

M.O.B.
CHANDRAGUPTHA THENUWARA

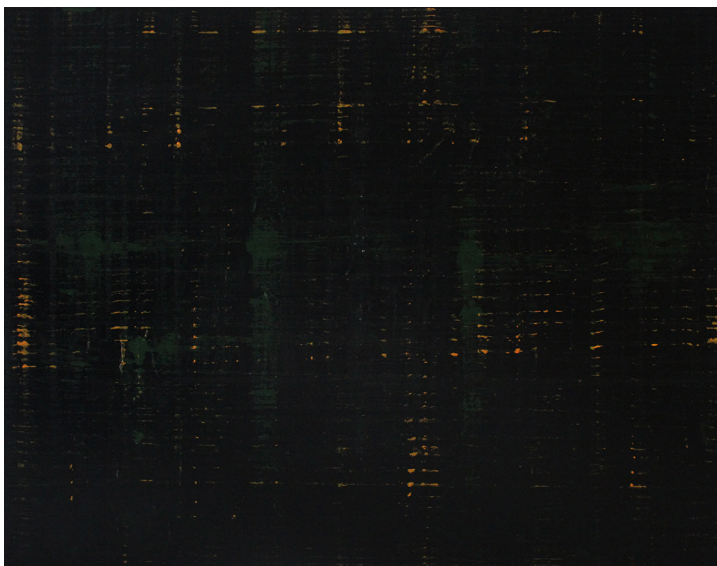
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What is happening around us?

Following the end of a 27 year long war instead of establishing a peace building process by returning occupied land and removing camps, there are individuals and groups looking for a new enemy. The June 2014 riots in Dharga town were a clear incident of this attempt. It was orchestrated. Previously hidden Islamaphobia became visible. Yellow robes were seen during these anti-Muslim activities but they were not preaching Buddha's words. Hate speech, hate campaigns, hate without an end.

On 13 May 2019 the burning of buildings and looting took place in Hettipola, Kuliypitiya, Kurunegala and Minuangoda. It reminded me of Black July 1983. M.O.B., Maliciously Organized Bastards, with the support of our so-called Sinhala-Buddhist ideology. Power-hungry politicians, individuals and organizations were amongst these mobs. Various tones of yellow robes creating Neo Camouflage.

Chandraguptha Thenuwara, 2019



GLITCH/ Camouflage, 2019, Acrylic on Canvas, 70cm x 90cm



BBS/ Blood Bath Service, 2019, Acrylic on Canvas, 70cm x 90cm



GLITCH/ Black and White, 2019, Acrylic on Canvas, 70cm x 90cm



Sworn in Properly/ Improperly, 2018, Acrylic on Canvas, 48cm x 60cm x (x2)



M.O.B., 2019, Fibre Glass Cast, 145cm x 156cm x 150cm



Reminiscence I/ Barrelism, 2019, Brass Cast, 18cm x 13cm x 13cm, Edition of 15



Reminiscence II/ Neo-Barrelism, 2019, Brass Cast, 18cm x 21cm x 10cm, Edition of 15



Reminiscence III/ Thorns, 2019, Brass Cast, 18cm x 13cm x 13cm, Edition of 15



Reminiscence IV/ Lotuses, 2019, Brass Cast, 21cm x 18cm x 15cm, Edition of 15

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Education

- 2005–06 M. Phil, Postgraduate Institute of Archeology, University of Kelaniya, Colombo, Sri Lanka
1985–92 Masters of Art with Honors, Moscow State Art Institute named after Surikov, Moscow, Russia
1979–81 Bachelor of Arts, Institute of Aesthetic Studies, University of Kelaniya, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Solo Exhibitions (Selected)

- 2018 Executive Demon | Saskia Fernando Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
2017 Glitch+ | Saskia Fernando Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
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2015 Electric Chair for Sale | Lionel Wendt Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
2015 Chandraguptha Thenuwara | Saskia Fernando Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
2014 Drawing Series | Saskia Fernando Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
2014 Monotony | Lionel Wendt Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
2013 Beautification | Lionel Wendt Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
2012 The Monument and Other Works | Lionel Wendt Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
2012 Thorn & Other Images | Hivos, 16 Raamweg, Den Haag, Netherlands

Group Exhibitions (Selected)

- 2019 Shades of Black and White | J.D.A Perera Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
2019 A Cross Section – Sri Lankan Contemporary Art | Jaleh Gallery, Tehran, Iran
2019 Crossing Place | Baik Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
2018 Human Rights Arts | J.D.A Perera Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
2018 Seven Plus One: 25th Anniversary Show of VAFA | Lionel Wendt Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
2018 Riot: Slow Cancellation of the Future | Ifa Gallery Berlin and Stuttgart, Germany
2016 Sculpture Faculty Show | organized by the Department of Sculpture, Faculty of Visual Arts, JDA Perera Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
2016 CNAPT Centre, Marcus Fernando Road, Colombo, Sri Lanka
2016 Disambiguation | Curated by Saskia Fernando | Art Dubai 2016, UAE
2015 UVA 10th Anniversary Show | JDA Perera Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
2015 Cinnamon Colomboscope: Shadow Scenes | Rio Cinema, Colombo, Sri Lanka
2015 The Present: Colombo-Bangalore | National Gallery of Modern Art, Bengaluru, India
2015 Colombo-Bangalore | Chandraguptha Thenuwara & Shanthamani Muddaiah | JDA Perera Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
2012 Drawings by Chandraguptha Thenuwara & Jagath Weerasinghe | Saskia Fernando Gallery, Colombo, Sri Lanka
2012 Drawings by Chandraguptha Thenuwara & Jagath Weerasinghe | Breeze Little Gallery, London, UK

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