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Contradictions and Complexities: Contemporary Art From India

Curated by Patricia Hamilton and Peter Nagy

Concurrent exhibitions at d.e.n. contemporary art and Western Project

June 21 – August 2, 2008

Opening receptions: Saturday June 21st

5-8pm at d.e.n. contemporary art, and 6-9pm at Western Project

Panel Discussion: *Indian Art Today*

Sunday, June 22nd, 3:00 pm at d.e.n. contemporary art, 6023 Washington Blvd.

Featuring: Peter Nagy, *Gallery Nature Morte, New Delhi* and

Betty Seid, independent curator and specialist in South Asian Art.

The event will be moderated by Patricia Hamilton, private dealer and curator.

Limited seating available, r.s.v.p. email: info@dencontemporaryart.com

Contradictions and Complexities: Contemporary Art from India will open simultaneously at d.e.n. contemporary art and Western Project in Culver City. The shows will provide an introduction to the fertile and vibrant contemporary art scene happening in India today. The shows will include six artists ranging in age from 30 to 65, working in a wide variety of media. All of the artists skillfully combine imagery and references to traditional Indian culture with more contemporary concerns, negotiating the slippery terrains of identity, globalization and cultural inheritance. The exhibitions are curated by Patricia Hamilton, former owner of Hamilton Gallery in New York and currently a private dealer in Los Angeles, and Peter Nagy, director of Gallery Nature Morte in New Delhi (and former director of Nature Morte in New York's East Village).

The artists included at d.e.n. contemporary art are: Sheba Chhachhi, with photography; Anita Dube, with sculpture, photography and video; Chitra Ganesh, with digital prints; and Mithu Sen, with photo-collage drawings and works on paper.

The artists included at Western Project are: Shobha Broota, with abstract paintings and Santana Gohain, with calligraphic graphite works.

The symposium, *Indian Art Today*, on Sunday June 22nd, 3 pm at d.e.n. contemporary art will feature Betty Seid, who recently curated the much-applauded *New Narratives: Contemporary Art From India*, which opened at the Chicago Cultural Center and is currently on view at the Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ.

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