

Martin Eder to showcase his works in Mumbai

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International artist Martin Eder to showcase his works in the city

Come December and the city will get a chance to enjoy works by German artist Martin Eder at a gallery in south Mumbai.

Eder's first solo exhibition in India is titled *Monsters of Silence* and is a collection of works sure to intrigue and enthrall you simultaneously. As one of Germany's most popular artists, Eder is known to dissect his surroundings and question appearances that society deems pleasing and enticing. Having grown up in a quiet and tranquil area of the German countryside, one would assume he grew up in relatively peaceful surroundings. Ironically though, the area he

lived in had one of the highest suicide and rape rates in Germany. A fact that was not spoken about. And the artist thinks people preferred not discussing these things as long as they went on behind closed doors — out of sight, which made it easier to ignore. "They were there nonetheless, however, dark 'monsters of silence,'" says Eder.

Eder's dilemma was, hence, on how to portray something dark in the middle of something beautiful. So while at the first look, his works seem pretty, with a dream-like quality, when one looks closer, they seem edgy and even dysfunctional yet rather believable.

(Works by Martin Eder can be viewed at Galerie Isa, 132- Great Western Building, 1st Floor, SBS Road, Opposite Lion Gate, Fort from December 5 to January 24, 2014, 11 am - 7 pm)