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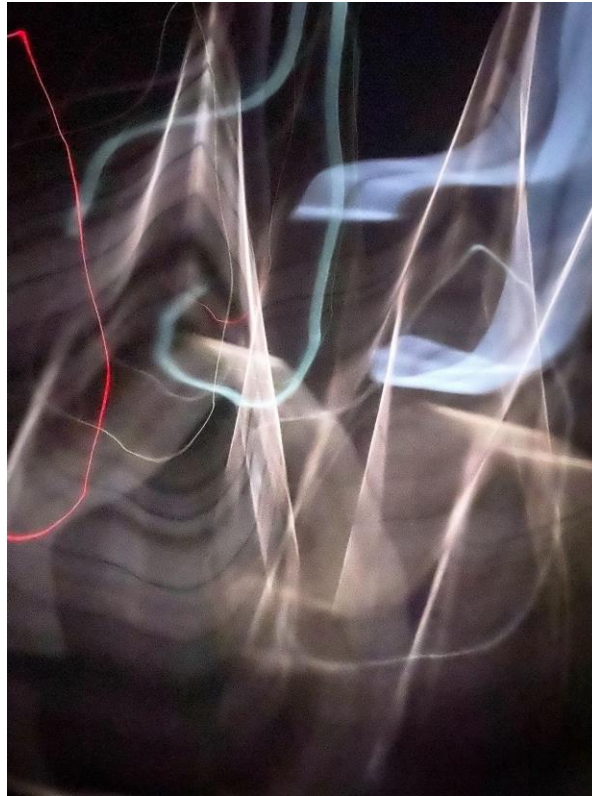
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VIDA HEYDARI
CONTEMPORARY

Between One Shore and Several Others

Photographic works by Vivek Vilasini

18 November - 13 January 2021

Opening: Thursday, 18 November 2021, 5 - 9 PM



Vivek Vilasini, *Quarantine Suites – Fort Mitchel – KY (3)*
2021

Archival Print on Hahnemuhle Paper
55.8 x 44.5 cm (22 x 17.5")

We are pleased to open the latest photographic exhibition, **Between One Shore and Several Others**, by **Vivek Vilasini** on 18 Nov, 5 PM at Vida Heydari Contemporary.

The series displays Vilasini's latest artworks which capture movement and captivity during the ongoing pandemic through an aesthetic dimension to the situation.

VIVEK VILASINI - ARTIST STATEMENT (excerpt)

“Between One Shore and Several Others is an enquiry into the evolution of identities through the transigrations of concepts, their assimilations, and internalisations.

Central to self-expression are the investigations of human interconnectedness. Kochi, my hometown - itself has been the receptacle of social and cultural ideas from diverse countries and ethnicities over the centuries. I acknowledge socially, culturally, metaphorically, and quite literally, that I am standing - between one shore and several others...

... I do not protest or criticise the cultural metamorphoses, as I do not wish for the revival of the old world. Rather through sharp but caring observations of significant, but often-overlooked details, I point to a reality that is churning with warm amusement.”

ABOUT VIVEK VILASINI

Vivek Vilasini is a multimedia artist from Kerala, who has studied art practices and sculpture from traditional Indian craftspeople. Before turning to art, he trained as a Marine Radio Officer and pursued a degree from Kerala University.

Vilasini’s paintings, sculptures, photographs and mixed media works explore how ideas influence identities in contemporary society. His works manifest the continuous connection and negotiation between these ideas and identities. He highlights the appropriation and juxtaposition of forms and meanings in different settings.

He has been a part of numerous international solo and group exhibitions, including in his repertoire, prestigious international art festivals such as Art Basel Hong Kong, NGMA Mumbai, New York University Museum, Dubai Art Fair, etc. His works are in the collection of the Smithsonian Museum; Kadist Collection, Arco Foundation, Hermes Collection and other notable collectives.

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Interviews can be arranged with the artist VIVEK VILASINI, and the gallery founder Vida Heydari.

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About Vida Heydari/Vida Heydari Contemporary Art Gallery

Established in 2020, VHC is Pune's newest contemporary art gallery. VHC celebrates art by partnering with artists, promoting their work and connecting them to art lovers. The gallery showcases works by local and international artists and through its collateral programs aims to contribute to the cultural fabric of Pune city. VHC endeavours to create a platform to encounter and engage with relevant contemporary art practices from around the world.

VHC also celebrates the art of fine cuisine with its restaurant. The experience of engaging with art is enhanced by the cuisine on offer, where the restaurant serves as a space of encounter, conversation and reflection.

VHC was founded by Vida Heydari, a curator and gallerist with over 14 years of diverse experience in the global art world. She has worked with accomplished Indian, Iranian and Chinese contemporary artists and has also consulted for various private and public collections.

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