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# Witness and Evidence Gallery XXL

Gallery XXL presents Witness and Evidence: deliberations on ruins by Sajid Wajid Shaikh and Jofre Oliveras on May 18, 2024 at 21, PLATFORMArsiwala Building, Wodehouse Road, Colaba, Mumbai.

Presenting the works of Indian artist Sajid Wajid Shaikh and Spanish artist Jofre Oliveras, the two will use the gallery as a site to extend on an investigation of the ruins that are around us, and the ruins that are far away but continue to surround us. What is the responsibility of artists, (https://www.facebo madness that comes from constant upheaval? Do aesthetics play any role in articulating the here and now?

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Witness and Evidence offers a space for a gathering to deliberate upon confusions that emerge from witnessing ruins, to explore historical losses that seek a preservation, and futures that are getting built for generations to come. Through diverse mediums and materials, the artworks transform

	accumulated ruins in spaces outside as well as within ourselves into varied tangibilities and forms, highlighting the fragmentation of multiple realities that take shape in times of conflicts.
(/) <b>f</b> (https://www.facebo	The exhibition will premier Sajid Wajid Shaikh's sculptures made of marble and concrete, and the Pie Pie series that evoke resilience in materialities. Along with this, Shaikh's recent observational drawings and objects he has collected over time will invite contemplation on the idea of home, and how objects embody one's existence and memories in the realities of conflict.
+ - • 0	and Roman busts which serve as a metaphor for the complexities of the present world, where the remnants of the past are interwoven with the
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(/Stepawere) Shaikh (b. 1989) a multidisciplinary artist currently living

\* FIGHY FRING in Mumbai, India. Guided by a set of principles rooted in

organic intuition, his practice takes on diverse forms, exploring a wide **\* LIFESTYLE** (/LIFESTYLE) range of themes and mediums. Central to his practice is drawing, which

\* MUSICs (dMUSIC) urce of cathartic and sensory responses to his

\* 20 QUESTIONS (720 nfiltered explorations draw inspiration from the

QUESTIONS psychic automatism, tapping into the inner reflections of the

subconscious. The resulting artworks often embrace abstract, distorted,

\* MAGAZINE and occasionally grotesque forms. (/MAGAZINE)

Recently, his practice has probed into political violence and the systems **EZ** (/EZINE.PHP) of power that wage war on bodies. With a keen interest in the

**×** ABOUT (COBOUTS of violence and defacement, I examine the notions of PLATEORM ction and mutation of identity through the body, considering it

- \* STORE (75 FORE)sical form but as a dynamic locus of thought and conflict.
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# Walking through a Songline

The Australian High Commission in India together with KNMA brings a unique showcase of the immersive multimedia installation 'Walking Through a Songline'

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# Art Dubai: The **Beauty in Diversity**

A CONVERSATION WITH THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF ART DUBAI, PABLO DEL VAL.

Art Dubai has grown with the city over the years, championing art and artists not only from the Middle East but also from the Global South

+ (/art/art-dubai-thebeauty-in-diversity.html) The defacement portrayed in his work takes on a grotesque representation, intentionally disconcerting and jarring to behold. This PallitAge FSORt Baves a dual purpose, eliciting both a poignant of response and disgust. By challenging the ideas of humanity and empathy, the works expose the swiftly changing political landscape of India and its profound impact on the status quo.

With a practice in artmaking that spans a decade, his works have been shown at numerous exhibitions and public art projects where he has (https://www.facebo exhibited sculptures, conceptualized site specific installations as well as screened films he directed under his independent film production entity, than the screened films.

Most recently his works were exhibited at India Art Fair, 2024; Godrej **Cesticitu(:/Desticituy**e Program, 2023;Ephemeroptera: Time After Time at Tara x Gallery XXL, 2023; OUTSIDERS at Gallery XXL, 2023; Mumbai Wrban Art Festival, 2022; Future Proche at APRE Art House x The Upside **Spstel OD (/F,Attisen)** Movement on Indernet, 2021; Tasawwur at Art + **Chreikature** () 19. Between 2019 and 2020, Shaikh was the recipient of two residencies, the Facebook Artist in Residency Program and at the **FILM (/FILM)** Harkat Lab, supported by the Gujral Foundation.

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## Slings & Arrows of Outrageous Fortune

Sculptor Sonal Ambani's installation titled 'Slings & Arrows of Outrageous Fortune' is being showcased at the ongoing Venice Biennale

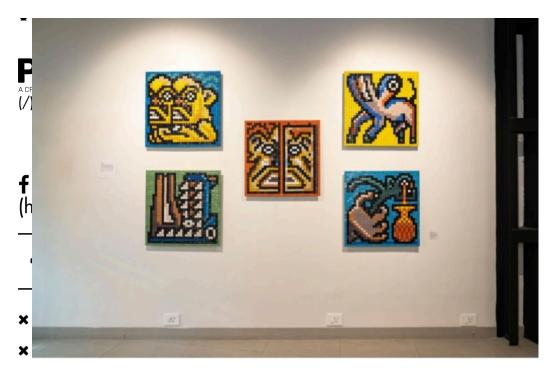
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# Three Questions at Once

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In conversation with the curator, Zeenat Nagree, on the questions that lie beneath



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(/JUFE CINEFAS (b.1989) is an artist from Girona, Spain currently based
\* PRIMOTION in and India. With an academic background in philosophy, communication, and journalism, Oliveras took up a study in language
\* LIFESTYLE (/LIFESTYLE) which influenced his career to use art and writing as tools for

**\* MUSIC**r(*i/MUSIC*)cusing on the social environment.

\* Re QHESTIONS (¿Quided by classical expressions rooted in
QWESTIONS) ean culture, apparent in his use of diverse materials and
\* WACHAZINE cesses maintaining a connection to the landscape he grew (/MACHAZINE His process embodies a commitment to the present, viewing the study and exploration of the planet as a creative opportunity.
\* EZ (/EZINE.PHP) Curlous about human experiences, Oliveras' works are a rediscovery of
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her curation of 'Three Questions at Once' at Art and Charlie

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## **Batte Royale**

A group of excessively large works that communicate authority, power, and prestige

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# **Tenzing Dakpa**

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The Experimenter Gallery plays host to Tenzing Dakpa's latest exhibit, a culmination of three years of introspection and observation in Goa Working primarily in the public, Oliveras uses his work as a tool to engage with communities and address issues in their cultural contexts. **PLCASTAFORM**r, and landscaper, his practice extends beyond () geographies and categories.

Excelling as a muralist, his community-based and self-sufficient lifestyle led him to participate in Konvent, a multidisciplinary arts center that offers cultural mediation via artistic creation and dissemination. Active since 2013, Oliveras has worked across countries on projects such as (https://www.facebo Nuarf Aberdeen (UK), Underline Project (Lebanon and Jordan), WOOL (Portugal), Art Basel Miami (USA), Memorie Urbane (Italy), Nuart forway), Moocco Trance, and India.



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# Urban Distortions Meet Surrealism in Dheer Kaku's Art

Dheer Kaku's art serves as a silent witness to the ebb and flow of architecture

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