



"Interspecies Family" oil on panel by Maya Gohill.

HORSING AROUND

Calgary artist Maya Gohill's portrait isn't so peculiar after all by **SHELLEY ARNUSCH**

The holidays are in full swing, and by now you've likely received enough wallet-sized, department-store portraits of your relatives to make a canasta deck. For that reason alone, this animorphic painting by Maya Gohill, on display at her studio at Art Central, is a must-see. It may appear silly at first glance, but a double take reveals this is more than an equine version of poker-playing dogs. "The father is a donkey, the mother is a horse, and the kids are mules," the Calgary-raised artist says. "Mules were bred to have the best qualities of both animals, so it shows the interracial family in a positive light." Gohill's own experiences growing up with a Persian mother and East Indian father, inspired the painting, an oldie-but-goodie in her portfolio. Her current series, *Namaste*, casts average people in average urban settings in a divine light. It's a response to the indifference people have toward each other in large metropolitan centres such as San Francisco, where she lived in 2001, and it proves this girl is no one-trick pony.

Maya Gohill's studio is at Art Central, 100 7th Ave. S.W., 466-3177. www.mayagohill.com.

sat dec. 23

Kerby Dance

(Formerly Saturday Night Dance Club). Singles and couples dance (+\$0) to a live band at the Kerby gym, 1133 7th Ave. S.W. Dancing at 8 p.m. 288-5333.

fri dec. 29

Pre-worlds Showcase

Country dance show followed by a social dance. Presented by Studio School of Dance, 3417 8th St. S.E. Doors at 6:30 p.m. \$7 (12 and under free). 228-5668.

upcoming

The Gathering III—Celebrate The Unconquered Sin

Saturday, Jan. 13. Middle Eastern dance presented by the Chiftibelly Movement Collective. At the Deerfoot Inn & Casino, 1500 35th St. S.E. Doors at 6:30 p.m., show at 8 p.m. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. 863-5165.

Magnetic Consequences

Decidedly Jazz Danceworks production featuring singer Jackie Richardson. \$22 - \$39. 245-3533. www.decidedlyjazz.com.

COMEDY

fri dec. 22 + sat dec. 23

A Chrismoose Carol

Irreverent version of Charles Dickens' seasonal classic. At Loose Moose Theatre, Crossroads Market, 1235 26th Ave. S.E. 8 p.m. \$13 - \$15. 265-5682.

Dan Quinn

With Allyson Smith. At Yuk Yuk's, 5940 Blackfoot Tr. S.E. 258-2028.

fri dec. 22 to sun dec. 24

Mike Paterson

At The Comedy Cave, 3828 Macleod Tr. \$10. 287-1120.

saturdays

Funnyfest Saturday Comedy

Minimum three performers every Saturday at 10 p.m. at One Eye Jack Bar and Grill, 916 12th Ave. S.W. \$5. 462-7887.

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Comedy Monday Night

Weekly standup at Dickens Pub, 1000 9th Ave. S.W. 8 p.m. No cover. 233-7550.

thurs dec. 28 to

sat dec. 30

Kerry Unger

At Yuk Yuk's, 5940 Blackfoot Tr. S.E. 258-2028.

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Wednesday Dec. 27
10 am sharp

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