

VAJIRA GUNAWARDENA

PANIC WORLD

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Vajira'. The signature is fluid and expressive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the word.

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Vajira Gunawardena's works addressed issues and questions about culture and identity is exploring human imperfections or unseen aspects of humanity. His figurative abstract art, like internal space explore the furthest extremes of the human psyche. The subjectivity emerges as a concept embedded in notions of interrelatedness. Throughout Vajira's works, abstract shapes are placed in balance and dialogue with one another, expressing an essential impetus towards human connection.

He has purposed to create a multi-dimensional work treating both narrative and form as one. This, He is considering as a survey of a new language of art, interest in bright colors, rhythmic patterning, expressive figurative imagery, and developments in experimental techniques combined offers a new visual format that seeks to communicate to a fully expressionistic borderless painting.



Panic World I, 2020, Acrylic on canvas, 76cm x 103cm



Panic World II, 2020, Acrylic on canvas, 76cm x 103cm



Panic World III, 2020, Acrylic on canvas, 76cm x 103cm



Panic World IV, 2020, Acrylic on canvas, 110cm x 120cm



Panic World V, 2020, Acrylic on canvas, 76cm x 103cm



Panic World VI, 2020, Acrylic on canvas, 110cm x 120cm



Panic World VII, 2020, Acrylic on canvas, 110cm x 120cm



Panic World VIII, 2020, Acrylic on canvas, 110cm x 120cm



Panic World IX, 2020, Acrylic on canvas, 50cm x 60cm



Panic World X, 2020, Acrylic on canvas, 50cm x 60cm



Panic World XI, 2020, Acrylic on canvas, 50cm x 60cm



Panic World XII, 2020, Acrylic on canvas, 50cm x 60cm



Panic World XIII, 2020, Acrylic on canvas, 110cm x 120cm



Panic World XIV, 2020, Acrylic on canvas, 50cm x 60cm



Panic World XV, 2020, Acrylic on canvas, 110cm x 120cm



Panic World XVI, 2020, Acrylic on canvas, 61cm x 61cm



Panic World XVII, 2020, Acrylic on canvas, 110cm x 120cm



Panic World XVIII, 2020, Acrylic on canvas, 110cm x 120cm



Panic World XIX, 2020, Acrylic on canvas, 110cm x 120cm



Panic World XX, 2020, Acrylic on canvas, 110cm x 120cm



Panic World XXI, 2020, Acrylic on canvas, 90cm x 90cm



VAJIRA GUNAWARDENA b.1971

Education

- 2002 Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA degree) Institute of Aesthetic Studies, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka
- 2000 Diploma of Product Design (Leather Design) Designing Department with the Cottage and Textile Industries Department, Sri Lanka

Solo Exhibitions

- 2018 *The Second Nature*, Art Exhibition, Paradise Road Galleries, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2014 *Real World Virtuality*, Art Exhibition, Paradise Road Galleries, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2012 *Virtual Fiction World*, Art Exhibition, Paradise Road Galleries, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2009 *Sublime Window*, Art Exhibition, Paradise Road Galleries, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2008 *Dream Factory*, Art Exhibition, Alliance Française De Colombo, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2008 *The Impossibility of the Perfectly Ordinary*, Art Exhibition, Mieke Kooistra's Residence, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2007 *The Dream Factory*, Art Exhibition, The Barefoot Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2005 *My Recent Paintings*, Art Exhibition, The Paradise Road Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2001 *Gap 2001*, Art Exhibition, Lionel Wendt Art Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Group and Participation (Selected) - Foreign Exhibitions

- 2020 *3rd Krabi International Art Exhibition & Workshop*, Krabi, Thailand
- 2019 *Hanoi Art Connecting 4*, International Art Exhibition & Workshop, Hanoi, Vietnam
- 2019 *India, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Vietnam & Malaysia Fusion 5*, International Art Exhibition, organized by Sasaran Art Foundation & Galeri Seni Mutiara, Penang, Malaysia
- 2014 *International Artists Summit*, Group exhibition, Exclamation Gallery, 798 Art Zone, Beijing, China
- 2013 *Beauty and Agony - New art from Sri Lanka*, Group exhibition Curator by Priyantha Udadethera, Leeds Metropolitan University Gallery, United Kingdom
- 2012 *El Reflejo (The Reflection)*, The Travel Exhibition of Contemporary Cuban & Sri Lankan arts, Restaurant des Delegates, Slon Geneve, The United Nations office, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2011 *Gs, Diamonds La Gemma dell' Est.* Hotels, Zanzibar, Tanzania

Group and Participation (Selected) - Local Exhibitions

- 2019 *Unsettling Time(s)*, Group Art Exhibition, Galle Fort Art Gallery, Galle, Sri Lanka
- 2019 *(Con) temporary Art, Looking Back, Looking Forward*, Group Exhibition of Visual Arts, Barefoot Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2019 *One Won*, Group Exhibition, Colombo Fashion Week, Park street Mews, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2019 *Shades of Black and White*, Group Exhibition, Fine Arts University, JDA Perera Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2019 *Palettes of Modern Art*, Group Exhibition, Leo Burnett Company, Lionel Wendt Art Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2018 *State Art & Sculpture Festival*, Art Exhibition, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, JDA Perera Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2017 *International Visual Arts Exhibition*, Fine Arts University, JDA Perera Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 2017 *Art at the Fes*, Group Art Exhibition, Leo Burnett Company & Galle Literary Festival, Galle, Sri Lanka
- 2016 *Untitled*, Group Art Exhibition & Academic Discussion, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

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