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Farhad Soltanie – Essence of the Existence (part II)” exhibition at artsdepot

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“We are travellers who are going through the dimension of time and space and hoping to reach our ultimate goal.”

Farhad is a British-Iranian artist and architectural consultant who has lived in London since 1975. He studied at Goldsmith's University where he obtained a Diploma in Art and Design; a BA (Hons) degree in Fine Art in 1980; also a Post Graduate Diploma in Art and Design and an M.Phil in history of art and architecture, plus a further year for his Ph.D.

In the mid-90's he studied for an advanced MA in Architecture and his work validated for Part I and II by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). In early 2000 he studied for his Post Graduate Diploma in professional practice in architecture part III RIBA at Westminster University.



As you can see, Farhad has many talents – painter, sculptor, ceramist, photographer and designer. I love colours and was certainly not let down by the explosion of colour we experienced in his paintings as soon as we walked into the exhibition. There were also some intricate ink drawings and many

beautiful sculptures.

To quote two paragraphs from Peter London, Editor of Art in London Magazine who has written in Farhad's catalogue: *"Utilising warm and cool colours, geometry, pattern and proportion, the artist presents an aesthetic and thought-provoking insight into the building blocks of creation, the manner in which the universe is laid out and the existence of life. A universe with God at its centre, which still conforms to the laws of cause and effect, physics, meta-physic and known science. Central to this philosophy is 'Haq' – the root of the word 'Haqiqat' and the Persian word for 'Truth'.*

Farhad's individual and insightful approach has the potential to create a new chapter in the progress of contemporary art, with greater emphasis on the spiritual and philosophical qualities of a painting, photograph or sculpture, as well as architecture."



It is a fascinating exhibition and we thoroughly enjoyed speaking with Farhad who is a delightful, warm person with many interesting insights and well worth a visit.

The exhibition runs from 18-30 September at the artsdepot (5 Nether Street, Tally Ho Corner, North Finchley, N12 0GA) with opening hours: 12:00 – 20:00.

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