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Annex A at Touchstone Gallery

March 12 - April 6, 2008

Anil CS Rao

**"DIGITAL KAMA:
A Photoshop Exhibit"**

**Opening Reception: Friday,
March 14, 6 - 8:30 pm**



"Pleasure", sexual or otherwise in Indian thought is referred to by the Sanskrit term "kama". "Hedonist" is a term used to describe a person infatuated with the sensual pleasures who lives his life in pursuit of them. This exhibit is a synthesis of the hypothetical realm of an Indian (American) Hedonist with clues towards a "higher" interpretation of the pursuit of sexual and sensual pleasure: "If it feels God, then do it".

One of the many inspirations for this exhibit comes from the work of Indian Sufi poet-composer Mirza Ghalib. Another source is the *Rubayat* of Omar Khayam which hints at the pleasures available in heaven (guilt and consequence free) for good souls here on earth. My intent is to saturate your senses with the images of females in dance poses and lying about in Geni outfits to the point where the viewer says "very pretty girls, so what?" If you look at the images, I hint that pleasure is but a reflection of a State of Bliss that comes with experiencing the higher realm of your respective belief systems -- "moksha" for the Buddhist or Hindu, Heaven for the Judeo-Christian or Muslim, union with the reality of existence for the Atheist., etc. The choice of Indian traditional wardrobe was not whim, but to provoke you to rethink the work in terms of a cross-cultural perspective.

We hope you enjoy this exhibit – Anil can be reached at asc.anil@gmail.com and welcome all comments or feedback on this show.

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