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from the series Last Days of Manmohan

from the series Matrimania

REPRESENTED BY

- > Agence VU' #PARIS
- > East Wing Gallery #DUBAI
- > Tasveer Arts #BANGALORE

SOLO SHOWS

- 2017 > The African Portraits, Exhibit320, #DELHI
- 2017 > The African Portraits, The Harrington Street Arts Centre, #KOLKATA
- 2016 > The African Portraits, National Institute of Design, #GANDHINAGAR
- 2016 > The African Portraits, Institute of Contemporary Indian Art, #MUMBAI
- 2016 > The African Portraits, Tasveer Gallery, #BANGALORE

GROUP SHOWS

- 2017 > The African Portraits, Indian Photo Festival, #HYDERABAD
- 2016 > The African Portraits, Moving Asia, #KATHMANDU
- 2015 > Matrimania, Angkor Photo Festival, #CAMBODIA
- 2015 > Matrimania, Chobi Mela Festival of Photography, #DHAKA
- 2014 > Matrimania, Addis Foto Festival, #ETHIOPIA
- 2013 > Matrimania, GetxoPhoto, #SPAIN
- 2012 > Matrimania, PhotoPhnomPenh, #CAMBODIA
- 2011 > Matrimania, Photoquai, musée du quai Branly, #PARIS
- 2011 > Matrimania, 'Sampling India', Empty Quarter Gallery, #DUBAI
- 2011 > Matrimania, World Photography Festival, Somerset House, #LONDON
- 2011 > This is Not That, Galerie Duboys, #PARIS

AWARDS

- 2017 > The African Portraits, PDN Photo Annual Awards (Personal Work)
- 2015 > British Journal of Photography, 'Ones to Watch'
- 2013 > That Universal Curiosity, Unseen Photo Fair, AMSTERDAM Nominee, 'Unpublished'
- 2012 > Caerdydd Diary, 5th International Photobook Festival, PARIS Nominee, Dummy Awards
- 2011 > Matrimania, 4th International Photobook Festival, KASSEL Nominee, Dummy Awards
- 2011 > Sony World Photography Awards Winner, 3rd place (Arts & Culture)

ARTIST RESIDENCIES

- 2017 > Contretype, Centre pour la photographie contemporaine, #BRUSSELS
- 2016 > 'The Coriolis Effect: India-Africa Currents', Khoj International Artists Residency, #DELHI
- 2011 > 1mile2 Project, Visiting Arts UK, #CARDIFF

PRESS

- 2017 > The African Portraits: CNN Africa, The Economist, Hindustan Times
- 2016 > The African Portraits: BBC, Huffington Post, Blouin Artinfo, FirstPost, Mid-Day, Scroll.in, The

Hindu, Fotoroom.co

- 2015 Matrimania, Guide to Unique Photography (GUP) #47
- 2014 > Architectural Digest India, '15 artists from the Indian subcontinent who are making waves...'
- 2013 > Caerdydd Diary, FOAM #34 (DUMMY)
- 2013 > Matrimania, The Sunday Times Magazine, UK
- 2013 > 'Matrimania shows another side to the Indian wedding', The National, UAE
- 2013 > Rangefinder magazine, 'Photographers You Should Know'
- 2012 Matrimania, Liberation (France), 'Inde Un oui en grande pompe'
- 2012 > Smart Photography (India), 'Master Craftsman'

PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 > Guest Editorial: The Sunday Times of India, 'How can we be racist?'
- 2017 > Photo: Foreign Policy, 'Out of Africa'
- 2017 > Photo: WIRED, 'Bangalore's Water Crisis is Everyone's Crisis'
- 2016 > Web Series: The Wire, 'African Encounters in India'
- 2015 > Photo: The New York Times Magazine, 'Why are Indians so crazy about world records?'
- 2014 > Photo: The New York Times Magazine, 'The Slumdog Millionaire Architect'
- 2014 > Photo: The New York Times Magazine, 'Masala Dosa to Die For'
- 2014 > Photo: FT Weekend, 'India's New Politics'
- 2014 > Essay: Tasveer Journal, 'Picturing Politics'