

CANVAS

GALLERY

SHAKIL SAIGOL

CONFERENCE OF BIRDS



4 FEB - 13 FEB 2025

Artist statement

Shakespeare wrote in “Hamlet”, “to thine own self be true”.

My truth is my passion, my commitment and my compulsion to paint. I paint because I must. I paint what I feel and where my imagination takes me.

I don't paint to garner applause, but I'm thankful for it. My truth is also that criticism hurts me, particularly when it comes from fiercest critics: my friend Hameed Haroon and Rehana, my wife and Muse.

During the period that I was painting these works my fascination with the flamingo and the crane grew ever deeper. The splendor of their plumage and the explosion of colour in the natural world beckons me increasingly. And so too, the marvel of human ingenuity of the weavers who meld their inspiration with intricacies of skill to create the magic that is a mere six meters of fabric.



Artist: Shakil Saigol
Title: A Conference with Birds
Year: 2025
Medium: Oil and acrylics on canvas
Size: 65 x 40 inches



Artist: Shakil Saigol
Title: A Supreme Amity
Year: 2025
Medium: Oil and acrylics on canvas
Size: 59 x 37 inches



Artist: Shakil Saigol

Title: Flamingoes Alight

Year: 2025

Medium: Oil and acrylics on canvas

Size: 48 x 43 inches



Artist: Shakil Saigol
Title: Leena and Crane AKA Leda and the Swan I
Year: 2025
Medium: Oil and acrylics on canvas
Size: 48 x 42 inches



Artist: Shakil Saigol

Title: Leena and Crane AKA Leda and the Swan II

Year: 2025

Medium: Oil and acrylics on canvas

Size: 42 x 48 inches



Artist: Shakil Saigol

Title: Amidst Balearica

Year: 2024

Medium: Oil and acrylics on canvas

Size: 43 x 80 inches



Artist: Shakil Saigol

Title: Birdsong

Year: 2024

Medium: Oil and acrylics on canvas

Size: 40 x 76 inches



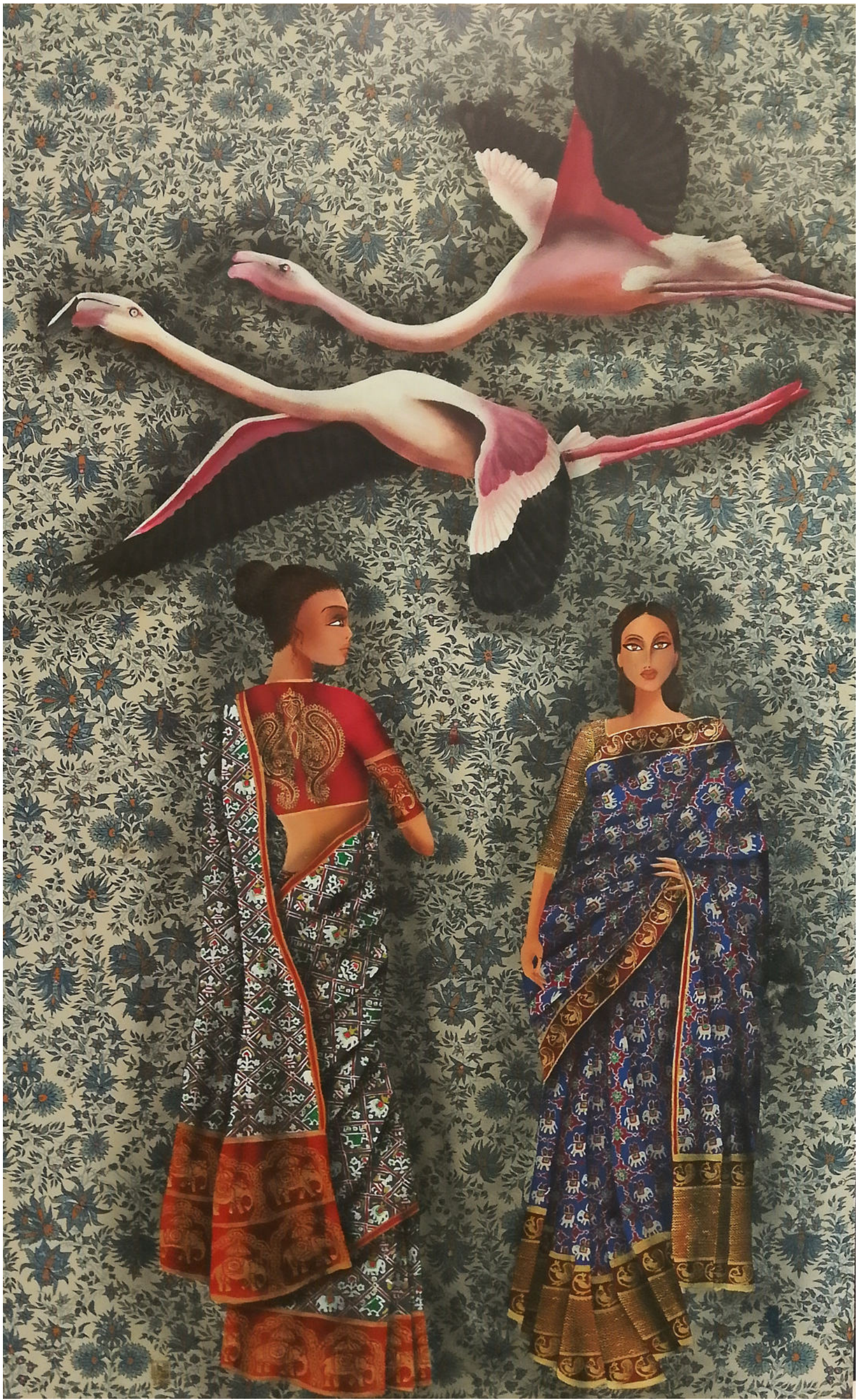
Artist: Shakil Saigol

Title: Flamboyance

Year: 2024

Medium: Oil and acrylics on canvas

Size: 34 x 57 inches



Artist: Shakil Saigol

Title: Rendezvous

Year: 2024

Medium: Oil and acrylics on canvas

Size: 72 x 44 inches



Artist: Shakil Saigol
Title: The Phantom Flamingo
Year: 2024
Medium: Oil and acrylics on canvas
Size: 59 x 39 inches



Artist: Shakil Saigol

Title: Trinity

Year: 2024

Medium: Oil and acrylics on canvas

Size: 53 x 42 inches

Solo Shows

- 2023 The Allure of a Kashmiri Spring, O Art Space, Lahore
- 2023 Shimmering Silks, Khaas Contemporary, Islamabad
- 2022 Dreams in an Autumnal Equinox, Tanzara Gallery, Islamabad
- 2020 Taana Baana, O Art Space, Lahore
- 2019 Romancing the Jamavar, O Art Space, Lahore
- 2018 Abhinaya- An Alphabet of Anguish and Ecstasy, Tanzara Gallery, Islamabad
- 2017 Surrealism Revisited, Canvas Gallery, Karachi
- 2015 Calcutta Continuum, Khaas Art Gallery, Islamabad
- 2014 Time Past, Time Present, CanvasGallery, Karachi
- 2013 "Still we are like that only", Khaas Art Gallery, Islamabad
- 2012 " Almiya yeh hai ke main zinda hoon", Canvas Gallery, Karachi
- 2011 Equus Quagga, Khaas Art Gallery, Islamabad
- 2008 Equus Quagga - the Ordinary Zebra, Drawing Room Gallery, Lahore
- 2008 Calcutta Revisited, Canvas Gallery, Karachi
- 2006 Khajuraho Revisited, Gallery Beyond, Mumbai
- 2004 Sursundari, Canvas Gallery, Karachi
- 1999 Abraash, Air Gallery, London
- 1995 Kilms, Chawkandi Art Gallery, Karachi
- 1991 Private World, Lahore Art Gallery, Lahore

Group Shows

- 2009 Two-Person show with Afshaar Malik, Canvas Gallery, Karachi
- 2005 Harsh Goenka's Art Camp, Madh Island, Mumbai
- 2005 Harmony Show, Mumbai
- 2004 Chawkandi Art Gallery
- 2004 Art Camp, Grand Hyatt, Mumbai
- 2003 Harsh Goenka's Art Camp, Madh Island Mumbai
- 2002 JI's Gallery, Karachi
- 2002 Chawkandi Art Gallery
- 2002 Uraan Exhibition, Gulgee Museum, Karachi
- 2001 Triennale, Sharjah Museum, Sharjah
- 1999 Chawkandi Art Gallery, Karachi
- 1996 7th National Exhibition of Visual Arts, PNCA, Islamabad



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