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Exhibition Opening

VHC
VIDA HEYDARI
CONTEMPORARY

WHAT SURFACE REMEMBERS

Solo Exhibition by Ravi Morya

17 January – 21 February 2026

Opening: Saturday, 17 January 2026, 7:00 – 9:00 PM



Untitled, 2025

Mixed Media, Canvas

38 x 30.5 cm (15 x 12 in)

Vida Heydari Contemporary is pleased to announce the opening of our latest exhibition, **What Surface Remembers**, a solo exhibition by Ravi Morya, portraying his work as both site and subject - a living archive shaped by urban life, memory, and emotional residue.

Drawing from experiences of growing up amid the historic layers of Gwalior and living within Delhi's ceaseless transformation, the works reflect the city as a palimpsest of scars, repairs, and fleeting gestures.

Through intuitive processes of layering, collage, erasure, and repetition, each canvas becomes a membrane that absorbs fragments of everyday life and inner experience. Chaotic urban textures—cracked walls, tangled wires, relentless construction—are translated into meditative acts of tearing, scraping, and rebuilding. These rhythmic gestures transform disorder into quiet contemplation.

The exhibition will preview on **Saturday, 17 January 2026**, from **7:00** to **9:00 PM** at **VHC | Vida Heydari Contemporary**. The artist will be present at the Preview. It will run through 21 February 2026.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

RAVI MORYA

Ravi Morya was born in 1992, Gwalior, India. He pursued BFA in Painting, from RMT University in 2015. Within Morya's practice, repetition evolves into a conceptual framework for understanding the human experience. It is through the repetition of motifs, gestures, and processes, that he unveils the overtones of our collective consciousness, offering glimpses into the nature of our being.

His works have been exhibited in several solo, and group shows in India. Additionally, Ravi has been a scholar at the Ministry of Culture on the Young Artist scholarship. He has also been a part of shows like the Art Incept grant show, CIMA art gallery annual show, Birla Academy, Kolkata, and is a recipient of awards like the Prafulla Dhanukar Art, CIMA award, Madhya Pradesh State award, and the All India Art award from the state gallery of art, Hyderabad.

Ravi Morya lives and works in New Delhi, India.

ABOUT VIDA HEYDARI CONTEMPORARY

Vida Heydari Contemporary is an international art gallery in Pune specialising in contemporary art and representing established and emerging artists with diverse backgrounds, across a variety of mediums and genres.

Founded in 2020 with an emphasis on authenticity, quality and innovation, VHC aims to contribute to the cultural fabric of the city. The gallery is committed to fostering the careers of its artists and sharing their work with a global audience, providing a platform for under-represented artists, presenting pioneering museum-quality exhibitions, positive collaborations, price transparency and offering a very hands-on and tailored high-quality experience.

In less than four years from its inception, VHC has mounted significant exhibitions featuring local and international artists. It has also participated in some of the most prestigious art fairs, such as Art Basel Hong Kong, India Art Fair and Art Mumbai. In addition to the gallery program, VHC hosts talks, performances, workshops and educational programs to create engaging and enriching artistic experiences that capture the essence of life.

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Interviews can be arranged with the artist and the gallery director Vida Heydari.