Glimpses of Indian Paintings

Highlights from National Museum, New Delhi

National Museum has one of the largest collections of miniature paintings in the country. At present there are nearly 17,000 paintings, representing all important styles of Indian miniatures. The Miniature painting tradition has been a key form of Indian painting apart from murals, cloth paintings and paintings on wood. This virtual exhibition gives a glimpse of the variety of collection that are displayed in the paintings gallery of National Museum.
SRI NATHJI
Krishna celebrating the festival
Of
Sarad-Purnima

Nathdwara, Rajasthan, circa A.D. 1800
Cloth, 150 x 117 cm
Acc. No. 62.1643
VASAKASAJJA NAYIKA WHO DECORATES HER BED WITH FLOWERS, IMPATIENLY AWAITS THE ARRIVAL OF HER LOVER
Based on the poetry of keshvadas’ Rasikapriya

Bundi, Rajasthan    circa A.D. 1700
Paper, 38.5 x 25 cm
Acc. No. 51.64/10
FOR THE COSMIC DANCE OF SHIVA, PARVATI, GANESHA, KARTTIKEYA & BANASURA PLAYING MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Chamba, Pahari

circa A.D. 1800

Paper, 21 x 29.5 cm

Acc. No. 56.38/5
KRISHNA EAGERLY WAITING FOR RADHA IN A BOWER
Based on the poetry of Jayadeva’s *Gita Govinda*

Kangra, Pahari  
circa A.D. 1810  
Paper, 27 x 35 cm  
Acc. No. 65.304
THE HOLY FAMILY
Shiva Parvati with their sons Ganesha & Karttikeya

Mankot - Basohli, Pahari circa A.D. 1750
Paper, 26.5 x 17.5 cm
Acc. No. 76.628
RAMA PIERCING RAVANA’S NECK WITH HIS ARROWS
Based on the story of epic *Ramayana*

Shangri, Mandi, Pahari  circa A.D. 1750 -60  Paper, 21 x 32 cm  Acc. No. 62.2522
KRISHNA PLAYING HOLI WITH GOPIES

Holi - The festival of colours is celebrated in March

Kangra, Pahari
circa A.D. 1800
Paper, 24.5 x 21 cm
Acc. No. 60.1667
GODS PAYING HOMAGE TO GODDESS DURGA AFTER SHE SLAYS THE DEMON MAHISHASURA

Based on the story of Devi- Mahatmya of Markandeya Purana

Basohli, Pahari  circa A.D. 1710 – 20  Paper, 22.5 x 18 cm  Acc. No. 47.110/333
LADIES PLAYING CHAUPAR

Bundi, Rajasthan  circa A.D. 1725 - 30
Neem Qalam Style, Paper,  25 x 18 cm
Acc. No.56.36/31
RAGINI GAUR – MALHARA OF RAGA MEGHA
Visual depiction of an Indian Musical mode

Kangra, Pahari       circa A.D. 1785 - 90
Paper, 24.5 x 17 cm   Acc. No. 87.1207
Visiting Information

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