



# From Earth to Earth

Devotion and Terracotta Offerings in Tamil Nadu

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cordially invite you to  
**FROM EARTH TO EARTH**  
Devotion and Terracotta Offerings in Tamil Nadu

An Exhibition of Photographs  
by Julie Wayne  
(Making and Ritual Installation of  
Terracotta Figures of the Ayyanar Cult)

**Date** : 20th February - 6th March, 2015  
**Time** : 10.30 am to 6.00 pm  
**Venue** : Exhibition Hall, 11 Mansingh Road, IGNCA

The Exhibition will shift to Sanskriti Kendra, Anandagram,  
New Delhi from 10th to 25th March, 2015.

*Demonstrations by award winning artisans from  
Tamil Nadu at both the venues.*

In Tamil Nadu, terracotta offerings gifted to the Tamil god Ayyanar are among the largest in the world. Spectacular, majestic and often astonishing, they are a fundamental element of Tamil village tradition and culture, where agriculture is the foundation of life.

The exhibition of photographs "From Earth to Earth: Devotion and Terracotta Offerings in Tamil Nadu" presents for the first time a visual documentation of the manifold aspects of the little-known, living cult to Ayyanar: the creation of offerings by specific potters; the festivals honouring the god and the installation of the offerings inside his sacred abode; the exceptional clay figures and the stylistic diversity of craftsmanship; the always surprising shrines wherein lie the accumulation of offerings as they age, deteriorate and decompose to ultimately return to the earth from which they were born.



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