

FOUND *Surfaces*

A SOLO SHOW OF PAINTINGS BY
SUJATA DHARAP





ARTIST STATEMENT

Painting, to me, is like engaging in a dialogue with myself — an immersive and spontaneous journey to an unknown destination. My process begins with a seemingly arbitrary batch of colour, carving a route led by instinct, which often ends in surprise and revelation.

I grew up in Mumbai, where my love for architecture unfolded. The city, designed to cater to the needs of its diverse people, provided an assortment of built structures — their geometry and construction holding unique stories. The walls of these buildings, old and new alike, became a jumping-off point for my explorations into form, surface, colour, and space. The coexistence of the old and the new intrigued me — the old with more stories to tell, their cracks, peels, and stains inspiring me to paint my own stories.

Through my work, my outer and inner worlds come together, helping me navigate a journey of self-discovery. Nature's balance, its ephemeral quality, and inner beauty also became part of my search. The past is permanent, and the present is ever-changing; both hold a strong sense that makes me live in the past and the present simultaneously, giving my practice a to-and-fro movement.

I eliminate the unnecessary and make my mark alongside what already exists, nurturing it and building upon it to create the present.

FOUND SURFACES

This show reflects my journey with two surfaces wood and papyrus. Each held its own texture, story, and character. From distressed and salvaged wood to papyrus, the world's earliest paper, I explored ways of merging painting with surface until they became inseparable.

BIO DATA

Suju began her artistic journey at an early age, as her father, the late Artist Balwad, was her first Guru. Later, she studied at the esteemed Sir J.J. School of Art, Mumbai, where Artist Prabhakar Kolte, her mentor, was a powerful influence on her. She then pursued a post-graduation degree, specialising in murals at the same institution. Throughout her career, Suju's work has been recognised with prestigious awards, including the Maharashtra State Award (student category) in 1981 and the All India Arts & Crafts Society's National Award in 1986.



Her paintings have been showcased in 30 solo and dual exhibitions across prominent cities such as Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Goa, and Pune. She has also actively participated in international group shows held in India, Australia, the USA, and Dubai. On her last trip to the United States, she presented her work and conducted a painting demonstration before members of the Lexington Society for Art in Boston, Massachusetts. That same year, she also presented her work at the Winnipeg Design Festival. Her 30th show was held at the Visual Art Gallery at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, in 2024.

With a portfolio of over 220 murals in mediums such as mosaic, wood, and metal, Suju's art enhances interior and exterior spaces in Mumbai, Pune, Mahabaleshwar, Kolkata, and Dubai.

Beyond her artistic pursuits, Suju has devoted over thirty-nine years to nurturing minds, teaching art to children and adults at her studio in Pune. Her passion for art education led her to pursue a Diploma in Experiential Education and Practice (DEEP) to equip herself with new modes of facilitation. She has conducted workshops at renowned institutions including Manipal University, Millennium School in Dubai, and the National Institute of Design (NID) in Gujarat.

She served as a Joint Director of the Pune Biennale from 2015 to 2020 and was a founding member of Art Mandai — a local initiative to create an inclusive art space for the sale of paintings, prints, and sculptures at affordable prices.

She currently lives and works in Pune.

LOT 1

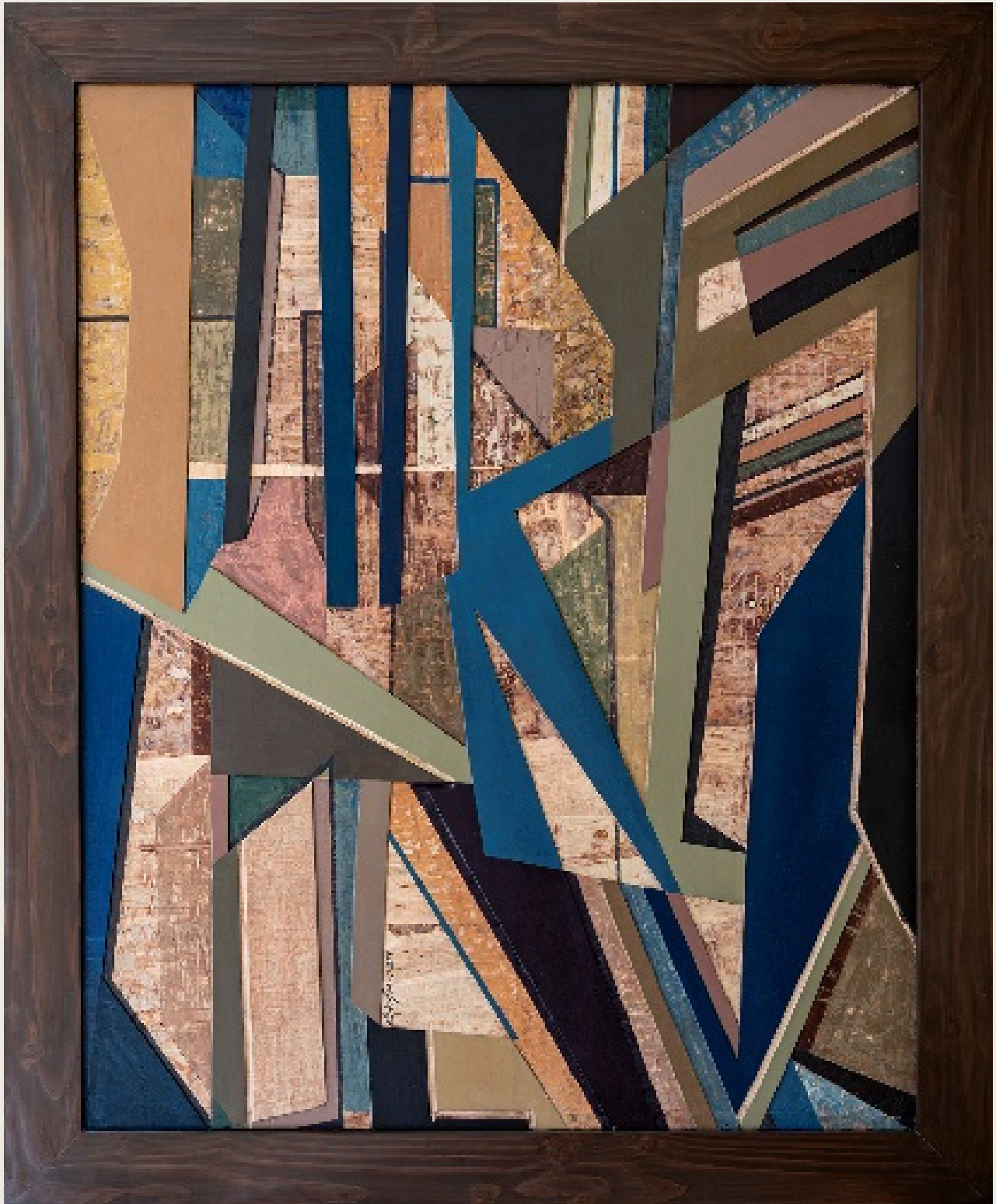


Series : Found Surfaces

Size - 57" x 76" | Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood

Price - ₹375000

LOT 2



Series : Found Surfaces

Size - 57" x 69" | Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood

Price - ₹330000

LOT 3



Series : Found Surfaces

Size - 55" x 55" | Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood

Price - ₹300000

LOT 4



Series : Found Surfaces

Size - 57" x 69" | Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood

Price - ₹330000

LOT 5



Series : Found Surfaces

Size -- 55" x 55" | Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood

Price - ₹300000

LOT 6

Series : Found Surfaces - Saad Pratisaad
Size - 34" x 48"
Medium - Acrylic on Salvaged Marine Plywood

Price - ₹275000



LOT 7

Series : Found Surfaces - Saad Pratisaad
Size - 34" x 49"
Medium - Acrylic on Salvaged Marine Plywood

Price - ₹275000



LOT 8



Series : Found Surfaces

Size - 55" x 55" | Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood

Price - ₹300000

LOT 9

Series : Found Surfaces

Size – 30" x 48"

Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood

Price – ₹225000



LOT 10

Series : Found Surfaces

Size – 30" x 48"

Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood

Price – ₹225000





LOT 11

Series : Found Surfaces - Outer Edge

Size - 32" x 40"

Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood and Distressed Wood

Price - ₹225000



LOT 12

Series : Found Surfaces - Outer Edge

Size - 32" x 59"

Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood and Distressed Wood

Price - ₹310000



LOT 13

Series : Found Surfaces - Outer Edge

Size - 32" x 59"

Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood and Distressed Wood

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LOT 14

Series : Found Surfaces - Outer Edge

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Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood and Distressed Wood

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LOT 15



Series : Found Surfaces - Outer Edge

Size – 32" x 40" | Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood and Distressed Wood

Price – ₹225000

LOT 16



Series : Found Surfaces - Outer Edge

Size – 32" x 40" | Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood and Distressed Wood

Price – ₹225000

LOT 17



Series : Found Surfaces - Outer Edge

Size – 32" x 47" | Acrylic on Marine Plywood and Distressed Wood

Price – ₹275000

LOT 18



Series : Found Surfaces - Outer Edge

Size – 32" x 47" | Acrylic on Marine Plywood and Distressed Wood

Price – ₹275000

LOT 19



Series : Found Surfaces - Outer Edge

Size - 32" x 40"

Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood and Distressed Wood

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LOT 20



Series : Found Surfaces - Saad Pratisaad

Size - 34" x 48"

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Size - 34" x 48" | Medium - Acrylic on Salvaged Marine Plywood

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LOT 22



Series : Found Surfaces

Size - 30" x 30" | Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood

LOT 23



Price - ₹125000

LOT 24



Series : Found Surfaces

Size – 42" x 54" | Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood

Price – ₹250000



LOT 25

Series : Found Surfaces

Size – 30" x 30"

Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood

Price – ₹150000



LOT 26

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LOT 29

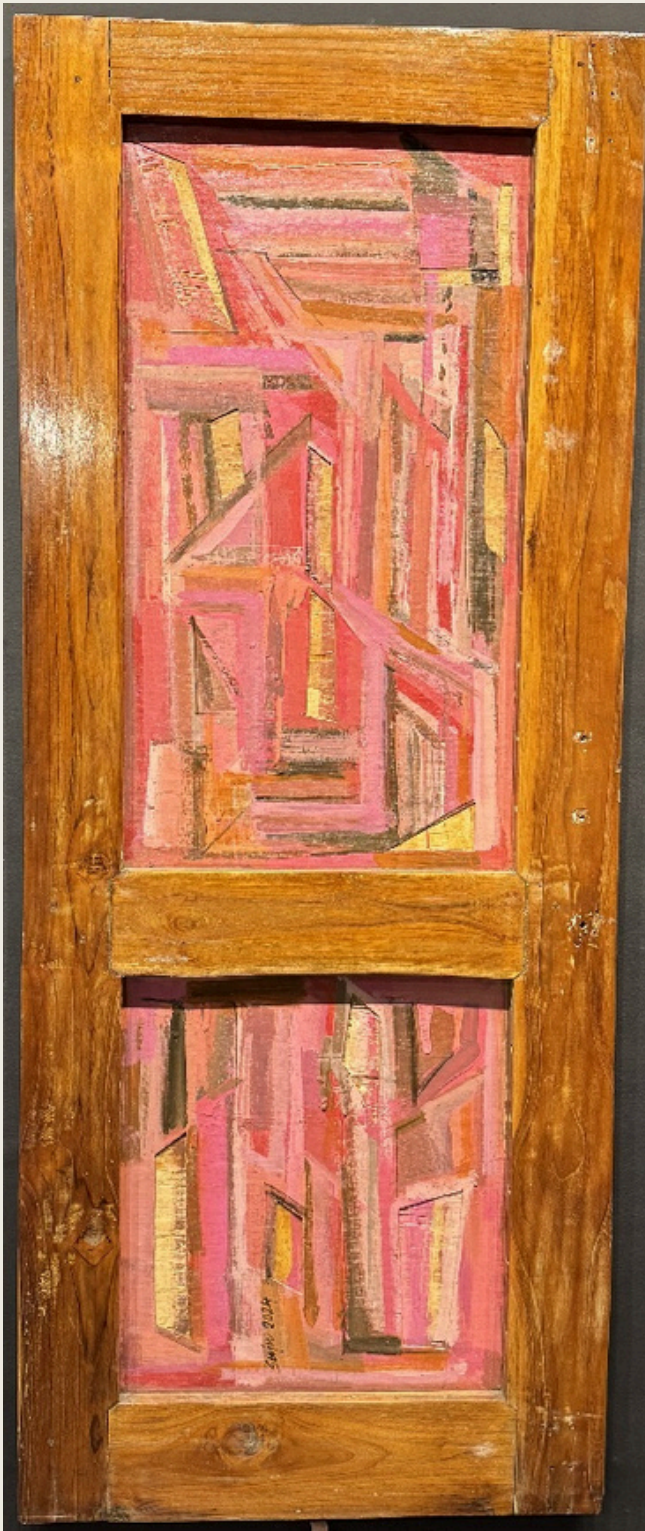


Series : Found Surfaces

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LOT 30



Series : Found Surfaces - Standing Edge

Size - - 27" x 80"

Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood and Salvaged Wood

Price - ₹300000

LOT 31



Series : Found Surfaces - Standing Edge

Size - - 27" x 80"

Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood and Salvaged Wood

Price - ₹300000

LOT 32



Series : Found Surfaces - Standing Edge

Size - - 27" x 80"

Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood and Salvaged Wood

Price - ₹300000



LOT 33

Series : Found Surfaces

Size - 32" x 54"

Medium - Acrylic on Salvaged Marine Plywood

Price - ₹250000

LOT 34

Series : Found Surfaces

Size - 32" x 40"

Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood and
Distressed Wood

Price - ₹225000



LOT 35



Series : Found Surfaces - Standing Edge

Size - 84" x 56" | Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood and Salvaged Wood

Price - ₹300000

LOT 36



Series : Found Surfaces - Standing Edge

Size - 84" x 56" | Medium - Acrylic on Marine Plywood and Salvaged Wood

Price - ₹300000

LOT 37



Series : Found Surfaces - Standing Edge

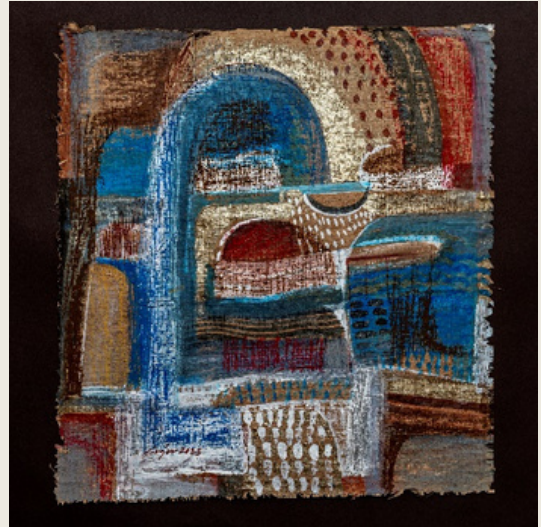
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LOT 40



LOT 41



Series : Papyrus Stories

Size - 18 " x 18 " | Medium - Acrylic on Papyrus

Price - ₹65000

LOT 42



LOT 43



LOT 44



LOT 45



Series : Papyrus Stories

Size - 18 " x 18 " | Medium - Acrylic on Papyrus

Price - ₹65000

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LOT 49



Series : Papyrus Stories

Size - 18 " x 18 " | Medium - Acrylic on Papyrus

Price - ₹65000

LOT 50



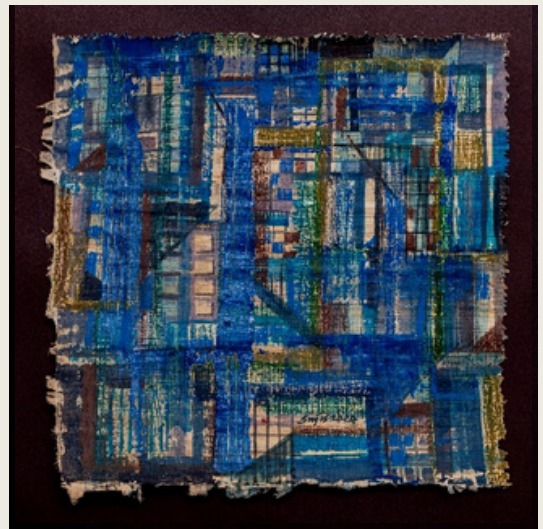
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Series : Papyrus Stories

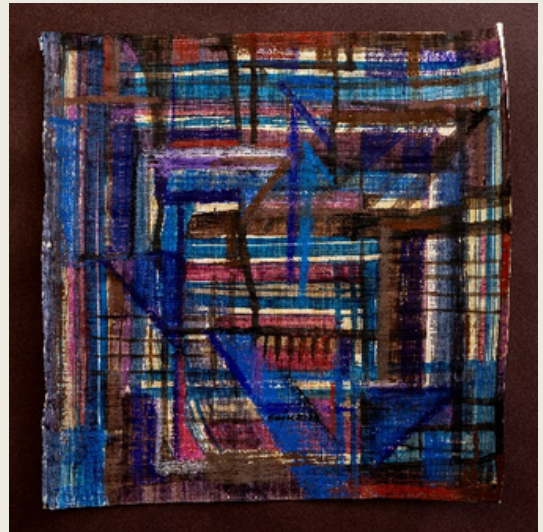
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LOT 56



LOT 57



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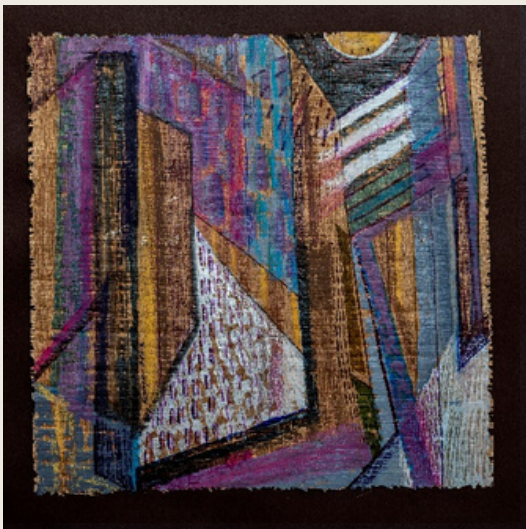
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LOT 61



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LOT 62



LOT 63



Series : Papyrus Stories

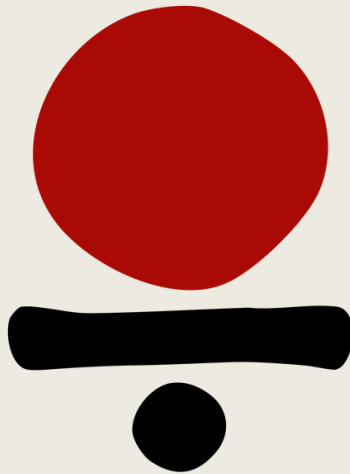
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