

ART FROM THE HEART - Organizers say that the exhibition by underprivileged children at Bandra will continue till February 7.

Crepe Station Café at Bandra is hosting a unique art exhibition displaying artworks of underprivileged children, which will continue till the first week of February.

The works of art are from Aseema's Room 13 Art Studio at Pali-Chimbai municipal School. For the first time, the art of this school's underprivileged kids will be on display. The children at Aseema Room 13 have both the freedom of expression as well as access to professional art material like charcoal, acrylic and canvas. It is a place where art is not taught or imposed but the unique expression of an individual child artist is encouraged. Aseema is a non-governmental organisation dedicated to improving the lives of the underprivileged children through education. Amit Romani, an artist and also an art teacher of Room 13 says, "This is a concept which exists in Scotland . Now in Mumbai, we have opened Room 13 in the municipal school. I am not a teacher here, but an artist along with all students of equal calibre as artists."



Each little artist has his own story to tell with each painting. In fact, they say that all their creations are a form of experimentation, which were created in the past few months. Sarita Kanujia (9), who studies in class 4 had made a painting titled 'Face with shapes'. She used oil pastels for this painting which was the first one to be sold out. The cost of the painting was Rs. 800, but the buyer felt that it was worth 1000 rupees. She says, 'I have seen a portrait painting of the artist Paulkee. He had done the same kind of paintings. So I decided to do the same. The best part is that this portrait, which I have made, is a combination of different shapes. The way it has turned out is fabulous.' Whereas the other three artists, Shahnawaz Shaikh (10), Mahzooz Kureshi (9) and Mohan Gaddam (13) have tried to show means of transportation in their paintings. They have made use of both oil as well as water paints. Mohan from std. 7 says, "I love to paint. Here there are no restrictions on us. We can paint what we feel like. I have made a scenery of mountains and water which is made with bits of paper. Finally it has come out very well." This whole event is supported by Crepe Station Café, Bandra and London-based Middlesex University .

Fine Brush

No of paintings on display: 21
Size of paintings: 46X56 cm
Price Range : Rs. 800 to Rs. 1500
Venue: Crepe Station Café Bandra (W)
Open Till: First week of February
Timings: 10.00am to 11.00pm.

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