with my friend, philosopher, guide and alter ego - the Phoenix. As the Phoenix came to life and began its advent into the world of colour, creativity and imagination, it encountered several wondrous facets of the natural world. Most of these aspects escape our attention. Through my artistic endeavours, I try to unearth nature's latencies.

The Phoenix has been a leitmotif for my expressions in all my artistic expeditions. It took flight at the onset of my creative pursuit. Every exhibition was a step further into the undiscovered. The Phoenix experienced numerous stages of 'being' along the way. It sought a way into the infinite, and attempted to realise the true reason for our existence. It celebrated the great energy of the soul, and of the universe. Its reverie brought it closer to the Supreme. With every step, the richness of the universe unfurled before the Phoenix, which revelled in the glory of the soul's boundless quench for life, living and loving. The Phoenix sang songs in praise of nature's beauty, as it rummaged through my simple world, inspired and coloured by the vastness and selflessness of Mother Nature.

My work is an expression of my interpretations of the world around me. I try to weave a rich visual imagery with bright and vivid colours. Employing strong strokes to convey the momentum of my thoughts, I use contrasts as a means to build a confluence between the real and the surreal. Each stroke is planned and then executed, although it may seem impulsive. Thus, with a song in my heart and a poem on my lips, I prance through my imaginative and dreamy world, accompanied with the Phoenix...

As articulated to Ushamrita

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● PREVIOUS SOLO SHOWS:

The Flight of the Phoenix 1, Kolkata, 2005
The Flight of the Phoenix 2, Mumbai, 2006
The Phoenix in Celebration of Life, Mumbai, 2006
The Dream of the Phoenix, Mumbai, 2007
The Search of the Phoenix, Kolkata, 2008
Glorious Days of the Phoenix 1, Mumbai, 2009
Glorious Days of the Phoenix 2, Mumbai, 2009
The Phoenix Sings a Song I, New Delhi, 2010
The Phoenix Sings a Song II, New Delhi, 2010

● WORKSHOPS:

Lalit Kala Akademi's National Art Camp 2010, Aizawl
Kalavart Nyas Annual Art Camp 2010, Ujjain
'Spirit of India' Artists' Camp, Alibagh
'Prarambh' International Artists' Camp, Shimla
10th Kalavart International Art Festival, Ujjain
'Kalavart' National Art Fair, Indore
National Art Festival, Kalavart Nyas, Ujjain
India Art's Oil & Water Colour Workshop, Pune



● GROUP SHOWS:

Aairawat Art Gallery's Charity Show, Mumbai, April 2011
'Art for Living' for Cancer & Aid Research Foundation, Mumbai, March 2011
Women's Art Foundation's Lotus Art Show, Mumbai, March 2011
All India Exhibition of Art by INFAC, November 2010
'Nandan' by Santiniketan's Alumni Association, 2009, 2007
Artists' Centre Annual Show, 2009, 2008, 2006, 2005
Group Show at AIFACS, New Delhi, 2008
Group Show at D.D Neroy Art Gallery, Mumbai, 2008
Birla Academy's Annual Show, Kolkata, 2008, 2006, 2005
Jagriti Art Foundation's Annual Show at Birla Academy, Kolkata, 2007
Western Regional Art Show at Birla Academy, Kolkata, 2007
Gallery Sanskriti, sponsored by Art Space India, Kolkata, 2006
Kitab Mahal, sponsored by Indiaa.net, Mumbai, 2006
Monsoon Show, sponsored by Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai, 2005
Maharashtra State Painting Exhibition, Pune, 2003, 2001
India Art's Exhibition on Oil & Water Colour, Pune, 2002
Chitari Academy's Annual Art Show by the Atur Foundation, Pune, 2005, 2001, 1999