THE GALLERY OF EVERYTHING

A SUMMER OF GODS AND GODDESSES 14.07.24 > 15.09.24NEK CHAND SAINI (1924 - 2015) SELECTED WORKS

The Gallery of Everything presents, *A Summer of Gods and Goddesses*, an installation of original sculptures and figures by Nek Chand Saini (1924 - 2015).

Born in India before the partition, Saini was a refugee who went on to become a cultural figure of international renown. His *gesamtkunstwerk* was a secret maze of narrow walkways and sloping gardens, decorated with hand-crafted figurines of cement, ceramic, bangle and bottletop.

Originally titled *The Kingdom of Gods and Goddesses*, Saini's physical dreamscape was partially inspired by childhood fables of magical empires, recounted to him by his mother before their forced emigration. Yet it was his engagement with Chandigarh, the capital city designed by Albert Mayer, Matthew Nowicki and Le Corbusier, which brought it into being.

In his lifetime, Saini never formally acknowledged his role as author of this oeuvre; nor did he recognise the unauthorised land-grab, which formed the basis of his monumental artwork, as a political or post-colonial gesture. This, despite its radical organic form and content, and its contrast to Chandigarh's monumental concrete structures and disruptive architectural lines.

Instead, Saini acknowledged his role in building a legacy for everyday Indian people: a place where they could simply go, discover and be.

In this centenary year of Nek Chand Saini's birth, the gallery of everything honours his profound achievement with an installation of works from the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s, including original ceramic and bangle figures created by Saini and his team of workers.

For available works please contact ge@gallevery.com













Nek Chand Saini

Untitled (standing figure), 1980/90 metal, cement, ceramic 179 x 54 x 51 cm 70 1/2 x 21 1/4 x 20 in (CHAN-032)

£ 55,000

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Untitled (standing figure), 1970/80 metal, cement, ceramic, rock 149 x 56 x 34 cm 58 3/4 x 22 x 13 1/2 in (CHAN-069)

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Untitled (totem), 1980/90 metal, cement, stone, ceramic 144 x 40 x 40 cm 56 5/8 x 15 3/4 x 15 3/4 in (CHAN-036) View detail

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Nek Chand Saini

Untitled (standing figure), 1980/90 cement 86 x 36 x 27 cm 33 7/8 x 14 1/8 x 10 5/8 in (CHAN-110)

View detail



Nek Chand Saini

Untitled (standing figure), 1980/90 metal, cement, glass, ceramic

80 x 38 x 21 cm 31 1/2 x 15 x 8 1/4 in (CHAN-109)

£ 35,000



Nek Chand Saini

Untitled (standing figure), 1970/80 metal, cement, clinker, ceramic 74 x 22 x 21 cm 29 1/4 x 8 3/4 x 8 1/4 in (CHAN-064)

£ 32,500



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Untitled (standing figure), 1970/80 metal, cement, clinker, ceramic 71 x 22 x 20 cm 28 x 8 3/4 x 7 3/4 in (CHAN-063)

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Nek Chand Saini

Untitled (seated figure), 1980/90 metal, cement, clinker, ceramic 46 x 41 x 28 cm 18 x 16 1/4 x 11 in (CHAN-007)

£ 22,500



Nek Chand Saini

Untitled (seated figure), 1980/90 metal, cement, clinker, ceramic 46 x 41 x 30 cm 18 1/8 x 16 1/8 x 11 7/8 in (CHAN-006)

£ 22,500

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Nek Chand Saini Untitled (bird), 1980/90 metal, cement, glass, ceramic 96 x 124 x 35 cm 37 3/4 x 48 7/8 x 13 3/4 in (CHAN-028)

£ 45,000



metal, cement, ceramic 179 x 54 x 51 cm 70 1/2 x 21 1/4 x 20 in (CHAN-032)

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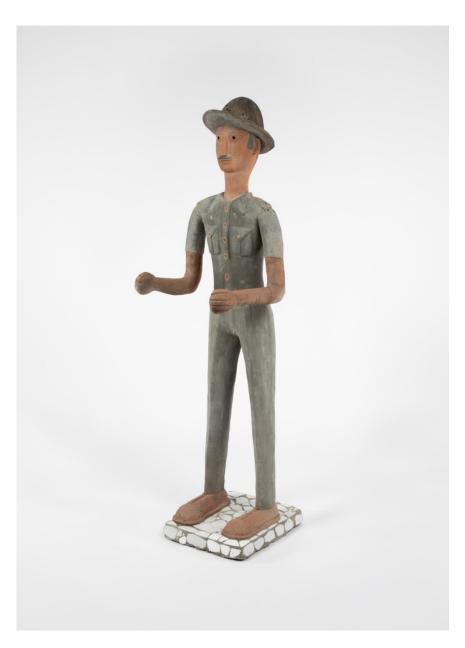


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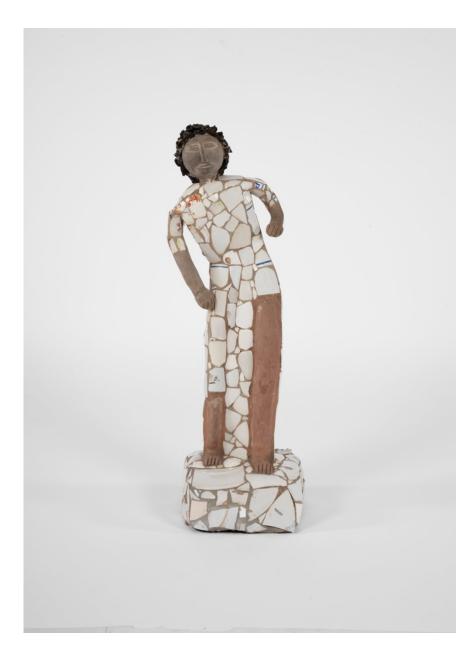
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metal, cement, glass, ceramic

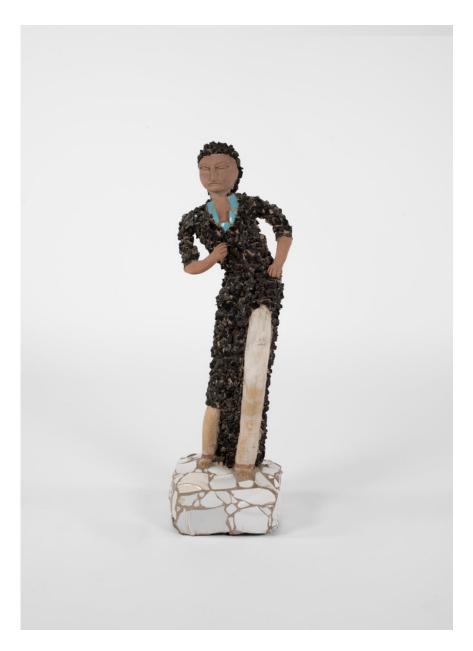
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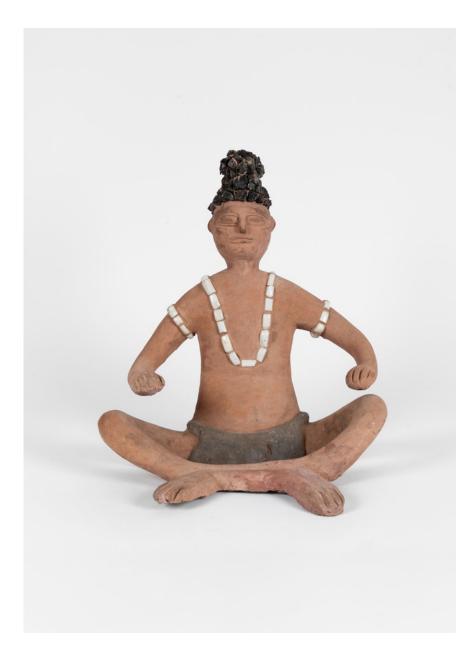
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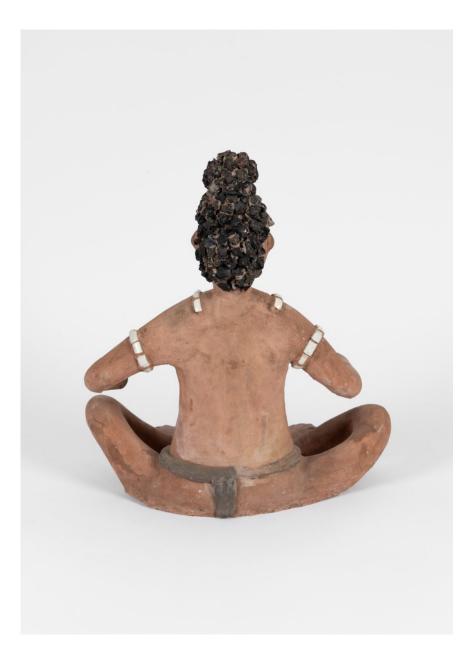
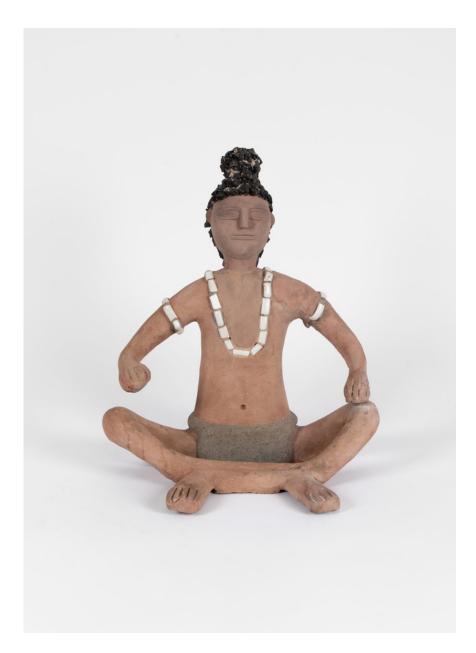


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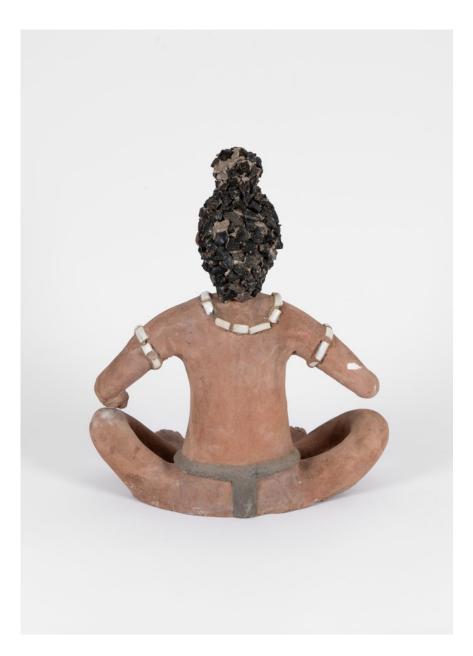


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