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About the becoming of artistic desire



Lalitha Lajmi: (left) Lot 24 - Death Reading a Book of Poems

Self-taught veteran artist Lalitha Lajmi's prints will be up for a live auction at Prinseps from August 10 that will navigate themes such as death, performance and the complexities of human emotions. Lajmi told this diarist, "Although it's very rare for me to do an online auction, I feel it's a good medium for artistic exposure." Looking down the long road she has travelled as an artist, the 89-year-old recounted, "My uncle BB Benegal was a commercial artist and painter. He

gifted me a box of paints when I was just five years old, and that was the beginning of my artistic desire," she said, adding that she didn't find enough time to pursue her passion after her marriage. "In 1973, I began attending evening classes at Sir JJ School of Art for three years. Back then, I was only doing oils and drawings and wasn't very serious about printmaking. I sold my first oil artwork to a German archaeologist for ₹100, and my drawings for ₹15," she recalls.