



Water

The element that binds together
earth, fire, air and ether.

That reflects and reveals
the ever-changing processes of nature
as well as the shifts of consciousness
in its patterns and movements...



*walking round a Delhi lake on a summer evening.
a ripple caused by a falling leaf. a sudden gust of breeze.
reeds on water bend to the wind...*

In *Water*, a series of abstract photographs, Mayank recollects his pictorial journey of many months: exploring urban, natural and rural lakes, observing and photographing trees, branches, leaves, shadows, the sun, sky and clouds as they merged with the surface of water into new rhythms. The images attempt to showcase the intimate beauty of natural water bodies that are fast disappearing from the surface of our country.

The fine art photographs, printed on archival paper and available as limited edition prints, shall be on display at **Sukriti Art Gallery, Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur, from February 21-25, 2010, 11am-7pm daily. You are invited for the opening on February 20, 5pm-7pm.** The show was also held at Triveni Kala Sangam, New Delhi, in July 2009.



Mayank reveals through his lens, the secret poetry of ephemeral phenomena like wind blown clouds, drying lakes, stains on walls, birds on wires, mosses and weeds; to capture the unity of soul of all elements, the ideal purpose of which is to reflect the soul of the observer.

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Previous shows: *Out of the Ordinary*: solo show at Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur, March 2008; *The Pink City Unfocussed*: solo show at Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur, January 2009; *Water*: solo show at Triveni Kala Sangam, New Delhi, July 2009; *Aperture and Identity*: international photography group show at Bougainvillaea Art Gallery, Udaipur, January 2010.

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