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Art site gives a platform for emerging artists

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BANGALORE: Bangaloreans have an opportunity to enjoy the works of emerging mid-career artists from across the country. A week-long painting exhibition, Brushstrokes 2013 Bengaluru, which started on Wednesday, showcases 120 works by 29 such artists.

Topendra Bhattarjee and Chandrashekhar Gowd, founders of art site colourentice.com, said the objective is to promote talented artists. "The show is a platform for less-privileged artists. We launched the site about a year ago to promote Indian art and artists. We also promote folk art. We've held exhibitions in Kolkata, Mumbai, Bhubaneswar, Nagpur, Goa and Raipur."

The duo quit their banking jobs to take up the cause of emerging and mid-career artists. "The 29 artists include those from Bangalore and Kolkata. Priority has been given to local artists like Ganesh Dodamani, Jayadevanna, Archana Gupta, Dilip Kale, Jagannath and Shekhar Bellari. We also have artists from Kolkata like Dhiren Sasmal, Anjan Bhattacharya, Subrata Ghosh, Rajib Surroy and Dwijen Gupta," they said.

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The site has 250 members with nearly 1,000 paintings. "The works are selected by a group of artists from the site," the founders explained.

The paintings on display include Journey by Jayadevanna, Bull by Shekhar Bellari, Hampi by Ganesh Dodamani and Lifecorner by Shashikanth Kolhe. There are landscapes, portraits, figuratives and abstracts. The exhibition will be on till December 17.

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