

BOSE PACIA

March 18, 1997, New York - Bose Pacia Modern gallery presents an exhibition of paintings by New Delhi artist **Madhvi Parekh**. The show will run from April 5 through May 10. The gallery is located at 580 Broadway, 2nd floor, in Soho. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 12-6 p.m. and by appointment. A reception will be held on Saturday, April 5 from 6-8 p.m.

Madhvi's canvases juxtapose the folk with the contemporary creating a journey of fantasy and imagination. Nourished by images of her rural upbringing and the everyday experiences of the city life, the characters in her pictorial tale seem to have been created from this dichotomous perspective. Whether it is the dancing Durga or a boy playing with the moon, these playfully malleable subjects in Madhvi's works provide a distinct dynamism to her narrative. Her seemingly naive compositions are full like a child's curiosity, like life itself.

Madhvi was born in 1942 in a small village in Gujarat and started painting in 1964 while awaiting the birth of her first child. Encouraged by an understanding and guidance from her husband, who is an established artist himself, Madhvi started giving form and color to the memories and fantasies of her rural upbringing. Since her first solo show in 1972 in Calcutta she has exhibited extensively in India and abroad and has won numerous awards along the way including the Padmashree. This marks the artist's first solo exhibition in the United States.