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1974 Born in Colombo (Sri Lanka.)

Artist's Statement

My Interest in bullets began after a visit to the North.

Holes in every building; craters across the region; bullets scattered everywhere. These holes are the reminders of a cruel war that has been raging for twenty five years. In the south a large copper bullet case is a rare ornament or decoration in the living room. In the North, strewn around bullet shells are a fearful everyday spectacle. A bullet ends a life while providing a means of livelihood for another. Buildings ravaged by bullet holes express the true reality of our society – the gaping holes in our moral values

Education: 1997-2001 Four year Certificate Course in Painting at Vibhavi Academy of Fine Arts; 2001-2002 Two Years Experience in Art Reproduction (Paintings) at Alacart Work Shop
Solo Exhibitions: 2001- Solo Ceritificate Show, VAFA Gallery, Ethul Kotte; **Group Exhibitions:** 2007- VAFA Faculty show, Lionel Wendt Gallery, Colombo; 2007- "Draw the Line" An Exhibition of Lac & Brass Art, Alliance Francaise de Kandy; 2006- VAFA Faculty show, Lionel Wendt Gallery, Colombo; 2006- VAFA Alumni Show, Lionel Wendt Art Gallery, Colombo; 2006- "Doosra" Sri Lankan artists' show, Sanjan Art Gallery, Alkapuri, Vadodara, India; 2005- VAFA Alumni Show, Lionel Wendt Art Gallery, Colombo; 2005- "Contemporary Sri Lankan Art: Artists for Peace" The National Art Gallery, Colombo; 2004- "Urban & Individual", Finominal Gallery, Colombo; 2004- Inaugural Art exhibition of Kaladoowa, Beira Lake Island, Colombo; 2004 Alumni Show, VAFA Gallery; 2004- Contemporary Sri Lankan Art, GTZ Head Office, Colombo; 2004- "Aham Puram" Contemporary Art Exhibition, public Library, Jaffna; 2003- 'ArtLink' exhibition, Barefoot Gallery, Colombo; 2003- VAFA Alumni exhibition, VAFA Gallery, Ethul Kotte; 2003- 'Broken Landscape', VAFA Gallery, Ethul Kotte; 2003- "Chartered Theft", VAFA Gallery, Ethul Kotte; 2002- "Art Peace" Exhibition Lionel

"Bullets", Installation, 2007, Lac work on wood



Wendt Gallery, Colombo; 2001- "VAFA@5", Barefoot Gallery, Colombo; 2000- VAFA Fourth Annual Exhibition, VAFA Gallery, Ethul Kotte; 2000- "Artist for Peace", Open Air Flag Exhibition, Colombo; 1999- "Kalai Palam", The National Art Gallery, Colombo; 1999- VAFA Third Annual Exhibition, VAFA Gallery, Ethul Kotte; 1999- An Exhibition for Peace and Reconciliation, Gallery 706, Colombo; 1999- "Six young Sir Lankan Artists", J. R. Jayawardene Commemoration center, Colombo; 1998- VAFA Second Annual Exhibition at VAFA Gallery, Ethul Kotte, Sri Lanka **Workshop Participations:** 2003 'ArtLink' Workshop, Weligama Beach Hotel, Weligama, Sri Lanka; 2003 "Theertha" Workshop, VAFA Gallery, Ethul kotte, Sri

Lanka; 2001 Workshop with Indian artist J. S Harsha, VAFA Studio, Ethul kotte; 2000 Workshop with Australian artist Sue Pedley, Lunuganga Gardens, Bentota, 2000 "Artists for Peace" flag painting workshop, VAFA Studio, Ethul kotte **Social Activities:** 2006 to Present: Resource person (art), Tsunami Rehabilitation workshops in Sothern Province of the Sir Lanka; 2002 Conducted Art Classes in "Jaffna", for University Students, Organized by Center for performing Arts (CPA) **Employment:** 2003 to present: Assistant Lecturer, Vibhavi Academy of fine Arts; 2006 to present: Lecturer, Art classes for Children at Sapumal foundation; 2003-2004: Lecturer Academy of Design, Colombo; 2005 to present: Work Advisor, Center for performing Arts (CPA) art workshops;

"Wall with Bullet Marks", Triptych, 2007, Acrylic on Canvas, each 60"x18"

