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Gallery Nucleus Presents

SANJAY PATEL'S ART OF RAMAYANA: DIVINE LOOPHOLE

November 13, 2010 – November 29, 2010

Opening Reception: November 13, 2010 (7 pm - 11 pm)

Alhambra, CA – Gallery Nucleus is pleased to welcome Sanjay Patel, Pixar Artist and Author/Illustrator of the visually stunning book *Ramayana: Divine Loophole* for his first solo exhibition. For the first time ever, original drawings and sketches created toward the completion of *Ramayana: Divine Loophole* will be on display and available to own.

The Ramayana, the most read and famous ancient Sanskrit is a mythos so ingrained in Indian culture, the values and principles highlighted in the epic are taught early on and said to shape every Hindu. Consisting of seven books, *The Ramayana* is a daunting feat to read let alone reinterpret. Patel's adaptation *Ramayana: Divine Loophole* is a book 4 years in the making. Through countless edits, designing, and sketching that resulted in exquisitely laid out and stunning imagery, Patel succeeded in making a 2000-year-old tale inviting and accessible to a new generation and audiences.

On view are preliminary sketches and original drawings for the book, along with select large-scale prints of final illustrations. Additionally, Patel will be available to chat with fans, answer questions, and sign copies of *Ramayana: Divine Loophole*. This insightful and inspiring exhibition is a sure treat for all ages.

About *Ramayana: Divine Loophole*

Sanjay Patel lends a lush, whimsical illustration style and lighthearted voice to one of Hindu mythology's best-loved and most enduring tales. Teeming with powerful deities, love-struck monsters, flying monkey gods, magic weapons, demon armies, and divine love, *Ramayana* tells the story of Rama, a god-turned-prince, and his quest to rescue his wife Sita after she is kidnapped by a demon king. This illustrated tale features over 100 colorful full-spread illustrations, a detailed pictorial glossary of the cast of characters who make up the epic tale, and sketches of the work in progress. From princesses in peril to gripping battles, scheming royals, and hordes of bloodthirsty demons, *Ramayana* is the ultimate adventure story presented with an unforgettably modern touch.

-Amazon Editorial Review

About the Artist

Sanjay Patel is a supervising animator and storyboard artist at Pixar Animation Studios where he has worked on numerous features including *Monsters Inc.*, *Cars*, *The Incredibles*, *A Bug's Life*, and *Toy Story 2 & 3*. Patel is also the author of *The Little Book of Hindu Deities*.



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