Fragment series

This series of paintings were made during the first lockdown in 2020. Restricted to stay indoors, these works marked the physical urge and immediate impulse to act on the leftover oil paint from my father’s palette, an act unlike any made by me in the past. (Or atleast I felt so in that moment) This paint was then translated as landscapes or in other words *mindscapes* on old and used pieces of canvas from my college days, a mundane material for any artist, found while doing household chores.

The paintings are intuitive fragments of memory, the self probably yearning for a utopian world, outside of Covid, its uncertainty and its reality. They symbolise hope, a sense of respite and relief in the mind’s eye. The works attempt at creating an aesthetic, a feeling of beauty from *the purposeless*, in order to create meaning and purpose.

Accidental series

These two paintings: Accidental I and II, are quick works on paper which were intuitively made when I couldn’t create the painting that I actually wanted to: a painted piece of wall that broke off, from my own house. After several attempts at salvaging my painting, it seemed like the piece could not embody anything else, and preferred to remain as it is! Impulsively, I used the paint to create these *sketches* instead. The broken fragment is a part of the *Memory Garden* now.

*Scraped*

Scraped is the first ever work that I created as a sudden reaction to wasted paint on my own palette. This painting marks a personal memory of mine: the instances when I would offer my leftover paint to my classmate in college for his painting. At home, and no classmate to turn to this time, I created *Scraped* instead. The painting is the physical manifestation of the lessons of realism and academic training from college, brewing at that moment in my mind, while I attempted to scrape of any remains of paint on my palette.

*Fragment* *I* | Wasted oil paint on old, used canvas | 5.75 x 6.5 inches | 2020

*Fragment* *II* | Wasted oil paint on old, used canvas | 4.5 x 7 inches | 2020

*Fragment III* | Wasted oil paint on old, used canvas | 3 x 4 inches | 2020

*Fragment IV* | Wasted oil paint on old, used canvas | 2.2 x 4.8 inches | 2020

*Fragment V* | Wasted oil paint on old, used canvas | 4.5 x 5.4 inches | 2020

*Fragment VI* | Wasted oil paint on old, used canvas | 4.2 x 6 inches | 2020

*Fragment VII* | Wasted oil paint on old, used canvas | 5 x 7 inches | 2020

*Scraped* | Leftover oil paint on used canvas board | 4 x 6 inches | 2020

*Accidental I* | Leftover oil paint on scrap paper | 3.9 x 9.4 inches | 2021

*Accidental II* | Leftover oil paint on scrap paper | 3.8 x 9.5 inches | 2021