



Meena Bazaar, Nov-Dec 2016.

16ft scroll painted by the women at Urdu Park SPYM Shelter. Part of Revue's *Urdu Park Axial Margins* Project supported through Artreach India's Community Art Project April 2015 to present.



We wish all our friends and supporters a happy colour-filled 2017

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VOLUNTEER RESIDENCIES



In August young artists **Vidhi Sharma** and **Anarya Dodes**, recent graduates from Ambedkar University, spent 5 playful days at the **Vidya School at the PTS Colony, Malviya Nagar** painting with 17 Grade 2 students. Amidst paint, play and laughter the children, their teachers and artists painted 2 hopscotches and a long mural in the school.

Anarya Dodes volunteered again in August, this time with 15 teenagers from the **Savda Ghevra Resettlement Colony** through **Kutumbh Foundation**. Over 2 hectic days the children painted a triptych re-envisioning their urban settlement.



It was season of working with young artists!

In September **Abhinav Yagnik**, a postgraduate student at Shiv Nadar University, conducted 2 workshops with 15 girls and boys at **Salaam Baalak Trust** on dream recall. The children responded thoughtfully and creatively to Emir Kusturica's 'Arizona Dream'.



TEACHING FELLOWSHIP

Our second Teaching Fellowship with 20 astoundingly talented kids from **Udayan Care** kicked off in July under the capable mentorship of **Vandana Kothari**.



The kids have had 6 weekend workshops drawing, painting, collaging.

They also visited the Kiran Nadar Museum of Art in October.



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For the Alumni of our Teaching Fellowship we run monthly art workshops – a way for the children to remain engaged with art and associated with artists.



In September and November Australian artist **Lleah Smith** led 3 workshops on photography.

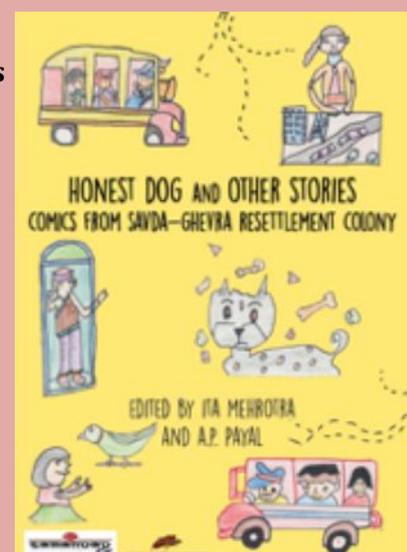
We were amazed by how intuitively our young artists learnt the principles of framing and activating positive and negative spaces of compositions.

We thank **Kristine Michael** at the **British School** for lending us their cameras.

In August and September 15 young adults (15-19 years) from **Kutumbh Foundation's Learning Centre** at the **Savda Ghevra Resettlement Colony** attended graphic novel and animation workshops led by artists **Sunandita Mehrotra**, **Payal A.P.** and **Anarya Dodes**.

Being first generation learners the children had never seen a graphic novel or comic before! Over 10 workshops they each wrote a short comic and together made an animation film "Roar".

The comics were published as a compilation **Honest Dog and Other Stories** by **Raza Foundation**, featured at **ILF: Samanvay** and hosted by the **India Habitat Centre**.



KHEL MEL

We collaborate with **Crafts Museum** and **Happy Hands Foundation** for the winter of 2016-17.



In September we began our new season of Khel Mel workshops – bringing children from diverse backgrounds together in an environment of creative learning.



In September we had Assamese weaver **Smt. Premlata Dalay**. In October terracotta artist **Sh. Rajkumar Prajapati** from Madhya Pradesh and in December we made indigenous christmas ornaments with Madhubani artist **Sh. Ajit Kumar Jha**.

Khel Mel was featured in the **Deccan Herald**, 'Engaging children from diverse backgrounds' on **September 20th, 2016**

Khel Mel at Shiv Nadar School Funkaar Week!



In October Artreach India led a week long project during **Shiv Nadar School Noida's** Funkaar week of art and cultural engagement. 43 Grade 5 children from SNS and the **Chaprauli Village School** came together to play and learn from Madhubani artists **Sh. Ajit Kumar Jha** and **Sh. Ganeshwar Nirala**.

The week resulted in 6 vibrant murals painted at the Chaprauli School, an MCD school with few facilities. This was an attempt by the teachers and students of the school to raise its profile within the community and bring the notice of government authorities to the school.

COMMUNITY ARTS

We support 2 community art projects in 2016-17.



Revue: Urdu Park Axial Margins involves 16 homeless women at the SPYM shelter in Urdu Park, Old Delhi.

The second half of 2016 was a time of great uncertainty for the women – with the threat of displacement by the ever expanding Delhi Metro and then the confusion of demonetization. Artists **Sreejata Roy** and **Mrityunjay Chatterjee** rallied the women to give artistic expression to their fears – resulting in a stunning 16 ft. painting **Meena Bazaar**. (pictured as the masthead of this newsletter)



Avinash Karn: Udbhav in rural Jharkhand involves about 20 tribal women who are learning the traditional art form Madhubani from a young passionate artist.

We visited in October, received a very warm welcome and saw the beautiful murals painted around the village.

The project was featured on Discovery Channel's #Indiamyway on December 18th 2016.

In the second half of 2016 we have worked with 200 children and 40 women in 16 institutions with 15 artists

We thank all the artists who have volunteered, institutions that have collaborated with us and the people who have donated towards our work.

Our work needs constant support and all donations go directly to our projects.

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