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## See T. Venkanna's 'Pancha Mahabhuta' At Gallery Maskara

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"Earth" by T. Venkanna.

T.Venkanna's sleight of hand has been in tightroping the divide between the sacred and the profane, in showing through acts of atrocity and sexual perversion a kind of base beauty. Three years ago, he did this through frenzied collages and inter-species copulation. Now, for his latest solo at Gallery Maskara, entitled *Pancha Mahabhuta*, it's the five elements – earth, sky, air, fire and water – that get his fervid treatment. Five almost-wall-sized charcoal and ink drawings in his characteristic way blend the poetic with the profane, where historical references from the art world are scratched and scrawled over into a kind of visual whirlpool. They're beautiful things to behold these – spotlight as they are in this darkened cavernous space, they appear not unlike some grand cave drawings albeit ones that are easier to decipher.

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### Gallery Maskara

#### LOCATION

6/7 Third Pasta Lane  
Colaba

#### PHONE

022 2202 3056

#### RELEVANT DATES

Until Thursday, May 9

#### HOURS

Tuesday to Saturday, from 11am to 7pm; Sunday and Monday, closed

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