





# Exhibition: Surya, a celebration of the Sun

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Opening 8th November 19:30

Performance 19:45

at Salon Mondial, Freilager-Platz 9 4142 Münchenstein (Basel)

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In the beginning, there was Manchu (snow), then came the sun. Feeling the power and energy of the ignitor of life, from the Manchu came the flow and the ever mounting glorious glacial melts. Emanating from a gentle unassuming trickle, a soft and gentle flow is born, a mounting and downward flow, a wider one, careening around and caressing stones and rocks, continuing on, deciding it's course from moment to moment, coaxed into definitive grooves, and cajolled into regular and irregular patterns and undulations. There is flow, no plan, no foreseen future or preemption of a final goal. The birth of the sun, the sliver, the cusp, a crescent, a glow, a growing eminence, an ascending presence, becoming a descending one. With this birth, there is a new life force, a kinetic downward energy, a thriving, racing optimism. One creation then another and another and another. Life goes on, it is flowing and flourishing, with new dynamism, multiplicities and vivacities. New growths are set free, unfolding and forging ahead, onward, outward and upward, with great vigour and enthusiasm. With strength and warmth. Life = Water + Sun. Let there be flow, let there be life. Let there be no stagnation. Let there be flow. Let it go, let it flow, let it go, let it go.

Come and join me and celebrate this energy of life, at my next exhibition which is a salutation to the Sun. See this big blazing ball in all it's glory, glowing and growing with energy, power and vitality. Welcoming one and all to energy and light from 8th until 14th November 2019.

Many thanks to Atelier Mondial for hosting me as a guest, Bruno Steiner, Michel Pfister, Julian Salinas for supporting me with their materials and equipment, Anjali and Cookie for their patience and kindness.

All art works are for sale, please contact the artist directly.



## Performance:

A Fasnacht's Waggis brings colourful jest and cheer into the crowd dancing away the winter, spinning in meditative dervish circles, playing jovial notes from the flute, welcoming the spring. A blazing sun in the summer triggers the glacial melts in the mountains, trickles of water become streams, rivulets and rivers, watering planes and fields. With the onset of a new season, new growths and life arises, a new avatar appears, discarding the excesses of festivities, frivolities and consumption, ridding itself of excess materiality with austerity and discipline, performing yogic salutations to the sun in Surya Namaskars with the Surya mantra, ending in a calm meditation at the foothills of the mountains.



## Surya 3, a swirling winter sun

Oil on Canvas, 120 x 150 cm



## Manchu 12 - Fazil and Shawn by Rama, a tribute the Srinagar Biennale Basel

Oil on Canvas, 90 x 70 cm



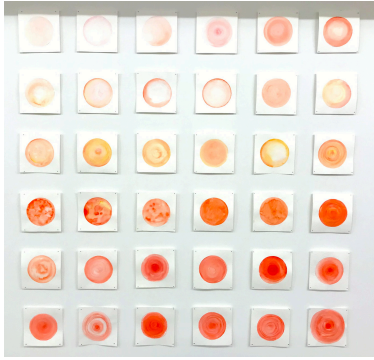
Snow melting from higher terrains, with a strong blazing sun. Water and sun nourishing new life and growth. Tributaries joining, creations of confluences, rivers, flood plains, fields and sea.

Wood, metal, paper sculptures and cloth



## Surya 4, a strong Rajasthani sun beating down on the earth.

Oil on Canvas, 120 x 90 cm



**Fragile Suns:** the many avatars of the sun, appearing obscured and clouded to human vision. The human condition creates the many man-made interventions and unnatural micro-fluctuations, making the earth itself very fragile, whilst the sun retains it's perpetual blazing energy. 36 = 12 (positions of Surya Namaskars) x 3 (a stable, holy and auspicious number)

Watercolour on Paper



**Surya 2,** a swirling, blazing, fiery, burning sun

Oil on Canvas, 200 x 200 cm



**Pool of consumer confessions** - a collection of capitalist consumption

Wood, cloth



**Surya 1,** a swirling, blazing, fiery, meditative, dervish burning circle

Oil on Canvas, 200 x 200 cm



**Texts and Mantras**

Colour Laser Print on Paper, 21 x 30 cm