

Divyesh Bhanderi

22nd February - 17th March, 2007

Private View 21st February.



This February, Wyer Gallery is proud to be hosting Divyesh Bhanderi's first exhibition since competing his year as Artist in Residency at the Royal Academy Schools Gallery. The exhibition opens with a private view on Wednesday 21st February and will feature new paint sculptures and works on paper.

Divyesh Bhanderi's large-scale ink and acrylic drawings are made using a system of custom made drawing devices that resemble the tools in spirograph sets used by children. But his intricately rhythmic, musical compositions and painstakingly precise abstract designs draw on Kandinsky, Sol Lewitt and his own Indian heritage and bear a sophistication at odds with this nostalgic association. Through an ostensibly mechanized process, Bhanderi plays with the notion of his artistic identity, allowing this to become subsumed by his methodology yet embracing accidental movements or changes in pressure as moments of uniqueness or inimitability. His paint sculptures also are reminiscent of these drawings in that they convey similar patterns on their

skin, but their form – wooden frames filled with a thickly viscous combination of oil paint and pva - is inherited chiefly from the natural forces of gravity that govern their final fecund forms as they solidify and dry.

Bhanderi graduated from the Royal School of Art in 2005 and went on to become Artist in Residency at the RA Schools Gallery for 2005-6. His most recent exhibition, to mark the end of this residency, was Divyesh Bhanderi & Bryan Mulvihill's World Tea Party. Other recent projects include London Transport Platform for Art's Graduating 5 (image).

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Notes to Editors

1 Images and further information are available at www.thewyergallery.co.uk or on request.

2 Interviews with the artist or gallery director are available on request.

3 The Wyr Gallery is located at 191 St John's Hill, Battersea, London, SW11 1TH.

4 Opening hours are Tuesday to Friday, 10am to 6pm; Thursdays until 8pm and Saturday 10am to 5pm, or other times by appointment.