

Saffronart to Open New Gallery Space in Delhi with Krishen Khanna Exhibition

- State-of-the-art gallery space of 3,000 sq. ft. at The Claridges, New Delhi
- Opening to be inaugurated by Indian modernist Krishen Khanna
- 24 recent works by Khanna to be exhibited at the opening
- New gallery space extends Saffronart's efforts to support the arts through talks and events with partner galleries

Mumbai, 25 October 2016: In November, Saffronart is opening a state-of-the-art gallery space at The Claridges, located in the heart of Lutyens' Delhi and famed for its old-world charm. The swanky 3,000 square foot gallery space is the finest of its kind in the centre of the capital. It will be home to exhibition and auction previews, as well as viewings, talks, and partner events with other leading galleries.

The new space will be inaugurated by Krishen Khanna, with an exhibition of recent works through 13 November. One of India's leading and last surviving modernists, Krishen Khanna was born in 1925. His work focuses on the human figure, specifically those who are overlooked or ignored in society. Band musicians, waiters at roadside tea-stalls or *dhabas*, and labourers sleeping beneath trucks gain dignity in his work. He adds renewed vigour to the themes that he visited throughout his career in twenty-four new monochromatic works, to be displayed at Saffronart Delhi.

CEO Hugo Weihe says, "We are proud to inaugurate our versatile, state-of-the-art gallery space with an exhibition of works by Krishen Khanna. Our gallery's location in the heart of the capital makes it easily accessible, allowing us to hold exhibitions, previews, talks and other art initiatives. Additionally, the gallery space will be used to collaborate with artists and partner galleries in Delhi, extending Saffronart's continued efforts to support the arts."

The gallery opening will be followed by a series of talks on art. Among the events planned over the next two months is an exhibition of works by Ram Kumar in December 2016.

Gallery Opening: 3 November 2016

Viewings for Krishen Khanna Exhibition:

Through 13 November 2016

11 am – 7 pm

Viewings for Ram Kumar Exhibition: 14 – 31 December 2016

Venue:

Saffronart

The Claridges, 12 Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam Road
New Delhi 110001

Highlights from the Krishen Khanna Exhibition:



Benediction on a Battlefield

Signed 'K Khanna' (lower right); signed and inscribed 'K Khanna/ KRISHEN KHANNA/ "Benediction on a battlefield"' (on the reverse)

Acrylic and charcoal on canvas
144 x 96 in (365.6 x 243.8 cm)

Asking Price: On request



Falconer

Signed 'K Khanna' (lower left); signed and inscribed 'K Khanna/ "FALCONER"' (on the reverse)

Charcoal on canvas
47.25 x 35.25 in (120.2 x 89.6 cm)

Asking Price: On request



Untitled

Signed 'K Khanna' (lower right)

Acrylic and charcoal on canvas
72 x 144.25 in (183 x 366.2 cm)

Asking Price: On request

About Saffronart

A global company with deep Indian roots, Saffronart was founded in 2000 on the strength of a private passion. Remaining committed to this passion and personal values, today Saffronart is a strong and successful international auction house that both embraces and drives change.

A platform for fine art and collectibles with over fourteen years of experience in auctions, Saffronart is committed to serving the growing community of Indian collectors, while also creating a cultural bridge to India for both the global Indian diaspora and the international community at large. Saffronart has set several global benchmarks for online auctions and is the subject of a case study at Harvard Business School.

In its 16 year journey, Saffronart has established itself as one of the leading auction houses in the world and has held several highly successful online and live auctions and preview events in cities like Mumbai, New Delhi, New York, London, Singapore and Hong Kong. In July 2015, Saffronart appointed Hugo Weihe, former International Director of Asian Art at Christie's, as its new Chief Executive Officer. Weihe oversees Saffronart's presence in Mumbai, New Delhi, New York and London in building a market for Indian art and antiquities globally.

Responding to the needs of today's collectors, Saffronart offers a range of services including art advisory, private sales, appraisals and valuations, and specialised art storage. Through these personalised services, our dedicated team of professionals provides collectors with a comprehensive set of options to evolve and care for their collections over time. In April 2010, Saffronart leveraged its online presence and global reach to introduce a new service – Prime Properties in India. In 2013 Saffronart launched StoryLTD, an online auction and e-commerce platform to serve a broader base of art and collectibles buyers. Since 2014, StoryLTD has been holding a number of no-reserve online auctions which been enthusiastically received.

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