

Eminent Artist Seema Kohli enthral audience with her innovative art form of *Performance Art* at her first ever talk show organised by Emami Chisel Art in Kolkata

Kolkata, 29th March, 2016 Emami Chisel Art Gallery hosted an interactive talk show of the eminent and talented artist **Seema Kohli** for the very first time in Kolkata. At the session Ms. Kohli conducted her talk show along with distinguished artists from Bengal like Tapas Konar and Ritendra Roy.

Speaking on the occasion, the talented artist said “This is the first time I have come to Kolkata for such a session. I am quite grateful to Emami Chisel Art Gallery for providing me with this unique opportunity. Commenting on her art, she said, “There are no pre structures. I don’t do a single drawing or make rough sketches. Sometimes I just start with a border and fall into a trance.”

“It means a lot to us that Seema Kohli could present us with such an interesting evening. On behalf of the city of Kolkata, we thank Seema Kohli for coming here. We are eagerly looking forward to host her again at Emami Chisel” said **Ms. Richa Agarwal** of **Emami Chisel Art**.

Seema can well be explained as a self-trained artist, a visual story teller whose exhaustive practice spans over three long decades embracing a variety of mediums including paintings, sculpture, video installation and performance art. She is a pro in the differentiated form of art called “*Performance Art*” where artistic expressions are depicted through the visuals of actual physical movements. It is through her visual language of art that she tries to grasp the metaphysical truth of existence and the cosmic energy that is responsible for all creation. Her work is primarily a celebration of the female form and energy – the source of the twin forces of creation and destruction. Shakti, the divine cosmic energy manifested through female embodiment has been extensively explored and engaged with through Seema Kohli’s works.

Her works can be seen as public art at places like Delhi Airport, Mumbai International / Domestic Airport, Manipal University, Hotel Leela Palace Delhi and many other prominent places. She has had 20 solo shows and has been a part of numerous national and international shows across famous art galleries in India, Venice, Hong Kong , Spain , China , Christies (London) , Sotheby’s (NY) etc . She received further acclaim for her creativity at the Florence Biennale , 2009 where she received a Gold Award for her video “*Swayamsiddha – Myth, mind and Movement.*” A recipient of Young FICCI Ladies Organization Women Achiever’s Award in 2010 and the Lalit Kala National Award for Women in 2008, Seema lives and works in New Delhi, India.

Few references of Seema Kohli's Performance Art:

Unending dance of Light- Raks e shams <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y7Rnu-a2LTc>
Swayamsiddha-myth, mind and movement-<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xzfYvT-WpJw>

Is Death Possible A monologue at Kala Ghoda Festival 2014-
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tmoCeaieEOQ>

About Emami Chisel Art: Emami Chisel Art (ECA) is a part of the reputed Emami Group. It idealised as a full-fledged art organization from 2008 onwards, encompassing within its infrastructure two large gallery spaces, a library, archive, an art-shop (named Kanopy) and a publication section engaged in producing some of the most versatile literary and visual productions. It organizes Art & Craft Fairs where craftsmen share space with contemporary artists under one roof. These fairs give a unique opportunity to the mass as well as art connoisseurs to collect artworks at reasonable prices. The ECA auctions which include authenticated artworks, genuine masterpieces and rare collections from the artists themselves or from reputed art galleries and private collectors have been put through a stringent selection process before being put under the hammer. Besides the auctions, it has also organized significant curated shows reflecting the contributions made by eminent masters and upcoming talents.

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