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Muziris Contemporary brings 3 Kochi-Muziris Biennale artists to its latest Bombay exhibition and represents Kochi at Art Mumbai

- **Upcoming exhibition presenting 3 women artists that have previously participated during editions of Kochi-Muziris Biennale**
- **Muziris contemporary will be participating in Art Mumbai 2026**
- **In collaboration with Art Mumbai, Muziris Contemporary will be hosting a VIP breakfast at its Colaba space.**

NOVEMBER 10: Muziris Contemporary Opens its 11th exhibition titled Native/ ꣑꣐꣔ in Colaba gallery

This November, Muziris Contemporary brings its programme of narrative-based contemporary art from South Asia, presenting practices that explore the relationship between cultural identity, memory, landscape and lived experience.

Native / ꣑꣐꣔ brings together the practices of Santhi E.N., Smitha G.S. and Priti Vadakkath, three women artists from Kerala who have participated in previous editions of the Kochi-Muziris Biennale. Reflecting Muziris Contemporary's continued engagement with underrepresented voices and narrative-driven practices from the south of South Asia, the exhibition explores the layered relationships between nature, nostalgia, memory and belonging. Through their distinct artistic approaches, the artists consider how our sense of place is shaped by its landscapes, everyday rhythms, cultural expressions and material traditions, as well as the personal histories we carry with us. Together, their works offer nuanced perspectives on south of south Asia's diverse cultural identities, examining how connections to one's native place evolve through lived experiences, recollections and changing interpretations of home within the broader context of contemporary art.

The presentation forms part of Muziris Contemporary's continued engagement with artists and visual languages emerging from the southern regions of South Asia, bringing regional histories and contemporary practices into conversation.

The exhibition will preview on 10th November, 2026 at 6PM and is open to the public from 11th November, 2026 - 3rd January, 2027. The gallery timings are Wednesday - Sunday from 11am - 7pm and Tuesday's by appointment.

NOVEMBER 12-15: Muziris Contemporary at Art Mumbai 2026

Muziris Contemporary will also be participating in Art Mumbai this November with a presentation of artists: Parvathi Nayar, Mansoor Mansoori, Riyas Komu, Kamala Das, Latheesh Lakshman, Harsmiran Juneja, Smitha GS, K.G Babu, Santhi EN as a representation of the galleries diverse programme. Bringing together diverse artistic traditions, from the Baroda art school to practices across southern India and the wider region, the gallery continues its focus on underrepresented art movements and narrative-based contemporary art.

As part of its Art Mumbai VIP programme, the gallery will also host a breakfast and curated walkthrough along with the artist meet for Art Mumbai guests from around the globe of *Native/*ഗൃഹ at its Colaba space. The gathering will offer invited guests an opportunity to engage with the artist and to understand the program of a gallery located in the space around contemporary hotspots of Kochi and Mumbai.

Looking Ahead: Muziris Contemporary's Upcoming Programme for winter 2026-2027

Late in December, Muziris Contemporary will continue its programme in Kochi this year, including an upcoming solo exhibition by Trespassers, a Kerala-based 8 person artist collective, graduates from Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit in Kalady, Kerala. Each artwork emerges from individual ideas shaped through a shared process of visual storytelling. Working cyclically, each member of the Trespassers builds on an image created by another, drawing from their own environments. This spontaneous exchange brings an element of surprise to their colourful, figurative landscapes, where surrealism emerges through the interplay of individual perspectives and evolving narratives.

The show will be presented at our gallery in Fort Kochi, Kerala. It is part of the gallery's continuous effort in bringing the art movement forward in Kochi apart from during the Kochi-Muziris Biennale months.

About the Gallery and Founder

Muziris Contemporary is a South Asian art gallery with permanent spaces in Colaba and Fort Kochi-Mattancherry, and an artist residency in Vagamon, a hill station in the

Western Ghats of Kerala. The gallery seeks to create a space rooted in identity yet contemporary in spirit, serving as both a platform and catalyst to bring underrepresented art movements, voices beyond the fine art world, and narrative based contemporary practices from the region to the larger art market and beyond.

With a growing presence across key cultural locales, Muziris Contemporary showcases both mid-career and established artists, fostering conversations on how cultural histories and influences continue to shape and expand contemporary art practices in the country. Through its curated exhibitions, the gallery proposes to be a space for engagement, discovery and learning for coddi-wompling travellers and new collectors alike.

Muziris contemporary is founded by Joe Cyril. He is a gallerist and art advisor whose experience spans the commercial, grassroots, and institutional ends of the art world. With a breadth of experience across the primary and secondary markets, he has played a pivotal role in shaping new creative economies in and around south asian art and its markets. He was part of the founding team of the Kochi-Muziris Biennale and has held leadership roles at Saffronart. Joe has a keen interest in creating new art spaces and introducing new audiences to collecting and learning about Indian art.

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