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LALU PRASAD SHAW - EARLY AND RECENT WORKS (Graphics | Crayons | Temperas)

16th - 25th September 2022

Opening preview: 16 September 2022

Centre for Contemporary Art, Ground floor — Bikaner House, New Delhi

Gallery Art Exposure presents *LALU PRASAD SHAW - EARLY AND RECENT WORKS*. The exhibit, curated by Ina Puri and featuring early and recent works of the master printmaker and artist in graphics, crayon, and tempera, opens on 16 September and continues until 25 September 2022.

Oftentimes, visual imagery and internal identities in Indian art is influenced by other cultures, especially the western. Lalu Prasad Shaw's art, right from the early formative years, pursues a distinctly Indian focus.

"At Gallery Art Exposure, we focus on strengthening the ties that bind modern and contemporary art. In this retrospective exhibition that celebrates the art of Lalu Prasad Shaw, we have drawn from his earliest work – from his brilliant printmaking to his contemporary portrayals of people from the city of Kolkata," says Somak Mitra, Director of Gallery Art Exposure.

Lalu Prasad Shaw's oeuvre famously portrays a variety of people occupied in various pursuits, including romantic dalliances, the Babu's regular forays to the market to buy fish and vegetables or the Bibi, depicted reading or gazing into space, a caged bird by her side.

Through these images we get an insight into the artist's practice as well as his gently satirical approach towards life and its diversity. People can be differentiated by their ethnicity, religion, profession and class, giving rise to a sense of plurality. Deeply affected by political issues through his life, Shaw in his septuagenarian years chooses to reflect on his environment with humour and irreverence. The retrospective pays a tribute to the veteran by showcasing the range of his art that is as contemplative as it is humorous.

"As a printmaker and painter, Lalu Prasad Shaw is remarkable for his contemporaneity and stylistic expression. Gallery Art Exposure brings to the capital a meticulously curated selection of his most outstanding works from the earliest time to present day offering the viewers an intimate look at the veteran artist's vast oeuvre." says curator Ina Puri.

Preview: Friday 16th September 2022, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

On view: 17th - 25th Sept 2022, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm (Open all days)

Venue: Bikaner House, New Delhi, Centre for Contemporary Arts (CCA), Ground floor, New Delhi 110011

The exhibition can also be viewed online at artexposure.in