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## **RTN. PROF. ARTIST. HERMON CARDUZ**

### **Director**

Leaders Choice Wellness Training & Development  
Leaders Choice Art Gallery  
Adele Artistic Interiors



The Founder and the Chief Visionary officer of the Leaders Choice Group. He is an inspiring Rotarian. He is a powerful public speaker. He has delivered more than 200 splendid speeches inspiring thousands in the past 25 years. He is a blessed speaker with a powerful energy of inspiration which transforms the people around him to be great powerful leaders. His lectures and workshops in more than 150 organization and institution has encouraged and inspired learners from various Universities, Colleges, Forums, Schools and Corporates to move forward in life with a better vision. He is a Jamalian (B.Sc. Physics 1996-99). He has envisioned the Leaders Choice Art Wellness Training program for the corporates and universities. It is the first of its kind in India. Leadership strategies through art, Power of visualization through Energy Paintings of India and Art Therapy for Self-Realization are its unique features.

He has taught and trained more than 19000 learners. He is an Architect who has designed various Heritage Museums and Art Galleries. He is an Inspirational Artist who has organized many solo and group exhibitions.



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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Director Leaders Choice Art Gallery, Tiruchirappalli
- Director Leaders Choice Art Gallery, Fort Kochi
- Director Leaders Choice Soft Skill Training Club, Tiruchirappalli
- Director Leaders Choice Art Wellness Training, Tiruchirappalli
- Director Adele Artistic Interiors, Tiruchirappalli
- Tamil Nadu Police Wellbeing officer
- Trainer for National Cadet Corps
- Trainer for National Service Scheme
- Former Head Dept of French, St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli
- Director - New Generation, Rotary Club of Tiruchirappalli Fort
- Rotary Conference Speaker
- Has Counselling more than 19000 people for the past 23 years
- Has touched and healed lives of more than 2000 people through Art Wellness
- Christian Counsellor
- Leadership Trainer and Soft Skill Coach
- Conducted Several Solo and Group Art Exhibitions since 2008
- Has tutored more than 150 Architects
- Designed several Art Galleries and Heritage Museums

## AWARDS

- Guinness World Record for "Largest Body Language Lesson"
- Champ fest Inspirational Artist of the Year 2018
- Best Table Topic Speaker, Toastmasters Club, City of Gold, Dubai



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## Leadership Training Workshops & Special Lectures

- ❖ **Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **Jamal Mohamed College, Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **Anna University, Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **St. Joseph's Institute Of Management (JIM), Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **Bishop Heber College , Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **Cauvery College For Women, Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **Jenneys Academy Of Hotel Management, Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **SRM TRP Engineering College, Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **Urumbu Dhanalakshmi College, Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **National Institute Of Technology, Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan School Of Architecture , Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **Seetha Lakshmi Ramaswami College , Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **National College , Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **Shakespeare Matriculation School, Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **Sowdambika Matriculation School, Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **Sacred Heart School, Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **Kendriya Vidyalaya School, Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **B.H.E.L. Matriculation School, Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **St. John's Vestry Anglo-Indian School, Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **Campion Anglo-Indian School, Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **St Pauls Seminary , Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **Department of Police, TSP I Bn campus Tiruchirappalli**
- ❖ **National Cadet Corps , Tiruchirappalli**



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## Leadership Training Workshops & Special Lectures

- ❖ National Service Scheme , Tiruchirappalli
- ❖ Rotary Club Of Tiruchirappalli Fort
- ❖ Kalaimagal Viddyalaya School, Chennai
- ❖ Stella Maris College , Chennai
- ❖ Dow Chemical International, Chennai
- ❖ Good Shepherd International School ,Ooty
- ❖ Good Shepherd English School, Karaikal
- ❖ Arasan Ganesan Polytechnic College, Sivakasi
- ❖ Kamaraj College Of Engineering And Technology, Virudhunagar
- ❖ Beehive Communication Club, Virudhunagar
- ❖ KVS Matriculation School, Virudhunagar
- ❖ VHNSNC College , Virudhunagar
- ❖ RJ Mantra English School, Virudhunagar
- ❖ Lady Doak College, Madurai
- ❖ Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai
- ❖ The American College, Madurai
- ❖ Alagappa University Karaikudi
- ❖ Nadar Saraswathi College Of Engineering & Technology, Theni
- ❖ Nadar Saraswathi College Of Arts & Science, Theni
- ❖ Treamis World School, Bangalore
- ❖ GEMS Our Own Indian School – Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- ❖ Mol Ignatius Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church, U.A.E
- ❖ Y's Men Club, Dubai, U.A.E



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## ART EXHIBITIONS

- ❖ **“Inspirational Art” Solo Expo In 2008 Bangalore**
- ❖ **“Inspirational Art” With Five Artists Exhibition In 2013 At Leaders Choice Art Gallery.**
- ❖ **“Christian Art“ Solo Exhibition In 2014 At Leaders Choice Art Gallery.**
- ❖ **“Colours Of Life And Book Of Proverbs” Art Exhibition 2016 At Leaders Choice Art Gallery.**
- ❖ **Art Exhibition On The “True Spirit Of Service Mother Teresa” 2018 At Leaders Choice Art Gallery.**
- ❖ **Art Exhibition On “St. Mother Teresa- Golden Heaven” 2018 At Leaders Choice Art Gallery, Fort Cochin, Kerala.**
- ❖ **“Heritage Exhibition- Dodransbicentinnal Celebrations” In 2019 At St. Joseph’s College, Trichy**
- ❖ **“Exhibition Of Excellence” In 2019 At St. Joseph’s College, Trichy**
- ❖ **“Energy Paintings Of India” In 2021 At Leaders Choice Art Gallery**

## WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS ORGANISED

- ❖ **“One Day Workshop on Painting” 2017 by Leaders Choice Art Gallery**
- ❖ **“Break the Seven Hidden Barriers to English” by Leaders Choice Soft Skill Training Club 2020**
- ❖ **“The Art Of Self Discovery” by Leaders Choice Soft Skill Training Club 2020**
- ❖ **“Masterpiece for the Divine Master” by Leaders Choice Art Gallery 2020**
- ❖ **“Wellness Through Art” by Conscious Conversations 2021**



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## INNOVATIVE INSTALLATIONS

- ❖ Leaders Choice Art Gallery, Thillai Nagar, Tiruchirappalli
- ❖ Leaders Choice Art Gallery, Cantonment Tiruchirappalli
- ❖ Leaders Choice Art Gallery, Fort Kochi, Cochin
- ❖ Rev. Fr. Audibert Museum, St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli
- ❖ Department of Data Science, St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli
- ❖ Stage of Lawley Hall, St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli
- ❖ Placement & Training Cell, St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli
- ❖ Positive Corner , St. Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli
- ❖ Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Selfie Corner, St. Joseph's College,  
Tiruchirappalli
- ❖ The Crossian Museum, Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli



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## ADMIRING APPRECIATION

*” The works of Rtn. Hermon Carduz that were displayed are spell bounding. I saw the colours of life in your artworks.“*

-P Sridharan I.R.S (Deputy Commissioner Income Tax )

*“Finally I saw life with full of energy in the gallery in Trichy .It was refreshing to find a gallery with so much of life and energy .Special ,Congratulations to Rtn .HERMON . Please carry on .All the best.“*

-PLA SP Annamalai ( Businessman)

*“Dear Professor Hermon, I could see the God’s hand in your life which assists you to be a blessing and an inspiration to many.”*

-Rev Fr Newton

*“Inspiring & thought provoking. Learned a lot in just a few minutes. Hermon is a great guy“*

-Artist Prof. Eugene D’Vaz

*“Where did you learn the magic ART of converting common place themes into immortal beauty? YOU HAVE TALENTS APLENTY TO MAKE YOU A MASTERMIND OF THE ‘FORT’ CITY...”*

-Prof. G Balakrishnan



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## ADMIRING APPRECIATION

*“ The wonderful works of Art gave me immense pleasure to submerge in the feelings of divinity .Wonderful graphical display ”*

-Prof. P Manikavachagam (NIT, Trichy)

*“ An inspired artist! The paintings featuring Christ & the holy spirit communicate at deep levels. God Bless you and the art flowing out of you by His grace ”*

-Prof Christine Gomez

*“ God has gifted you with a divine talent . I pray to God to lead you in His way to make your arts world wide known.”*

-Rev Fr Anburaj

*“ Wow a place to be of ourself and spend time to be calm and in peace”*

-Sr. Bridgette Arputharaj (Principal Holy Cross College)

*“I felt at peace meditating in front of these paintings . You have created soul space through paintings”*

-Rev Fr Leonard Fernando S.J (Rector St Joseph's College)

*“ Master piece of art work, inspired by Hermon's work, The science and concepts behind every piece of art is outstanding”*

-Mr. Sidd Vdart Inc.





## PRESS & MEDIA

***“Soft Skill coach, Artist, Musician, French teacher, author, dancer, there are just a few words that can used to describe Hermon Carduz”***

*- The Hindu Newspaper (July 20, 2013)*

***Their Paint- Brush strokes touch the lives of the Students***

*- Times of India Newspaper*

***He is due to release two inspirational music albums and is authoring a set of inspirational books. He also teaches special children the basics of painting. He is donating a part of the proceeds from his gallery and classes to help underprivileged children.***

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***“Speaking heart with art “***

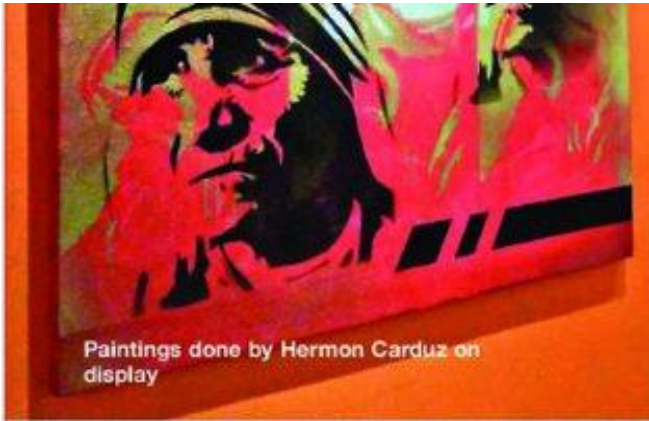
*- The Hindu Newspaper (July 13, 2013)*

***Hermon, who is also a soft skill coach, author, musician, salsa dance trainer, motivational speaker and a communication skill trainer. Holding a bachelor degree in Physics and masters in French, English and Business Administration, Hermon also teaches architectural sketching***

*- Indian Express Fri, 15 June 2018*



# THE TIMES OF INDIA



Paintings done by Hermon Carduz on display

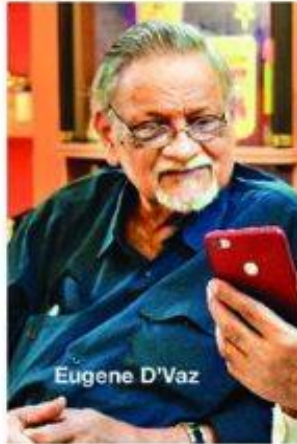


## THEIR PAINT-BRUSH STROKES TOUCH THE LIVES OF STUDENTS

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**H**e retired as the head of the department of English, St. Joseph's College, Trichy But Eugene D'Vaz continues to be busy even today. Thanks to his passion for painting which keeps him engaged. During his school days, he would make Xmas cards, paint them using water colours and gift them to friends and relatives. That's how he developed a passion for painting. Since then he has been quite serious about it and takes much effort to perfect his paintings. "I love to play with colours, splashing paint on the canvas. That's one of the most satisfying things I do. Painting has been an integral part of my life all these years and it will continue to be so. There's no age barrier to art," states D'Vaz with a smile. He used to teach students painting apart from taking English classes.

Then, why didn't he take up painting as a full-time profession? "Because I also loved my job as a professor," replies D'Vaz and adds, "Also, artists get minimal opportunities in Trichy to do painting as a full-time job. There are so many colleges in Trichy, but hardly



Eugene D'Vaz



Hermon Carduz

any of them offer courses related to pure arts and applied arts. Students don't prefer to

take it up as a full-time job as they don't find it lucrative. Another reason could be lack of family support."

Another person who's does art besides his job as a professor is Hermon Carduz. While he's the director of Leaders' Choice Art Gallery, he's also the head of department of French at St. Joseph's College. He says that his students find it as a stress buster; visiting his gallery. "Once, one of my students, who had suicidal thoughts, came to the art gallery for help. As I was busy then, I asked her to take a stroll inside the art gallery. After

some time, she came back to me and said that she was feeling good. Later, she told me that she was touched by one of my paintings that portrayed the importance of life," recalls Carduz, who has done more than 400 paintings so far.

Surya, one of Carduz's students, who attends evening college, works in the gallery during the day time. He says, "I am so glad to spend time here at the gallery that displays the paintings of my beloved professor. I am inspired by his paintings and find this place as a temple that clears my tensions and confusions."

DEEPIKA MURALIDHARAN

## Portrait of an artist

*“Art is meant to express rather than impress, says multifaceted Tiruchi-based artist and teacher Hermon Carduz”*

Soft skill coach, artist, musician, French teacher, author, dancer; these are just a few words that can be used to describe Hermon Carduz. The brain behind Leader’s Choice Soft Skill Training Club in Tiruchi, Hermon offers lessons in spoken English, personality development, public speaking, guitar and painting. Though Hermon has been imparting soft skills to students for 13 years, he incorporated his activities under the banner Leader’s Choice just six months ago.



**Why ‘Leader’s Choice’?** “Our focus is leadership training, since we believe in creating leaders. We inculcate the principles of leadership to our students. I believe that a good leader always creates more leaders, not followers,” he explains. Expressing concern over the fact that many youngsters in Tiruchi struggle to communicate and express their thoughts in English, he attributes it to the fact that they are not trained enough. “Every college is taking measures to develop theory and practical ability in subjects. But sadly, there just isn’t enough coaching in English language. This proves to be major drawback for the students here,” he adds. So, what made him choose this field? Hermon recounts his experience 15 years ago, of attending a personality development workshop by Mr. Ramamoorthy from Madurai Kamaraj University. “Soon, I began taking classes in personality development for my classmates and friends. Then I moved on to different organizations like National Service Scheme (NSS), Rotary and so on, ” he says. Today Hermon is invited by colleges, schools and corporate companies to share his expertise. Hermon is also the proprietor of Leader’s Choice Art Gallery.

A self-taught artist, he has created more than 200 works of art . It was during a chance visit to an art gallery in Bangalore that he was first struck by art. Looking at the costly works on display there, which seemed easy to create, he decided to try it himself. “Under the guidance and support of artist Arul Devan and advice from professors of Kamaraj University, I started off by creating replicas of the works of prominent artists.

I did an extensive online study about the art of Pablo Picasso and Salvador Dali among others to learn techniques and tips,” he said. Hermon uses acrylic on canvas and oil on canvas, and techniques like palette knife finish, brush finish, sponge and mixed media to create his art. “Only a sound mind which can think of service above self can create a good piece of art. The true element of a painting is the thought process that goes behind it,” he says, explaining what makes for a good composition. “To me art is to express, not to impress. How it is expressed, depends on the artist,” he adds, while stating that his focus is in the creation of inspirational art.

He derives his inspiration through prayer, from his students and family as well. Holding a Masters degree in French, Hermon also teaches French in a private school, guitar classes in the evening during weekdays and painting during weekends. It was due to his French classes that Hermon developed an interest in playing the guitar. He learnt to play the instrument from a student and soon started playing Christian devotional songs. He has also written lyrics for several personal compositions. What’s more, he is due to release two inspirational music albums and is authoring a set of inspirational books. He also teaches special children the basics of painting. He is donating a part of the proceeds from his gallery and classes to help underprivileged children. About his future plans, he says: “I plan to take online seminars and classes, in order to raise more funds to help the children.”



# THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

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## ● Ashwini Sekar

**R**otarian Hermon Carduz has been a French teacher for 20 years. He is also a self-taught artist and the owner of the Leaders Choice Art Gallery in the city, which houses around 100 of his paintings.

Inspired by the works of MF Hussain, Salvador Dali and Claude Monet, Hermon uses different styles such as impressionism, pop art, surrealism, minimalism, and realist in his art. The gallery holds an annual themed exhibition, for which he works through the year on his paintings.

The latest exhibition at the six-year-old gallery was named 'The True Spirit of Service, Mother Teresa'. It spoke of noble work of Mother Teresa while highlighting the inspiring events she came across. Hermon is presently working on an art project titled, 'Colors that Heal', which will be displayed in August.

"Prayers have given me the positive energy to create more than 400 pieces of artwork," said Hermon, who is also



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a soft skill coach, author, musician, salsa dance trainer, motivational speaker and a communication skill trainer.

Holding a bachelor degree in Physics and masters in French, English and Business Administration, Hermon also teaches architectural sketching and trains students for the National Aptitude Test for Architecture (NATA).

He has also collaborated with many well-known artists like Rev Fr James Thamburaj SJ, former principal of Loyola College, Chennai and Rev Fr

Arul Doss SJ, vice-principal, St. Joseph's College among others. Hermon has held many solo exhibitions in other cities. His art was exhibited for a fundraiser in Cardiff, UK. "I am always thankful for the inspiration I have received from the institutions I worked in. I have imparted knowledge to students from 28 countries and have inspired more than 2,500 students," he said.

The 38-year-young, as he claims, artist is now planning to pursue a PhD Programme on French Art and Gothique Architecture and preparing to apply for the international Cochin Binnale, which will be held in November 2018.



## ചിത്രങ്ങളിൽ നിറയുന്ന മദർ തെരേസ

ഫോർട്ട്കൊച്ചി • മദർ തെരേസയ്ക്കു കലാപ്രണാമവുമായി പ്രഫ. ഹെർമൻ കാർഡുസ്. മദർ തെരേസയുടെ ജീവിതവുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട ചിത്രങ്ങളാണ് ലിബ്രി സ്ക്രീറ്റിലെ ലിഡേഴ്സ് ചോയ്സ് ആർട്ട് ഗാലറിയിൽ ആരംഭിച്ച പ്രദർശനത്തിലുള്ളത്. ഒരാളുടെ ജീവിതകാലം മുഴുവൻ പ്രതീക്ഷയും പ്രചോദനവും നൽകാൻ ചിത്രങ്ങൾക്കു കഴിയുമെന്ന വിശ്വാസത്തിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിലാണ് ഹെർമൻ മദർ തെരേസയുടെ ജീവിതം നിറക്കൂട്ടുകളിലേക്കു പകർത്തിയത്.

ഇതിനായി, മദറിനെ അടുത്തറിയാൻ അവസരം ലഭിച്ച ഒട്ടേറെ ആളുകളുമായി സംവദിക്കുകയും അവർ പകർന്ന മദറിന്റെ ചിത്രം മനസ്സിൽ കോറിയിട്ട ശേഷം ക്യാൻവാസിലേക്കു പകർത്തുകയുമായിരുന്നു.

ഫാ. തമ്പുരാജ്, ഫാ.ലെനാർഡ് തുടങ്ങിയ ഒട്ടേറെ ആളുകളെ ഇതിനായി കണ്ടു. ധാരാളം പുസ്തകങ്ങൾ വായിച്ചു.

തിരുച്ചിറപ്പള്ളി സന്ദേശിയായ ഹെർമൻ അവിടെയുള്ള ലിഡേഴ്സ് ചോയ്സ് ആർട്ട് ഗാലറി ഡയറക്ടറാണ്. കാൻവാസിൽ അക്രലിക് മാധ്യമമാക്കി ചിത്രങ്ങൾ രചിക്കുന്ന ഹെർമൻ അനുരോധ ഊർജം കാ



ഫോർട്ട്കൊച്ചി ലിബ്രി സ്ക്രീറ്റിലെ ലിഡേഴ്സ് ചോയ്സ് ആർട്ട് ഗാലറിയിൽ ആരംഭിച്ച റ്റ് ഗോൾഡൻ ഹെവൻ എന്ന പ്രദർശനത്തിലെ ചിത്രങ്ങൾക്കൊപ്പം ചിത്രകാരൻ ഹെർമൻ കാർഡുസ്.

ഴ്ചക്കാരിലേക്കു പകരുന്നതിൽ ശ്രദ്ധേയനാണ്.

തിരുച്ചിറപ്പള്ളി സെന്റ് ജോസഫ്സ് കോളജിലെ ഫ്രഞ്ച് വിഭാഗം മേധാവിയായിരുന്ന

ഹെർമൻ ഇപ്പോൾ തമിഴ്നാട് പൊലീസ് മാസ്റ്റർ ട്രെയിനറാണ്. നൂറിലേറെ ചിത്രങ്ങൾ അടങ്ങുന്ന പ്രദർശനം ഫെബ്രുവരി 22 വരെ തുടരും.

## Speaking heart with art

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### The atmosphere was charged with the energy of the participants

It was a birthday with a difference for Y. Sanjay (6). Not because he celebrated the occasion with his 'special' friends but because he landed the chance to be the first person to participate in the interschool painting event organised at Leader's Choice Art Gallery. Sanjay, an autistic child, overcame his inhibitions and initiated the joint colouring exercise with red. A lively and enthusiastic group of 72 children from The Dolphin Special School and Centre took part in the event.

The group included children with Autism, Mental Retardation, and Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD). The atmosphere was charged with their energy and their happiness was contagious. "Such activities encourage these children help overcome inhibitions and improve their social behaviour," said Ramaraj, father of the 12-year-old autistic child Aravind Raj.

Under the guidance of **Artist Hermon Carduz**, the children were given the chance to choose a colour of their choice. With each child going with its choice of red, orange, blue, yellow, green, or violet, the melange of colours, the canvas turned out to be at the end, was indeed a reflection of the beauty of their minds. The motto behind the event was to

make the children earn, enjoy, and have fun with painting.

"We organise such events on a regular basis to help children socialise and overcome fears. Twice a month, we have a group work to teach our students to mingle and there are weekly events as well. We involve them in extracurricular activities such as sports, music, and karate," said G. Praveena Carmel, director, The Dolphin Special School and Centre.

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## 'Book of Proverbs and Colours of Life' expo concludes today

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A cascade of colours awaits visitors to the Leader's Choice Gallery in Thillai Nagar, where the ongoing 'Book of Proverbs and Colours of Life' exhibition showcases the works of Artist Hermon Carduz and his student Lakshanyaa Swaminathan.



"Christmas season is always good to get something new into your heart," Hermon Carduz told The Hindu. "The Book of Proverbs is from the advice of King Solomon. It conveys guidelines about how Man should live. The verse that started me off on this year's venture was 'My child, pay attention to what your father and mother tell you. Their teaching will improve your character as a handsome turban or a necklace improves your appearance.' (1:8). We wanted this particular thought to be illustrated so that young children would clearly understand the message. That's how the first painting came about." Some 15-20 paintings by Carduz are based on the Book of Proverbs. The 'Colours of Life' section explores the message that colour combinations convey.

For the first time, the artist, who also multitasks as a teacher of architectural drawing, French and guitar music, besides being a soft skills trainer in colleges, has collaborated with Lakshanyaa, a Class 8 student of Alpha Cambridge International School whose work shows immense promise. Carduz's preferred medium this year is liquid acrylic paints on canvas, using the palette knife. "It was quite tough to work with liquid acrylic, because the paint tends to dry within 5 minutes, and the palette knife is normally used for paste-work. Most of the canvases had to be finished in 40 minutes," said Carduz. Lakshanyaa's 10 paintings, have various interpretations of sailing ships and nature scenes, using acrylic paints on canvas with sponging technique. But she has a higher purpose in exhibiting her artwork. "I am blessed by God to have food on my table every day. But there are many children who are going hungry. Every year, for my birthday, I feed poor people, with my parents' help. This year, I want to sell my paintings to sponsor at least one meal for 50 orphaned children," she said. Her work is priced from Rs. 500 to Rs. 4000, and the young artist, who has been attending formal classes only for a little over one year, has managed to sell four paintings already. Lakshanyaa said it was important for Indians to respect and preserve native art forms. "We tend to look down at our work, while admiring foreign artists. But I think we should work harder to appreciate our own forms of art techniques," she said. Leader's Choice will host a photography exhibition for students next year, said Carduz. "We are also planning an exhibition of works by 20-25 school art teachers," he added. Art can bridge the ideological gap between children and their parents, said Carduz. "Parents are pleasantly surprised to see their children's talent in art. Art could be a common meeting ground for families growing apart due to the pressure of studies." With Trichy sorely in need of public spaces that encourage art appreciation, the future will have to be interactive, said Carduz. "An art gallery's use of technology will definitely be different from what is used in schools. The city has to come up with more galleries that can explain art through audio-visual presentations. 'Book of Proverbs and Colours of Life' is on until January 2, 2017, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Entry is free.

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## Capturing Christmas spirit on canvas

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Art-cum-sales exhibition at Leader's Choice Gallery. Interesting perspectives and unusual colours come to the fore at the ongoing Christian art exhibition-cum-sale being held at Leader's Choice Gallery. Featuring the work of Hermon Carduz, and inaugurated on Friday by Father James Selvanathan, the three display spaces in the Thillai Nagar gallery have nearly 60 paintings on Christian themes in keeping with the spirit of the festival season.



"Most of these paintings are inspired by verses from the Bible," Mr. Carduz told The Hindu. The artist, who also multitasks as a teacher of architectural drawing, French, Latin salsa and guitar music, besides being a soft skills trainer in colleges, has been working on the expo for the past four months, sometimes for as many as 10 hours every day. The result is an impressive mix of styles and depictions of traditional themes from a new angle. 'Jesus Praying in the Garden of Gethsemane', for instance, gets an abstract makeover with a bent profile of the agonised prophet drenched in a blend of greens, ochre, and blues that invites a second look. The crucifix is a leitmotif in the artwork, with an imagination of how the picture may have looked from an aerial view. Another painting focuses on the nailed foot of the prophet, with myriad shades of red and maroon highlighting the blood of Jesus. "I prefer to work with acrylic paints on canvas," Mr. Carduz said. Another visually arresting display is a set of stencilled paintings of Jesus Christ executed in a pop-art style that recall Andy Warhol's silk-screen diptych of Marilyn Monroe's publicity portrait. While a few signature pieces are displayed as triptychs, Mr. Carduz said buyers could not be expected to purchase them in the same form, as "art is a luxury for most people in Trichy." Paintings at the show start from Rs.475 and go up to an 'investment art' price of Rs.4, 000 and above. The 10-day show is on until January 4, 2015.

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## Artistic tribute to Mother Teresa

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**'The True Spirit of Service' tries to illustrate the ideas that formed the basis of her work**

A local art gallery has created a visual tribute to Mother Teresa with a 10-day exhibition of paintings that explore the concepts and philosophy that inspired the well-known Indian Catholic nun and missionary of Albanian descent.

Titled *The True Spirit of Service*, the ongoing exhibition is being held at the Leaders Choice Art Gallery in Thillai Nagar, and features the work of



Reverend Father Thambu Raj SJ, former Rector, Loyola College, Chennai, Rev Fr Arul Doss SJ, Vice-Principal, St Joseph's College, Trichy, Dr.Gokula, Head, Department of Zoology, National College, Eugene D'Vaz, former Head, Department of English, St Joseph's College, S Arun, a mechanical engineer and **Hermon Carduz, Director, Leaders Choice Gallery** and Head, Department of French, St Joseph's College. "I was inspired by Mother Teresa's simplicity. She was a great woman, a wonderful Indian and above all a good human being," says Mr Carduz, who has contributed around 25 paintings to the show. "Her life makes us believe that anyone can aspire to be like her ... because she lived among us, in contemporary times, rather than from the past.

"Mother Teresa was canonised (recognised by the church as a saint) on September 4, 2016, and the exhibition tries to illustrate the ideas that formed the basis of her work through various techniques. While many of the paintings rely on plain portraiture, there are others that use pop art and symbolism to convey the contemporary resonance of Mother Teresa's ethos. Significantly, none of the works are being put up for sale, though the organisers are open to queries from serious art collectors. Besides the official contributors to the show, local artists are being allowed to display their paintings of Mother Teresa as well. "We have two women artists — John Bosco Mary and Abi — whose realistic portraits of the Mother are on show. We are planning to introduce new work every day," says Mr Carduz. The exhibition also has a small selection of the missionary's personal effects, and correspondence related to her beatification. Copies of a biography of anecdotes about Mother Teresa in Tamil by Dr Xavier Antony SJ, are also on sale. *The True Spirit of Service* is on from 5pm to 9pm and is scheduled to end on March 20.

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Art lovers can delight in the multi-coloured hues and varied themes of paintings displayed at the art exhibition-cum-sale at Leader's Choice Art Gallery at Ram Nagar in Thillai Nagar in the city. The exhibition features works of Eugene D'Vaz, V.Gokula, A.Sivakaumar, R.Muthuselvan, and Hermon Carduz. It was inaugurated by G. Balakrishnan, former vice principal, St. Joseph's College on Saturday, and the expo is open from 10 a.m. to 9 a.m. till December 7. While the works of Mr. Eugene, a retired professor of English from St. Joseph's College, are based on abstract themes, Mr. Gokula, an associate professor of zoology at National College, relives his passion for wildlife through his paintings. Mr. Sivakumar has embraced painting as a full-time profession and prefers to use realism as a theme. Muthuselvan is an arts teacher at SRV Matriculation School, who uses nature themes in his paintings. Hermon Carduz is a soft skills coach and an artist whose focus is inspirational themes. S. Tirunavukkarasu, additional commissioner of customs, who visited the exhibition, could be found immersed in the world of art as he closely observed the paintings and enjoyed interpreting abstract themes.

"The bright paintings have been created with different techniques using a variety of colours, strokes, and shading. We believe that each person can find something that appeals to him/her at the exhibition. In addition, the presence of the artist and the explanation about the theme of each painting is an added advantage that helps us appreciate the paintings better," he says. "We want to create awareness of the speciality of abstract art and surrealism among people because these works involve a complex thought process. The thought process that goes behind a painting is what ultimately matters. Unfortunately, people are yet to appreciate such paintings and prefer to stick to realism which they can easily understand and relate to. But the truth is that realism as a theme holds no value in the international art market," says Hermon Carduz, proprietor, Leader's Choice Art Gallery. The exhibition is open from 10 a.m. to 9 a.m. till December 7

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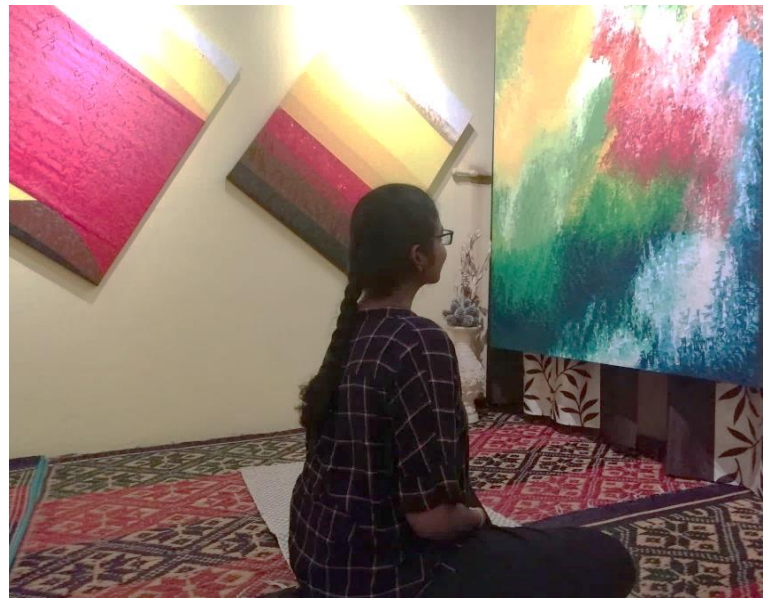
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ISRO Scientist V. Thaddeus Bhaskar, and Principal Rev. M. Arockiasamy Xavier SJ, at the inauguration of A.P.J Abdul Kalam selfie point at St. Joseph's College in Tiruchi on Saturday.

In memory of former president A.P.J Abdul Kalam, a selfie corner was established at St. Joseph's College on Saturday.



The selfie corner, which has been set up in honour of the distinguished alumnus of the college and Bharat Ratna Dr. Kalam, was sponsored by the 1981-84 batch students. Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) has also sponsored a miniature of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) Rocket, which is displayed close to the selfie corner.

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Scientist and Project Director of Launch Vehicle Mark 3 (LVM3) V. Thaddeus Bhaskar inaugurated the selfie point and honoured the architects. He shared the contribution of Dr. Kalam to space research in India, as an ISRO scientist.

Rev. Fr. K. Amal, College Secretary; Rev. Fr. M. Arockiasamy Xavier, Principal, and Rev. Fr. Leonard Fernando SJ, Rector, and the 1981-84 batch alumni members took part in the event.



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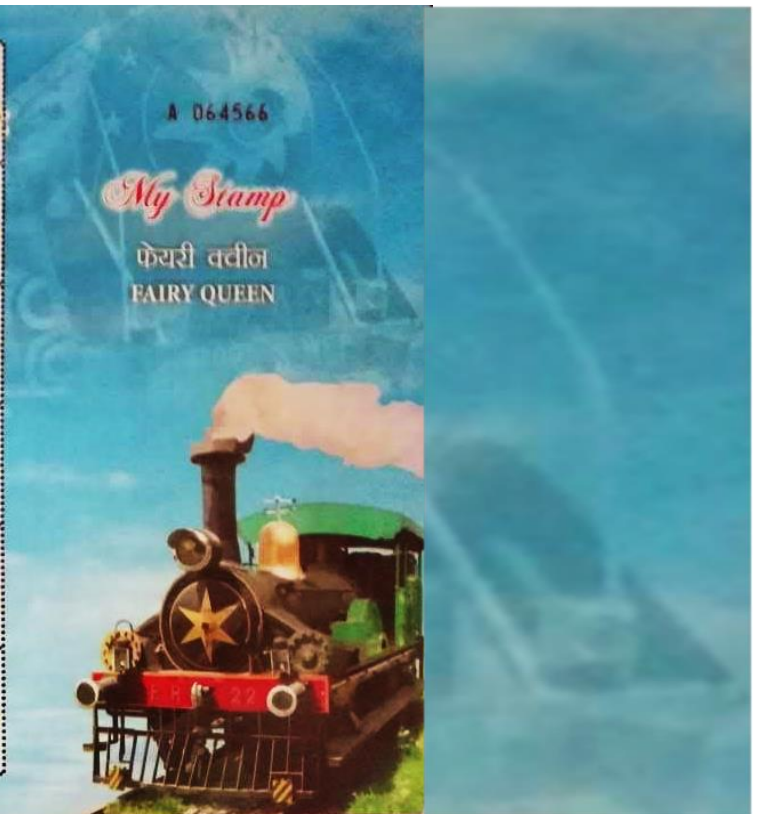
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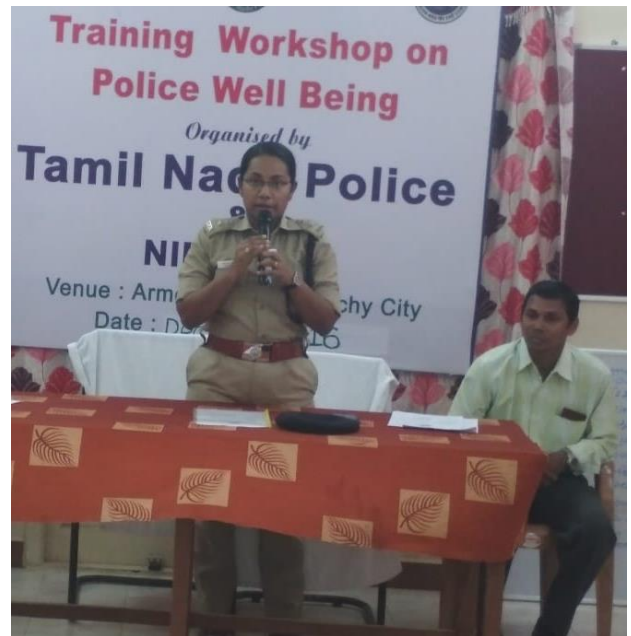


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