

South
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Through the transparent layers of life

Madhu Venugopalan

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Opening Night



Viewings by appointment
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11 am to 6 pm

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In collaboration with Gallery27

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"Life forces me to be aware of the term Homeostasis—this state of balance that sustains life itself. Art is, in many ways, this balance." – Madhu Venugopalan

In *Through the Transparent Layers of Life*, Madhu Venugopalan's work addresses the socio-ecological challenges of our time, exploring themes of climate change, political unrest, and societal transformation. Rooted in the artist's life in Kerala, his figurative works, especially those depicting women, convey a delicate balance between emergence and confinement, growth and resistance. With a palette of pinks, purples, and earthy greens, Venugopalan creates a dynamic space where harmony and tension coexist, urging viewers to reflect on the fragility and resilience of life.

Venugopalan's practice is driven by a deep connection to nature and an intuitive understanding of time, contradictions, and mindfulness. His work invites us to reconsider our relationship with the world around us and with ourselves.

A graduate of the Thiruvananthapuram College of Fine Arts, Venugopalan has received the Kerala Lalithkala Academy Award and the Pollock Krasner Foundation Grant. His work has been featured in several Biennales and exhibitions across India, earning him recognition as one of India's most thought-provoking contemporary artists.



AN ANTIQUE PIECE OF LOVE

2022

Watercolour on Paper

30"x 22"

76 x 56cm



THROUGH THE TRANSPARENT
LAYERS OF LIFE I

2023

Watercolour on Paper

30"x 22"

76 x 56cm



THROUGH THE TRANSPARENT
LAYERS OF LIFE II

2023

Watercolour on Paper

30"x 22"

76 x 56cm



THROUGH THE TRANSPARENT
LAYERS OF LIFE III
2023
Watercolour on Paper
72"x 36"
183 x 91cm



THROUGH THE TRANSPARENT
LAYERS OF LIFE II
2023
Watercolour & Gouache on Paper
72"x 36"
183 x 91cm



THROUGH THE TRANSPARENT
LAYERS OF LIFE II
2023
Acrylic on Canvas
24"x 20"
61 x 51cm

This catalogue features content from SAC Art Amsterdam, showcasing the work of the gallery and its exhibitions.

Established by Tasneem Hatimbhai in June 2024, SAC Art Amsterdam specialises in modern and contemporary art from India and South Asia, aiming to raise awareness and foster international recognition for artists from South Asia and its diaspora.

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