

## Presenting a different shade of art



*A painting by Alka Raghuvanshi.*

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A two-day art exhibition by five women artists opens at Alliance Francaise de Delhi in Lodhi Estate on Friday.

Titled “Vicarious Pleasures — Why Not?”, the group show features 30 abstract works in many different media including textiles and ceramic by Babita Gupta, Alka Raghuvanshi, Gauri Sahni, Manisha Gawade and Sangeeta Gupta.

Organised jointly by Mystiq Art Gallery and Art Spice, the exhibition captures the essence of existence. As the title suggests, the artists take cognisance of the vicarious lives we all lead in some ways.

“The exhibition is basically a series of nearly 30 joyous works that revel in the creative impulse. Even though painted by five artists, there is a sense of tandem that prevails through the works. They breathe as if in unison and create music that comes straight from the soul. Women from different backgrounds have come together to showcase abstract art on a common theme,” says Jaswinder Singh of Mystiq Art Gallery.

The canvases reflect the magnificent metallic jewel colours of the desert and the harmony of the earth’s eternal dance in all its glory as they echo the underlying philosophy of a single idea leading up to a thousand thoughts.

While Alka had undergone training as a curator at Goldsmiths College in London, Babiba closed down her business to pursue her passion for painting. Manisha has been trained in various forms of painting, glass and textile, while Sangeeta is not only an artist but also a poet in her own right. The exhibition will move to Mystiq Art Gallery in Defence Colony from November 12 to 17.

