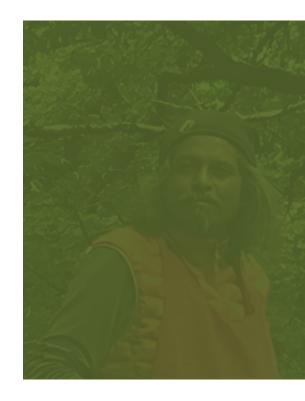
SHIBU NATESAN PLEIN AIR VIEWS OF INDIA AND LONDON 12 MAY-4 JUNE 2023 Grosvenor Gallery SAFFRONART





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Plein Air Views of India and London

AN EXHIBITION

Mumbai & London 12 May - 4 June 2023



INDIA

VIEWINGS

12 May – 4 June 2023 11 am – 7 pm, Monday to Friday Saturday by appointment

VENUE

Saffronart Gallery, Industry Manor, Ground Floor Appasaheb Marathe Marg, Prabhadevi, Mumbai 400025

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LONDON

PREVIEW

Thursday, 11 May 2023 6 – 8 pm

VIEWINGS

12 May – 4 June 2023 10 am – 5 pm, Monday to Friday 12 – 4pm Saturday by appointment

VENUE

Grosvenor Gallery, 35 Bury Street, St. James's, London, SW1Y 6AY

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SHIBU NATESAN, PLEIN AIR VIEWS OF INDIA AND LONDON

"No matter where I was in the world, I would step outside with my paints and materials and paint as if I were touched by a force that gave me an inner realization of the reason for living. There was no one else around. Just the cold wind or warm breeze, the empty landscape and me.

Suddenly it was an awakening of all that lies within me and the confluence of the outside and inside being one. Inspired by the French painters of Barbizon, I am a *plein air* painter and the visions of landscape painting help me talk to my present, and also shows me how to really listen to the land I'm looking at and absorbing in all its beauty and wholesome details, anywhere in the world."

SHIBU NATESAN TO UMA NAIR

March 2023

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Shibu Natesan's words are his testimony. The landscape is his idyll. Natesan, the landscape lover, is an itinerant traveller. Whether he sits on the beach at Varkala in Kerala, in a small township in Udaipur, in the mountains in Ladakh, or in the vicinity of a temple in Tamil Nadu, his love for geographical features and relief details is something that beats like an eternal pulse within him.

#### **VIGNETTES AND VISTAS**

In both canvasses as well as watercolours, each work has multiple vignettes and vistas that speak of the wind rustling through the trees that fill the landscape, which are as important as the temples or the architectural nuances, but creating a synergy that captures both mood and mooring and rhythms of being become his leitmotif.

#### **PLEIN AIR OBSERVATIONS**

Natesan's landscapes have the feel of impressionists of early years, but the setting is both Indian as well as European. His handling of subject and compositional clarity conjures up surreal and dream-like images from fragments of *plein air* observation that are at once multi-layered, as well as personally symbolic and mysterious. He has a keen understanding of changing light conditions, especially dawn and dusk. In Kerala, dusk is termed as *sandhya samayam* (time of sunset) and in some of his works we can sense the oblique rays and the burnished notes of the setting sun as well as nimbus clouds of the monsoon which is termed *mazhyakaalam*. Irrespective of the scene being riverine or the currents on the beach the grey skies are a litany of sombre moods.

Indeed, there are no humans in any of his works. His choice of colour and his ability to play with alternatives in soft and dark shades as well as create silent corollaries, heightens the sense of alienation. These landscapes celebrate the tradition of *plein air* painting.

#### LIGHT AND WEATHER

Natesan's ability to make portraits of nature under the changing conditions of light and weather and season become a study in themselves. The oil on board as well as canvases extols these virtues.

Art history tells us that going out into the landscape became an important element of Barbizon, French Impressionism, as it had in the United States with the Hudson River School and the Luminists, who practically deified Mother Nature in all her bounties—mountains, forests, wildlife.

Natesan is deft with his strokes, both fluid and staccato, he alternates delicate daubs of black, brown, or powder blue or grey, which read as the ripples of waves or irregular patterning on variegated leaves. His mood is compellingly precise and one that invites a deeper scrutiny.

#### THE LIVED EXPERIENCE

In some Kerala studies, we are in both a forest as well as a township; in the tangible space of lived experience and in the fleeting, shifting space of the artist's imagination. Natesan carries nature's bounty in his inner recesses.

These works have their own spatial distinctions such as inside/outside, private/public, or terrestrial/aquatic, thus exceeding as well as defining their geographical points of origin. Landscape emerges as a symbolic space through which Natesan claims the gendered tradition of painting *en plein air* not as a repertory of forms, but as a pictorial code open to reinvention. Natesan has his own code of pictorial goals. Painting from direct observation is intuitive and deeply immersive for Natesan.

#### PERCEPTION AND PERSPECTIVES

"When everything around you is silent, the paintings take on a new meaning and purpose," says Natesan. "Wherever I am, I sit in the silence watching the landscape with its hues, I marvel at the changing outdoor light, it teaches you to treasure as well as allows me to hone in on the optical qualities of representation in the process of painting."

These landscapes are more a reflection of how the light falls on the hills/plains or how the atmosphere changes the colour, or how an area feels when you observe it for long spans of time. After studying these landscapes, you realise that *plein air* seems to take on an added meaning because it becomes more about being in nature, about internalising the landscape, before translating it onto the canvas. Natesan explains: "*Plein air* painting helps us 'see' things through other perspectives. When we add the human condition and personal experience, the same place I saw yesterday could be painted completely differently from one day to the next. We also realise the power and beauty of nature."

UMA NAIR
Curator and Critic

March 2023





Vizhinjam Harbour 2007, Watercolour on paper, 9.5 x 12.5 in



Near Kurisumala, Idukki District, Kerala 2010, Watercolour on paper, 24 x 18 in



Gemur, Himachal Pradesh 2010, Oil on canvas, 16 x 20 in



Kodaikanal (Vattakanal) 2013, Oil on canvas, 18 x 14 in



Kodaikanal 2013, Oil on canvas, 16 x 12 in





Kavunji, Kodaikanal 2015, Oil on canvas, 16 x 20 in



Driveway Home, Attingal, Kerala 2015, Watercolour on paper, 18 x 24 in



Zanskar Valley
2017, Oil on MDF board,12 x 18.5 in



Zanskar Valley 2017, Oil on MDF board, 12 x 18.5 in



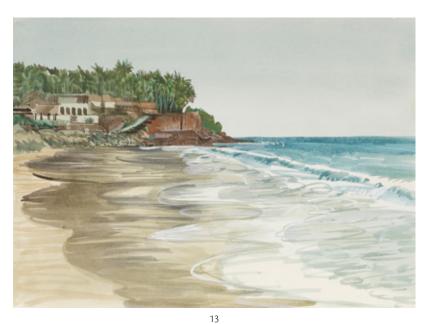
Zanskar Valley 2017, Oil on canvas, 15.75 x 20 in



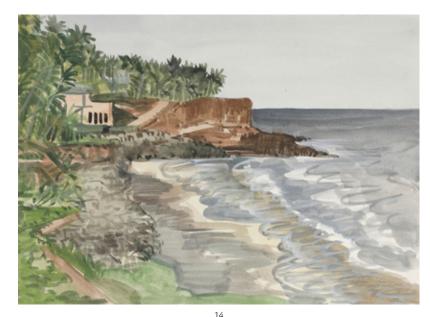
Road in Between Zanskar Valley and Kargil 2017, Watercolour on paper, 12.25 x 16.25 in



View of Sarchu, Ladakh 2017, Watercolour on paper, 14.25 x 20 in



Edava Beach, Varkala, Kerala 2017, Watercolour on paper, 10.25 x 14.25 in



Edava Beach, Varkala 2017, Watercolour on paper, 10.25 x 14.25 in



The Cliff Behind Manthara Temple, Kappil, Varkala 2017, Watercolour on paper, 7 x 10.25 in



16 View From a Cafe, Papanasam, Varkala 2018, Watercolour on paper, 6 x 11.75 in



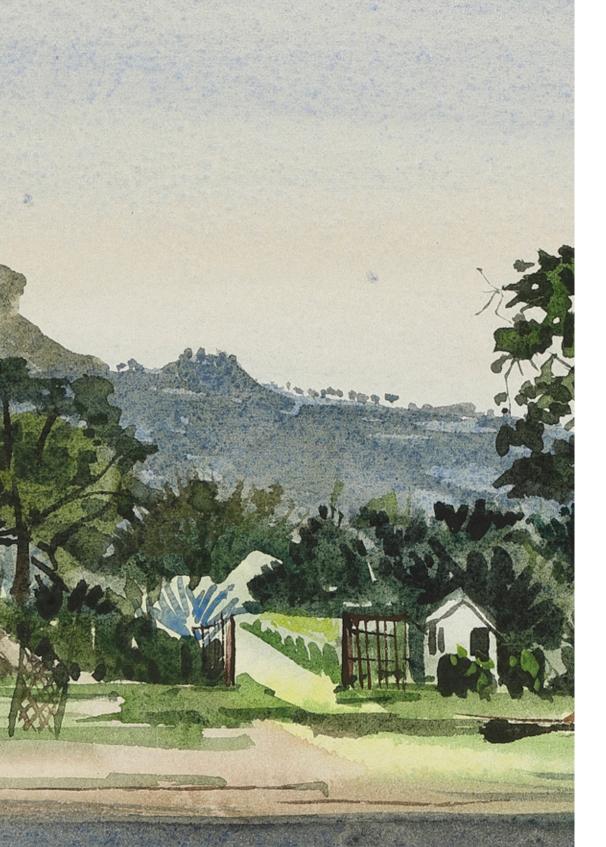
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Kappil, Trivandrum District
2018, Watercolour on paper, 6 x 11.75 in



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View From a Cafe, Papanasam, Varkala
2018, Watercolour on paper, 6 x 11.75 in

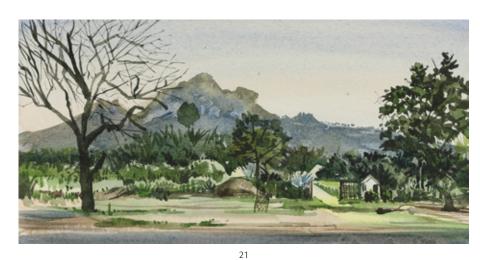


Kappil, Paravoor Road 2018, Watercolour on paper, 6 x 11.75 in

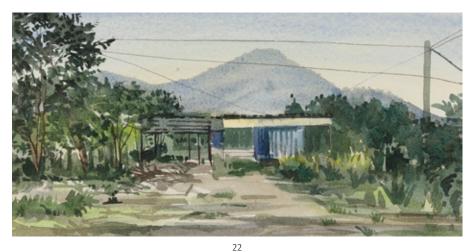




Gateway Hotel, Varkala 2018, Watercolour on paper, 6 x 11.75 in



Girivalam, Thiruvannamalai 2018, Watercolour on paper, 6 x 11.75 in



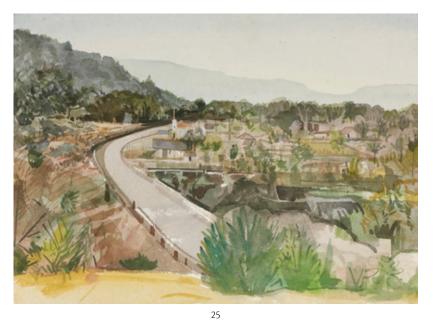
Girivalam, Thiruvannamalai 2018, Watercolour on paper, 6 x 11.75 in



From Painter's Garden 2018, Oil on MDF board, 8 x 9.25 in



Loktak Lake, Manipur 2018, Watercolour on paper, 9 x 12.25 in



Meghalaya
2018, Watercolour on paper, 10.25 x 14.25 in





26 View From Reading Room, Attingal, Kerala 2018, Oil on canvas, 15.75 x 20.25 in



27 Temple Tank, Varkala, Kerala 2019, Oil on plywood, 8.5 x 11.25 in



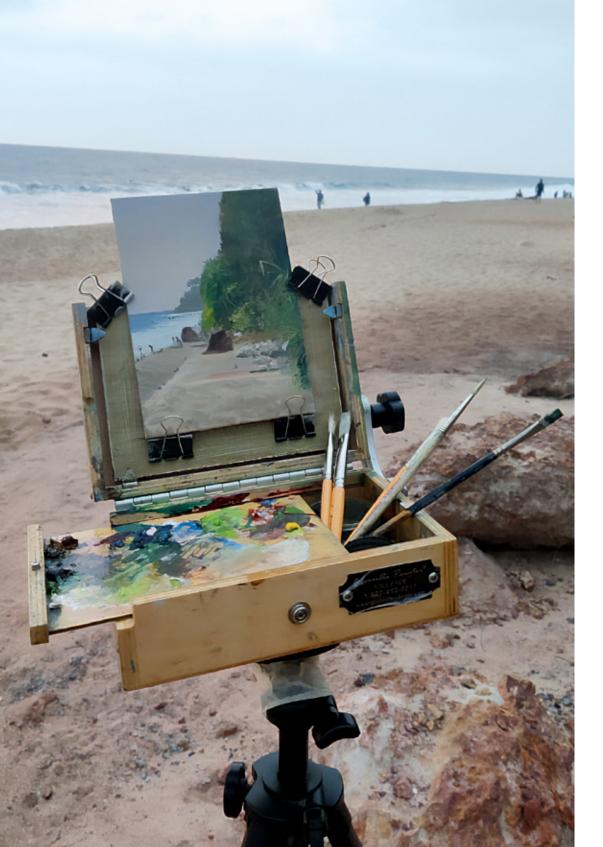
A 'Haveli', Udaipur, Rajasthan 2019, Oil on plywood, 11.75 x 15.75 in



Santiniketan 2019, Watercolour on paper, 14 x 20 in

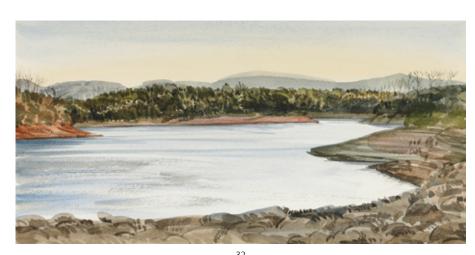


Santhal Village, Santiniketan 2019, Watercolour on paper, 14 x 20 in

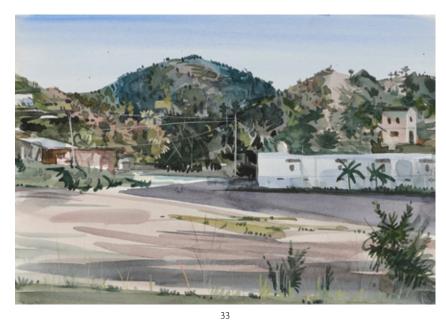




Kappil, Near Varkala 2019, Watercolour on paper, 18 x 24 in



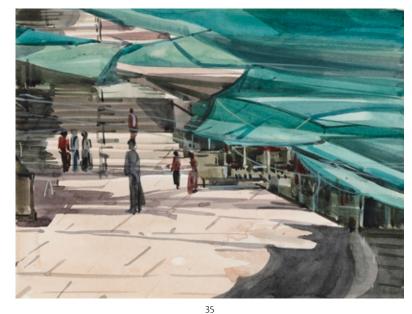
Vazhani Dam Garden 2019, Watercolour on paper, 6 x 11.75 in



Kumbhalgarh, Rajasthan 2019, Watercolour on paper, 7 x 10.25 in



34 Kappil Bridge, Kerala 2019, Watercolour on paper, 7 x 10.25 in



Pavagadh, New Baroda 2019, Watercolour on paper, 9 x 12.25 in



Sahasralinga, Karnataka 2019, Watercolour on paper, 12.25 x 16.25 in





Jog Falls, Karnataka 2019, Watercolour on paper, 6 x 11.75 in



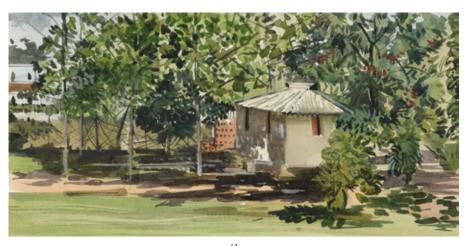
Monsoon Alert, Varkala 2019, Watercolour on paper, 6 x 11.75 in



Kappil, Trivandrum District 2019, Watercolour on paper, 6 x 11.75 in



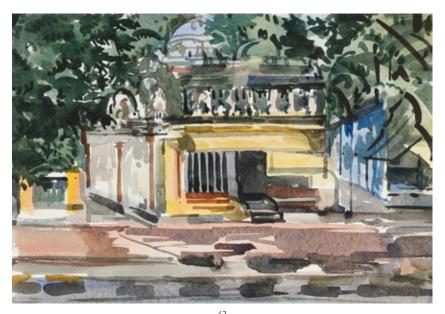
Omkareshwar, Madhya Pradesh 2019, Watercolour on paper, 6 x 11.75 in



Santiniketan
2019, Watercolour on paper, 6 x 11.75 in



Near Santiniketan 2019, Watercolour on paper, 14.25 x 20 in



Thiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu 2019, Watercolour on paper, 7 x 10.25 in



Punchakkari, Thiruvananthapuram District 2019, Watercolour on paper, 18 x 24 in



45 Untitled 2020, Oil on MDF board, 8.75 x 20.75 in



Pozhikkara, Kollam District, Kerala 2020, Watercolour on paper, 5.25 x 7 in



Ramanasramam, Thiruvannamalai 2020, Watercolour on paper, 5.25 x 7 in



Ramanasramam 2020, Watercolour on paper, 5.25 x 7 in



Skandashramam, Thiruvannamalai 2020, Watercolour on paper, 5.25 x 7 in



Girivalam, Thiruvannamalai 2020, Watercolour on paper, 5.25 x 7 in





51 Thrissur, Kerala 2020, Watercolour on paper, 6 x 11.75 in



Thrissur, Kerala 2020, Watercolour on paper, 6 x 11.75 in

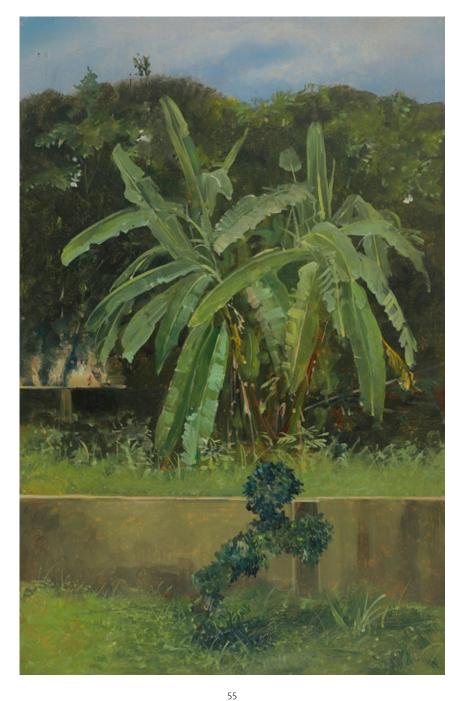




53 Car Shed, Attingal 2021, Oil on plywood, 11.75 x 15.75 in



Electrocuted Bat 2021, Oil on board, 12.25 x 10 in



Banana Plants 2021, Oil on board, 18.5 x 12 in



56 **Tabo, Spiti Valley**2021, Oil on canvas pasted on board, 10 x 13.75 in



Varkala, Kerala 2022, Watercolour on paper, 7.75 x 11.25 in



Kamati Baug Gate, Baroda 2022, Watercolour on paper, 8 x 5.5 in



59
Kappil, Varkala, Kerala
2022, Watercolour on paper, 6 x 11.75 in



Black Beach, Edava, Varkala 2022, Watercolour on paper, 10.25 x 14.25 in





61 Black Beach, Odayam, Varkala 2022, Watercolour on paper, 10.25 x 14.25 in



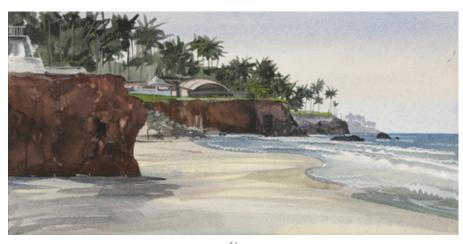
Edava Beach, Varkala 2022, Watercolour on paper, 7 x 10.25 in



Kappil Beach, Varkala 2022, Watercolour on paper, 10.25 x 14.25 in



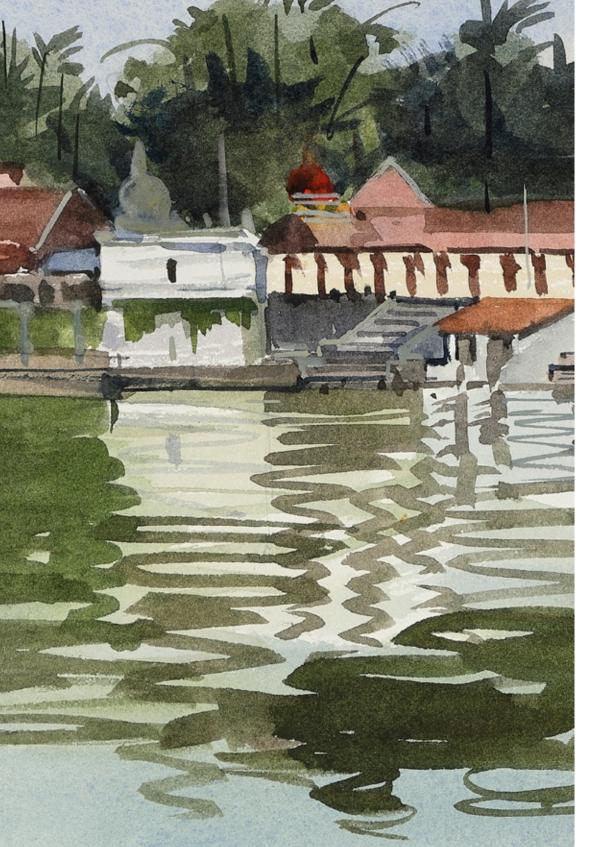
Kappil Lake, Varkala, Kerala 2022, Watercolour on paper, 6 x 11.75 in



64 Kappil Beach, Varkala 2022, Watercolour on paper, 6 x 11.75 in



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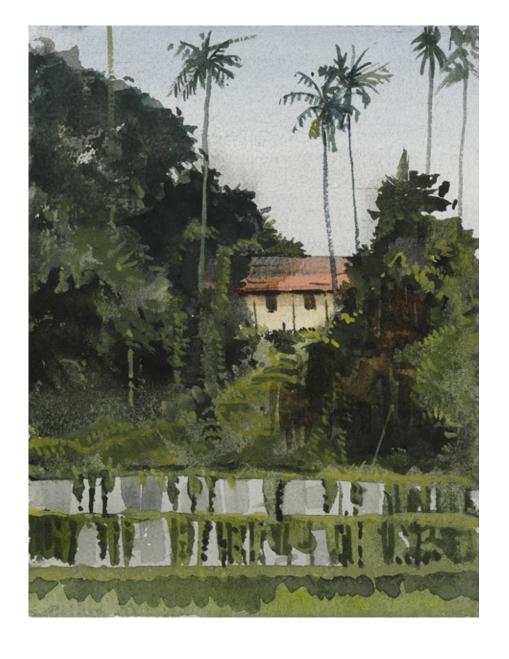


67 Kappil Lake, Kerala 2022, Watercolour on paper, 7.75 x 11.25 in



Temple Tank, Varkala, Kerala 2022, Watercolour on paper, 7 x 10.25 in





69 **Chariot** 2022, Watercolour on paper, 8 x 5.5 in

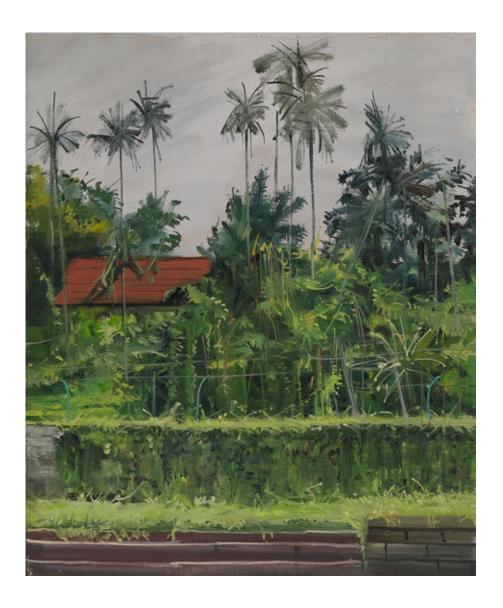
70 **Varkala, Kerala** 2022, Watercolour on paper, 7 x 5.25 in



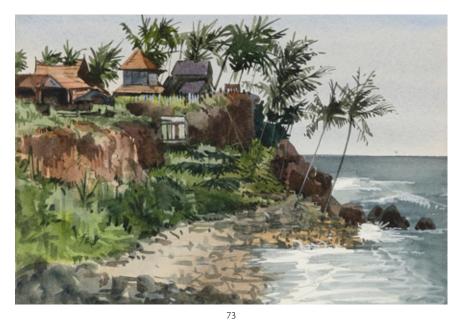


71 Edava Beach, Varkala 2022, Watercolour on paper, 10.75 x 10.25 in





72 Near Temple Tank, Varkala, Kerala 2022, Oil on canvas pasted on board, 12 x 10 in



Papanasam Cliff, Varkala 2022, Watercolour on paper, 7 x 10.25 in



Varkala 2022, Water, colour on paper, 11.25 x 7.75 in



75 Kappil, Varkala, Kerala 2022, Watercolour on paper, 14.25 x 10.25 in



76 **Kappil Lake, Kerala** 2022, Oil on board, 15.75 x 11.75 in



77
Wild Flowers
2023, Oil on canvas pasted on board, 9.75 x 8.5 in



Kappil Beach 2023, Oil on canvas pasted on board, 5 x 7 in

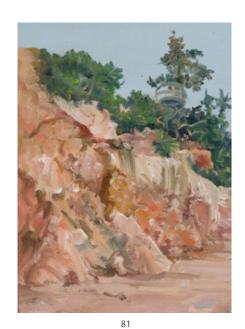


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Soon After the Sunset
2023, Oil on canvas pasted on board, 7 x 5 in



Fishermen's Hut 2023, Watercolour on paper, 7.75 x 11 in



Cliff, South Beach, Varkala, Kerala 2023, Oil on canvas pasted on board, 7 x 4.75 in



Natural Spring, Varkala 2023, Oil on canvas pasted on board, 12 x 10 in





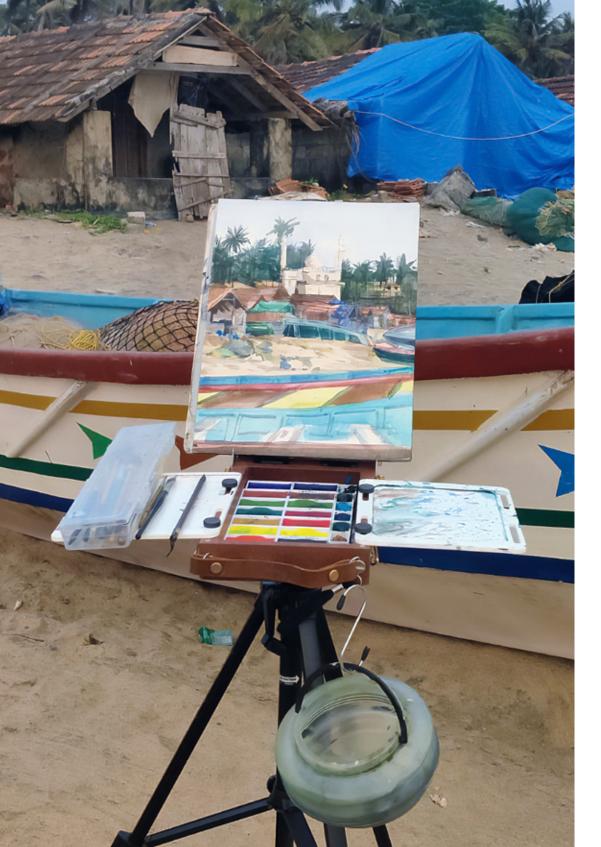
83 Kappil Bridge 2023, Oil on canvas pasted on board, 5 x 7 in



Lover's Corner, Kappil Lake, Kerala 2023, Watercolour on paper, 11 x 7.75 in

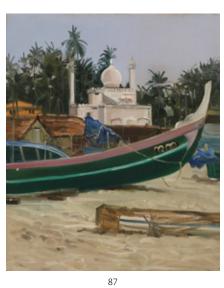


Tourist Bus, Varkala, Kerala 2023, Watercolour on paper, 11.25 x 7.75 in





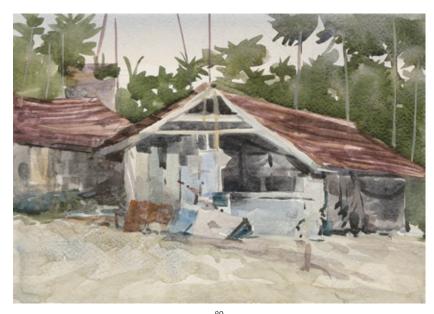
Fishermen's Hut, Paravoor Beach, Kerala 2023, Oil on canvas pasted on board, 12 x 10 in



Goodness ('Nanma') 2023, Oil on canvas pasted on board, 12 x 10 in



Kappil Beach, Kerala 2023, Watercolour on paper, 5.5 x 8.75 in



Fishermen's Hut
2023, Watercolour on paper, 7.75 x 11.25 in



Towel Shop, Varkala, Kerala 2023, Oil on canvas pasted on board, 12 x 10 in



Paravoor Beach, Kerala 2023, Oil on canvas pasted on board, 12 x 10 in



Kappil Lake, Kerala 2023, Watercolour on paper, 11 x 7.5 in





Alexandra Palace
2018, Watercolour on paper, 4 x 9.75 in



Fake Bridge, Hampstead Heath 2018, Watercolour on paper, 4 x 9.75 in



Men's Bathing Pond, Hampstead Heath, London 2018, Watercolour on paper, 4 x 9.75 in



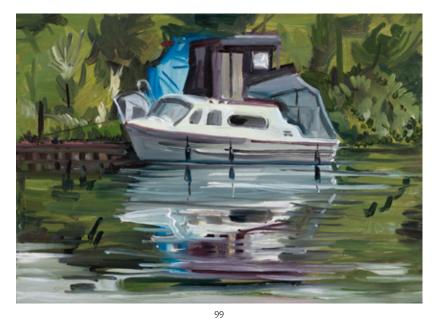
96 London 2018, Watercolour on paper, 4 x 9.75 in



Clissold Park, North London 2018, Watercolour on paper, 4 x 9.75 in



98 Hampstead Heath, London 2018, Watercolour on paper, 4 x 9.75 in



London 2019, Oil on board, 6 x 8 in



Untitled
2019, Oil on board, 6 x 8 in



Untitled 2019, Oil on board, 6 x 8 in



London 2022, Watercolour on paper, 8.25 x 10.25 in



103
Finsbury Park
2022, Watercolour on paper, 10 x 10 in



Clissold Park, London 2022, Watercolour on paper, 10 x 10 in



Newingston Green, Park Cafe 2022, Watercolour on paper, 10 x 10 in



108 Clissold Park 2022, Watercolour on paper, 10 x 10 in



Cafe Nero, Near Angel, London 2022, Watercolour on paper, 10 x 10 in



Near Highbury and Islington Tube Station 2022, Watercolour on paper, 10 x 10 in



Clissold Park, Construction Site 2022, Watercolour on paper, 10 x 10 in



Willow Trees 2022, Watercolour on paper, 10 x 10 in



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Highbury Crescent
2022, Watercolour on paper, 10.25 x 7 in



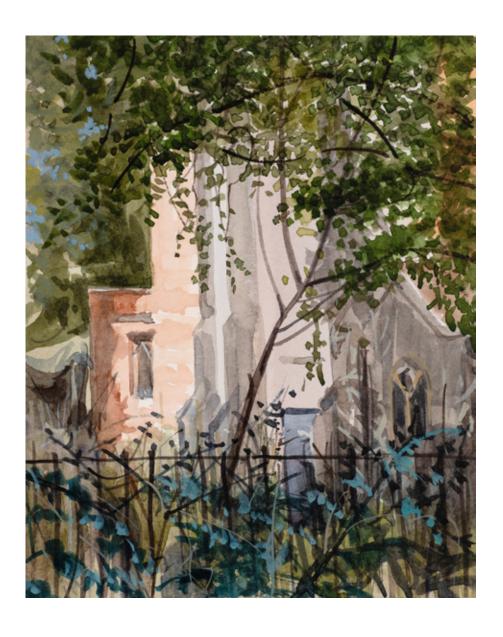
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War Memorial, London 2022, Watercolour on paper, 10.25 x 7 in

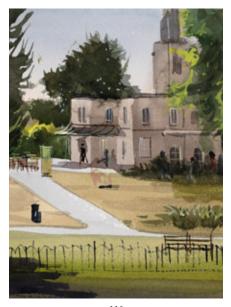


114 London 2022, Watercolour on paper, 10.25 x 7 in



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Backside of Church, Clissold Park, London
2022, Watercolour on paper, 7 x 5.75 in



116 Clissold Park 2022, Watercolour on paper, 7 x 5.75 in



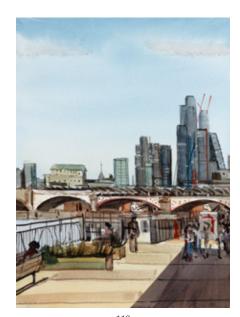
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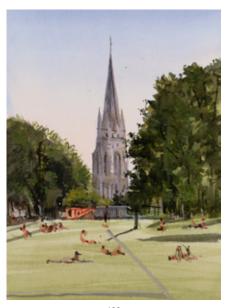
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Clissold Park, London
2022, Watercolour on paper, 10.25 x 7 in



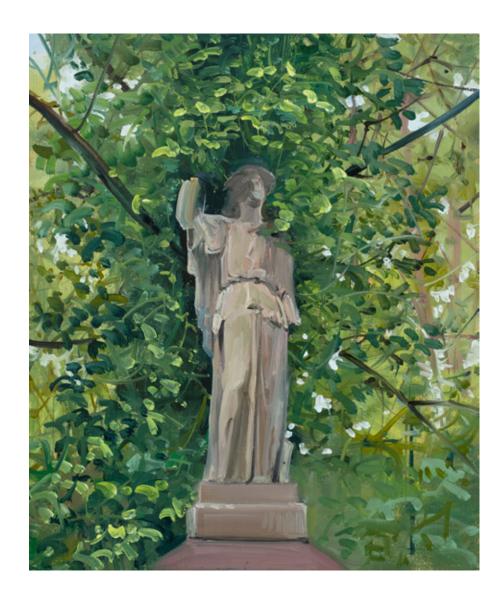
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Untitled
2022, Watercolour on paper, 7.75 x 5.75 in



119 **Springfield Cricket Match** 2022, Watercolour on paper, 7.75 x 5.75 in



122 Church on a Sunny Day, Stoke Newington Church 2022, Watercolour on paper, 8 x 5.75 in



123 Abney Park Cemetery, Stoke Newington, London 2022, Oil on panel, 12 x 10 in



Regents Park, London 2022, Oil on panel, 12 x 10 in



Weeping Willow Clissold Park, London 2022, Oil on panel, 12 x 10 in



Queens Walk Regent Park, London 2022, Oil on panel, 12 x 10 in



Clissold Park, London 2022, Oil on panel, 12 x 10 in



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Highbury Crescent, London
2022, Oil on panel, 12 x 10 in



Clissold Park, London 2022, Oil on panel, 12 x 10 in



Highbury and Islingston Tube Station 2022, Oil on panel, 12 x 10 in



133
Rose Garden, Regents Park, London
2022, Oil on panel, 12 x 10 in



130 **Untitled** 2022, Oil on panel, 12 x 10 in



131 Wooden Bridge, London 2022, Oil on panel, 12 x 10 in



Backside of a Church, Stoke Newington, London 2022, Oil on panel, 12 x 10 in



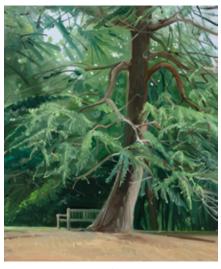
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Hampstead Heath, London
2022, Oil on panel, 12 x 10 in



Tennis Court, Clissold Park, London 2022, Oil on panel, 12 x 10 in



Regent Canel, London 2022, Oil on panel, 12 x 10 in

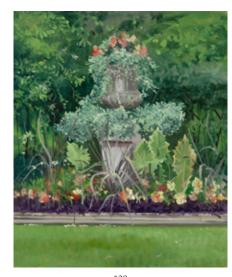


Hampstead Heath, London 2022, Oil on panel, 12 x 10 in



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Gate of Finsbury Park, London
2022, Oil on panel, 12 x 10 in

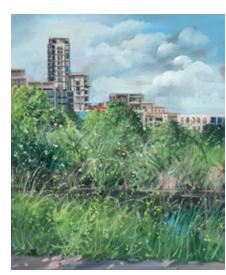


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Regent Park, London
2022, Oil on panel, 12 x 10 in



Regent Park, London 2022, Oil on panel, 12 x 10 in



142 **Untitled** 2022, Oil on panel, 12 x 10 in



143
Finsbury Park Funfair on Easter Sunday
2023, Watercolour on paper, 7 x 10.25 in



144 Clissold Park 2022, Watercolour on paper, 5.75 x 8 in



Stoke Newington Church 2023, Watercolour on paper, 10.25 x 7 in



146 Untitled 2023, Watercolour on paper, 10.25 x 7 in





# **BORN**

1966, Vakkom, Kerala

# **EDUCATION**

# 1996-97

Artist in Residence, Rijksakademie Van Beeldende Kunsten, Amsterdam

### 1989-91

M.A.(Printmaking), Faculty of Fine Arts, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda

## 1982-87

Bachelor of Fine Arts( Painting), College of Fine Arts, Trivandrum, Kerala

# **SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

# 2013

'Uninterrupted Speech', Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi

### 2009

'External Affairs', Grosvenor Vadehra, London

### 2007

'Each One Teach One', Jack Shainman Gallery, New York

### 2005

'Vision Unlimited', Grosvenor Gallery, London 'Existence of Instinct', organised by Sakshi Art Gallery at Shridharani Gallery, New Delhi

# 2001-02

'Paintings', Galerie Nanky De Vreeze, Amsterdam and Sakshi Art Gallery, Bangalore

# 1998-99

'Missing', Fine Arts Gallery, Baroda, Nature Morte, New Delhi and Sakshi Art Gallery, Mumbai

#### 1997

'Linkage', Gallerie Nanaky De Vreeze, Amsterdam

# 1995

'Futility of Device', Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai 'Futility of Device', Faculty of Fine Arts Gallery, Baroda

### 1987

Exhibition of Drawings, Fine Arts Gallery, Trivandrum.

# SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

### 2020

Shibu Natesan, Tobit Roche & Mark Shields: Landscape, Grosvenor Gallery, St. James's, London. UK

SIGHTINGS: out of the wild, Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, Noida, India

#### 2018

Summer Show 2018, 1X1 Art Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

# 2017

Group Show, Sakshi Gallery, Colaba, Mumbai, India

# 2016

The Gallery Collection: A Group Exhibition, Art Musings, Mumbai, India

Bhupen Khakhar's Contemporaries: India 1960 – 2016, Grosvenor Gallery, St. James's, London, UK

#### 2015

Art Exchange, Sakshi Gallery, Colaba, Mumbai, India

#### 2013

Mapmakers II: The Evolution of Contemporary Indian Art, Aicon Gallery, Greenwich Village, New York, USA

# 2012

'2012: A Further Global Encounter', Grosvenor Vadehra, London

'Aqua', Gallery Beyond, Mumbai

'Terrestrial Bodies', 1 x 1 Art Gallery, Dubai

# 2011

'Anecdotes', Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai 'Pause: A Collection', Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai Art Musings, Mumbai

# 2010-11

'A Collection', Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai

#### 2010

'Looking Glass: The Existence of Difference', Twenty Indian Contemporary Artists presented by Religare Arts Initiative, New Delhi in collaboration with American Centre; British Council; Goethe-Institut/ Max Mueller Bhavan, New Delhi

'Indian (Sub)Way', Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi; Grosvenor Vadehra, London

Art Musings, Mumbai

# 2009

'Anglo-Indian Express', Grosvenor Gallery, London

'Long Gone & Living Now', Gallerie Mirchandani + Steinreucke, Mumbai

'Progressive to Altermodern: 62 Years of Indian Modern Art', Grosvenor Gallery, London

### 2008-09

'Signs Taken for Wonders: Recent Art from India and Pakistan', Aicon Gallery, London

#### 2008

'November', 1x1 Contemporary, Al Quoz, Dubai

'Anxious', Galerie Mirchandani + Steinruecke, Mumbai

'Modern and Contemporary Indian Art', Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi

'Indi Genius', presented by Sakshi Gallery and Soka Contemporary Space, Taipei at Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai

'Link', Sakshi Art Gallery, Mumbai

## 2006

'Parallel Realities', Asian Art Now, Blackburn Museum, Lancashire, England 'Making the Divinity', Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai 'Altered Realities', Gallery Art India, New York

#### 2005

'Alchemy', Art Musings, Mumbai

'Paths of Progression', Bodhi Art and Saffronart, Mumbai, New Delhi, New York and Singapore

'Visions of Landscape', Guild Gallery, Mumbai

## 2004

'Anticipation', organised by Fine Art Resource at Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai

'Tiranga, Right and Responsibilities', A Traveling Show, organised by Jindal Foundation, New Delhi, Jaipur, Mumbai

Annual Exhibition, Art Musings, Mumbai

'Generation – 1', The Guild Gallery and Saffronart, Mumbai

#### 2003

'Creative Space', Sakshi Gallery, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

'Master Strokes', Art Musings, Mumbai

'Tiranga', a travelling show, organised by Jindal Foundation, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

'Recent Works', Gallery Threshold, New Delhi

'Under The Skin of Simulation : Three Contemporary Painters', Fine Art Resource, Berlin

'Highlights', Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai

Centre for International Modern Art (CIMA), Kolkata

'Crossing Generations: diVERGE', For 40 Years of Gallery Chemould, organised by Gallery Chemould, National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Mumbai

# 2002

'Cinema Still', organised by Apparao Galleries at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

'Heroes and Mentors', RPG, Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai

'Finding The Centre at The Margin', organised by Apparao Galleries, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts Trust (IGNCA), New Delhi, Chennai

'Real In Realism', Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi

'Transfiguration', India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

'CAN', India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

'VIART', India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

'Words and Images', organised by Guild Gallery, National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Mumbai

'Clicking Into Place', Japan Foundation with Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai

'Cutting Edge Contemporary', Organised by Fine Art Company, National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Mumbai

'Under Construction', Japan Foundation, Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Japan

### 2001

'Engendering-Images of Women', Guild Gallery, Mumbai

'The Human Factor', organised by Guild Art Gallery at Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai

'Figures In My Mind', Gallery Espace, New Delhi

'In an Exuberant and Profuse Manner', Bose Pacia Modern, New York

'Human Factor', Guild Gallery, Mumbai

'ARS 01, Unfolding Perspectives', Kiasma, Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland

'Indian Contemporary Fine Ar', organised by Apparao Galleries and Saffronart, Los Angeles

#### 2000

'A Global View: Indian Artists at Home In The World', organised by Fine Arts Resource, Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai

'Baroda School of Art', Fine Art Company, Mumbai

'Exile and Longing', Lakeeren, Mumbai

Kunst Rai, Galerie Nanky de Vreeze, Amsterdam

### 1999

'The Creative Process', The Guild Gallery, Mumbai

Bedrijven voor Lilian Fons, Museum Boymans, Rotterdam, Netherlands

'Pictures of Pictures', Arnolfini Gallery, Bristol, England

Norwich Gallery, Norwich, England

Grezellos Mooi, De Vreeze and the Lining Stone Galeries, Nieuwegien, Netherlands

'Icons of the Millennium', Lakeeren, Mumbai

'Embarkations', Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai

### 1998

Vadehra Art Gallery New Delhi

'Spin', Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai

'Kunst Rai', Galerie Nanky DE Vreeze and Living Stone Galleries Amsterdam

'Edge of the Century', Nature Morte, New Delhi

### 1997

'Gift for India', Sahmat, New Delhi

'Spring, Spring', Gallerie Serieuse Zaken, Amsterdam

Netherlands Art History Institute, Leiden, Amsterdam

Open Studio Show, Rijksakademie Amsterdam

## 1996

Open Studio Show, Rijksakademie Amsterdam

# 1995

'Contemporary Art', Deutsche Bank, Mumbai 'Burning Terrains', works on paper, Gallery Chemould, Mumbai

#### 1993

Exhibition in Aid of Earthquake Victims, Fine Arts Gallery Baroda

#### 1991

Artists against Communalism 'Images and

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Words', Sahmat, New Delhi

# 1990

Artists from Baroda, Graphic Prints, Cymroza Art Gallery Mumbai.

# **JOINT EXHIBITIONS**

### 2004

'In Transit I', with Atul Dodiya, Temporary Gallery, organised by Sakshi Gallery and Alexander Ochs Galleries, Berlin

# 2003

'Small Format Works, Two Painters' with Baiju Parthan, Art Musings, Mumbai

# **PARTICIPATIONS**

# 2012

'Art for Humanity', Coomaraswamy Hall, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Mumbai

# 2011

'Of Gods and Goddesses, Cinema, Cricket: The New Cultural Icons of India', Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai

'The Intuitive: Logic Revisited', from the Osians Collection at The World Economic Forum, Davos, Switzerland

# 2010

'Roots', 25th Anniversary Exhibition of Sakshi Art Gallery, Mumbai at The Park, Chennai

### 2009

'ARCOmadrid', Spain represented by Kashi Art Gallery, Kochi

## 2008

Presented by 1x1 Art Gallery at Art Paris, Abu Dhabi

### 2005

'Parallel Realities', The Third Fukuoka Asian Art Triennial, Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Japan. XIth Triennial India, Lalit Kala Akademi, Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi

# 2003

'Palette-2003', organised by Palette Art Gallery at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

### 2002

'Palette-2002', organised by Palette Art Gallery at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

## 2001-02

'ARS 01 Unfolding Perspectives', Museum of Contemporary Art Kiasma, Helsinki

# 2001

'Palette-2001', organised by Palette Art Gallery at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

#### 1998

'International Art Fair', Annacy De Vreeze, Stockholm, Sweden

### 1996

6th Bharat Bhavan Biennial of Contemporary Art, Bhopal

# **HONOURS AND AWARDS**

'Uriot Prize', Rijksakademie van Beeldande Kunsten, Amsterdam

#### 1991

Gold Medal, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda

His works have been displayed at the Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Japan; The World Economic Forum, Switzerland; Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland; Blackburn Museum, England etc.

The artist lives and works in London.



