



KALAKRITI  
art gallery

*presents*

# MASQUERADE

*an endless drama*

*by*

AVIJIT DUTTA



## Masquerade- an endless drama

*"We live in an age where original thoughts, the soft petals of dreams are consigned to flames in this daily consuming furnace of societal demands "- Avijit Dutta*

Amidst the multitude of faces and situations revolving around us, the world stands like a massive theatrical stage with different scripts and cast of characters in conversation with one another-all plunged into this heady action for raison d'être of lust, love, greed, power, popularity, prestige, status, anger and professional growth.

An unseen tug of war thrives- between creative liberty and concept notes, fact and fiction, love and false affection, class, and mass. Truth is lost in this whirlwind melee of pretense and projected reality. Art, once a vehicle of self-expression stands at a confluence with its health and survival defined by how one can stretch oneself to fit in and participate in the masquerade of this endless quotidian drama of societal gaze and acceptance.

And the artist has become a character in the play he is now projecting as you watch the scenes unfold across the stage of his canvas...





## The Process of the Artist

Avijit Dutta has been pouring and distilling his human experience through his poignant visual imagery that gently lures you to an imagined space that throws an understated illumination of the myriad complexities of society, relationships and the machinations that keep it working. His personal style has been much about textures, and layers through the classic tempera yet his creations seem to burst out of his canvas and escape into something more expansive.

An intriguing aspect of his artworks has been his uniquely conceptualised and designed outer framing which the artist sources and himself puts under interesting treatments, be it a rough rustic woody effect or using gold leaf to give a vintage feel that is deeply transforming, colouring his work with a luminosity and mystique that has become his signature style.

*Surupa Chatterjee*



Masquerade - 1: Saving Graces • Tempera on Canvas Board • 40 x 42 inch (wxh, with frame) | 34 x 36 inch without frame

₹ 7,40,000



Masquerade - 2: In The Throes Of A Lost Glory • Tempera on Canvas Board • 49 x 41 inch (wxh, with frame) | 42 x 34 inch without frame

₹ 8,70,000



Masquerade - 3: Sensationalism And Sensitivity • Tempera on Canvas Board • 50 x 39 inch (wxh, with frame) | 42 x 31 inch without frame

₹ 8,10,000



Masquerade - 4: Ephemeral Enchantment And Existential Realities • Tempera on Canvas Board • 28 x 13 inch (wxh, with frame)

₹ 1,60,000



Masquerade - 5: At The Borderlines Of Mirages • Tempera on Canvas Board • 40 x 86 inch (wxh, with frame)

₹ 15,20,000



Masquerade - 6: Silences And Sentences In Chrome And Monochrome • Tempera on Canvas Board • 102 x 54 inch (wxh, with frame) | 96 x 48 inch without frame

₹ 23,00,000



Masquerade - 7: Perfected Poses, Prominence And Obscurity • Tempera on Canvas Board • 52 x 43 inch (wxh, with frame) | 43 x 34 inch without frame

₹ 9,50,000



Masquerade - 8a: Veering Moods And Conversations • Tempera on Canvas Board • 12 x 23 inch (wxh, with frame)



Masquerade - 8b: Veering Moods And Conversations • Tempera on Canvas Board • 12 x 23 inch (wxh, with frame)



Masquerade - 8a & 8b: Veering Moods And Conversations

₹ 4,00,000



Masquerade - 9: Making And Unmaking Of Dreams And Destiny • Tempera on Canvas Board • 72 x 36 inch (wxh, with frame) | 68 x 32 inch without frame

₹ 11,00,000



Masquerade 10a • Tempera on Canvas Board • 12 x 23 inch (wxh, with frame)



Masquerade 10b • Tempera on Canvas Board • 12 x 23 inch (wxh, with frame)

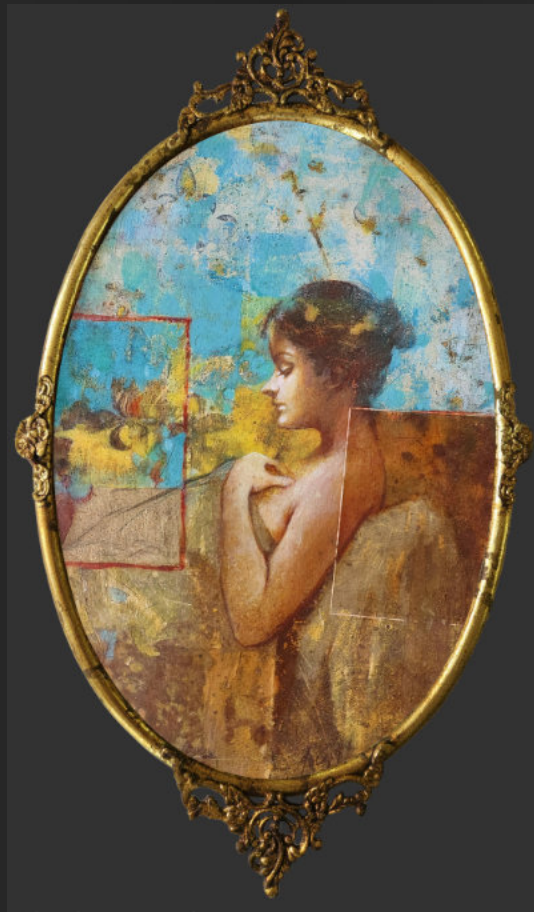


Masquerade 10a and 10b

₹ 4,00,000



Masquerade Continue 1a • Tempera on Canvas Board • 15.5 x 25.5 inch (wxh, with frame)



Masquerade Continue 1b • Tempera on Canvas Board • 15.5 x 25.5 inch (wxh, with frame)



Masquerade Continue 1a and 1b

₹ 4,00,000



Masquerade Continue 2 • Tempera on Canvas Board • 30 x 36 inch (wxh, with frame)

₹ 4,50,000



Intimate Theatres 1 • Tempera on Canvas Board • 31 x 47 inch (wxh, with frame)

₹ 6,30,000



Intimate Theatres 2 • Tempera on Canvas Board • 66 x 48 inch (wxh, with frame)

₹ 13,20,000

## About the Artist

Avijit Dutta received his Bachelor's Degree in Visual Art in Painting from the Rabindra Bharati University of Calcutta. The dynamic artist has journeyed through various phases in time and his search for the ultimate truth is never-ending. Avijit Dutta's work evolves from personal experiences and contemplations; his search for truth continues and so does his journey of retrospection and realization leading to his expression on canvas.

He was awarded the best Watercolourist title by the Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata between 1996 and 1997. He received awards and certificates of merit, from Rabindra Bharati University. He has held numerous group and solo exhibitions in some of the most prestigious galleries all over India and abroad. He has made extensive tours throughout the world, taking part in international art camps and workshops and has participated in many important projects.

Avijit is the curator of the exhibitions 'Lost in Transition', at the Harrington Street Arts Centre, Kolkata and 'Tradition and Transition' watercolours from India and China, at Kalakriti Art Gallery, Hyderabad.

He has designed and conceptualised the show "His Glory and His Monuments, on Indian Gods, Maps and Cosmography", at the Lexicon Art Gallery, New Delhi, 2022; Conceptualised "Sands of Time" Sculpture Group show, Kalakriti Art Gallery, Hyderabad, 2018.

He participated at India Art Fair in the year 2020 Solo show entitled 'Sq' Ft' by Kalakriti Art Gallery; 2019 Group show by Gallery Art Centrix, New-Delhi; 2018 Gallerie Ganesh, a solo show titled " ENSOUL"; 'Life is a deck of Cards by Kalakriti Art Gallery, group show to name few.





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