

The Essence of Bengalis

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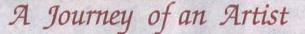
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Born in 1954, artist Shukla Chowduhry is known for her spontaneous portrayal of her thoughts and imagination. Even when she was a two year old, mundane and insignificant objects and incidents captured her vivid imagination. The images from her childhood area constant source of inspiration for her.

Shuklas' mother recognised her leanings towards art and encouraged her to persue the creative field. As a young girl immersed in the creative world - art, music and dance. "I used to spend hours in absoliute solitude drawing on the floor and on the walls. Everything around inspired me. I couldn't wait to capture them in my paintings," she says. The desire to acquire the fine nuances of art led her to pursue fine Bharati University. " At rently working on her next exhi- of the human mind.



described as Abstraxt expressionism - a painting movement in which the artist typically applies paint rapidly in an effort to show feelings and emotions. Although, Shukla prefers and spontaneous." The artist has held various solo and group exhibitions in New Delhi, art at Shantiniketan, Vishva Kolkata and Mumbai and is cur-

of five, Shukla found herself art. Her style of painting can be However, what inspires her most is the irony of life. " As a woman, I've been through all extremes of emotional existence - from unfathomable happiness to unimaginable sorrow, Ifeel that I'm capable of conquering all emotional conto call her style "independent straints. I identify with the immortal Phoenix"expresses Shukla. Her Paintings are a riot of colours,

exploring and emphasising the

moods of nature and complexities