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**Expressions of Divinity: Celebrating Guru Nanak's 550<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary**

The first contemporary Sikh fine art museum exhibit in the United States “*Expressions of Divinity*” will open at the Triton Museum Santa Clara-California on Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 2019.

Guru Nanak - a poet, historian, artist, and philosopher, is widely known as the founder of the Sikh faith. The wisdom of his writings and the courage of his life have inspired the artists featured in this exhibition, who continue to speak to the issues Guru Nanak raised over five centuries ago. Many of the paintings in the show explore his teachings and how they hold meaning for artists today. The works featured represent several collections from the Greater Bay Area, most notably the prestigious Kapany Collection of Sikh art.

The iconic paintings in the show by celebrated artists from India- Sobha Singh, Arpana Caur, and Devender Singh express their devotion to the Guru depicting aspects of his travels, visions, and poetry. The curator of this milestone show, Ms. Maria Esther Fernandez, writes, “Caur’s paintings present the Guru as a visionary and reformist whose teachings are at the core of spiritual beliefs within Sikh culture. Singh’s work focuses on the visual interpretation of Guru Nanak’s *Baramaha* verses as enshrined in the Guru Granth Sahib, the holy book of the Sikhs.” Some of the new works by emerging artists, Rupy C. Tut, Keerat Kaur, Rupy Kaloti, Tanya Momi, Sarabjit Singh, and Sumeet Singh explore how heritage, contemporary themes of divinity, and historical events have helped shape identity in the diasporic Sikh community.

We invite you to the opening celebratory event on **Saturday, Aug 31<sup>st</sup>** when the community comes together to see and create art as part of the **Family Art Day**. Musical entertainment by Ishmeet Narula’s *Mein Sufi Hun* group & Keerat Kaur, storytelling by Parveen K. Dhillon, and poetry by Dr. Sunny Anand will add to the festivities. Audiences can experience turban tying on site and make collaborative art with the *Peace Tree* installation by Tanya Momi. An Art Fair organized by Hazur Art will be an opportunity to buy original art from the artists themselves.

An **Artists Reception** will be held on **Sept 13, 2019**, which will be an opportunity to meet and talk to many of the artists in the show.

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Aug 31- Nov. 3 2019  
The Triton Museum  
1505 Warburton Avenue  
Santa Clara CA 95050-USA  
Tuesday-Sunday 11am-5pm  
Free Admission

**Save the Dates:**

Aug 31: Opening Celebration & Family Art Day & Art Fair 12-4pm.  
Sept 13: Artist Reception 6-8pm.  
Sept 25: Brown Bag Lunch~Sonia Dhami 12-12.45 pm  
Oct. 9: Brown Bag Lunch~Rupy C. Tut 12 -12.45 pm

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