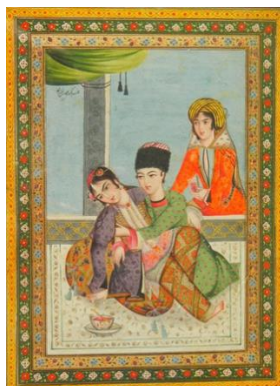


A Treasury of Indian and Persian Miniature Paintings



The complex cultural heritage of India is woven into a rich, colorful fabric in this compilation of Indian miniature paintings. The first Indian paintings to receive notice and appreciation in the West were the miniatures, created for the Mughal courts of India. Their realistically rendered tableaux of court life, warfare and portraiture appealed to Western tastes. Other works comprising this exhibit include Deccani: Muslim paintings from South India, Rajasthani: Paintings from the plains of North India, Pahari: Paintings from the Himalayan foothills, and the Dhruva Folios, which illustrate portions of the Prince Dhruva story from the fourth book (Pusan) of the Bhagavata-Purana.

The form of Persian miniature was developed during Mongol and Timurid periods (13th – 16th Century). The most important function of miniature paintings was illustration. The miniature developed into a marriage of artistic and poetic languages depicting many traditional texts. They gave a visual image to the literary plot, making it more enjoyable, and easier to understand.

Included are images from the Rustam story cycle, fables such as the lion and the ox, portraits and calligraphy panels representing the three most influential schools in Shiraz, Tabriz, and Herat. Images were created in full-color gouache to linear watercolor. Works in the exhibition date from the 15th century to the 19th century.

Professor Gulnar Kheirallah Bosch, an expert on Persian art, provided the text. She taught at Florida State University. The works are gifts to the Museum of Arts and Sciences, Daytona Beach from Kenneth Worcester Dow and Mary Mohan Dow.

Above image: The Five Pandava Brothers and Durpadi Encounter a Demon in a Forest, ca. 1605

Gouache and gold on paper

Contents:

71 individually framed works:

15 @ 17”h x 21”w

55 @ 21”h x 17”w

1 @ 22”h x 28”w

12 text panels 15” x 24”

Individual labels and text materials are available digitally

Space Required:

300-400 linear feet

Security: High

Standards:

77 lux (7 foot-candles)

Constant 68-73

degrees F.

Constant 50-55% humidity

Fee:

\$8,000 for 12 weeks plus full shipping

and door-to-door insurance.

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