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I am Chennai based artist from India. I have done my bachelor degree in College of Fine arts, kumbakonam and my masters in College of fine art , Chennai. My work revolves around the entrance of a home-- "the Doors" . For the past 18 years i have been painting on this theme. I know and believe that a door speaks volumes. It can either be wide open inviting you in with warmth and happiness or it can be closed and hide a million secrets. A door says words that man cannot say.

As a typical south Indian artist from Tamilnadu, I believe in treasuring the heritage and culture that our ancestors built. What speaks more about our culture and heritage than the adobe we live in? It tells us about the past and the voices that echo in the rooms inspire me to paint the first vital aspect of a house -The Door.

Some of my doors open into an interior with tulsii tharas in the inner courtyards and some of my closed doors with a huge lock show faded house numbers and painted advertisements. Through this I want to depict the lives of the people living behind these doors. Most of my doors are not from urbanized cities but from the rural homes that I grew up watching every day. Today, I paint more wooden, soot covered, kumkum and turmeric marking covered doors because they fascinate me more than the fancy stained glass doors. I believe "Each door has tale to narrate of the house, its owners and their lives. Even the exterior surfaces of the doors have myriad tales to narrate"

For Art Hub, I am doing paintings based on doors(acrylic on canvas). The doors here in UAE is very much similar to the doors in northern part of India. I have done a painting based on it. And I was attracted by the colours in UAE flag and when I saw it I had urge to paint it and so I have painted a door along with the flag. Arabic scriptures itself is like an art to me, fascinated by it I liked to use it in my painting wall. In India we can see writings on the walls. So I done it in one of my painting.

I am inspired by the doors here. In future I may also do some of my works based on Abu Dhabi doors.



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