

# REKHA RODWITTIYA (b. 1958, Bangalore, India)

Lives and works in Baroda, India

### **EDUCATION**

MA (Painting) Royal College of Art, London, UK
 Awarded Distinction for Thesis A Painful Journey
 Recipient of The Unilever Painting Prize
Studied Film & Video at the Fulham Institute, London, UK
Awarded Inlaks Scholarship to study at the Royal College of Art London, UK
Studied & practiced photography under the guidance of Prof Jyoti Bhatt
BFA Painting, Faculty of Fine Arts, MS University, Baroda, India

## **SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2024	Rekha Rodwittiya: We are meant to survivebeyond our stories, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India
2020	Rekha Rodwittiya: To Be, Someone Else's Song, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India (Online)
2018	Songs from the Blood of the Weary (Dialogues of Peace): Rekha Rodwittiya, Jehangir Nicholson Art Foundation, Mumbai, India
	Rekha@Sixty: Transient Worlds of Belonging, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India
2016	Love Done Right Can Change the World, Vadehra Gallery, New Delhi, India
	The Rituals of Memory: Personal Folklores & Other Tales, Aicon , New York, USA
2014	The Guarded Megalopolis of the Feminine Heart, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India
2013	Matters of the Heart, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India
2011	Intangible Interlocution: An Anthology of Belonging, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India
2008	Rekha@Fifty, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India
2007	Second Skin, Air Gallery & Sakshi Gallery, London, UK; Maya Gallery & Sakshi Gallery, London, UK
2006	Once Upon A Time, Sakshi Gallery at Shridharani, New Delhi, India
2005	Encrypted Soliloquies, Sakshi Gallery at Art Folio, Singapore, Singapore
2003	Bye-Bye Baby, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India
	Old Fables: New Myths, Sakshi Gallery in collaboration with Sarjan Art Gallery, Baroda, India
2001	Subtexts, Sakshi Gallery, Bangalore, India
1999	Time Zones: Home & Away, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India
1998	Evocations, Studio Barbieri, Venice, Italy
1997	My Body - My Land, Sakshi Gallery, Bangalore, India
	Re-Inscribing Ancestries, Nazar Gallery, Baroda, India
	Borders/Territories, Apparao Galleries at Gallery 678 New York, USA
1996	In Shades of Red, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India
1994	Sakshi Gallery, Bangalore, India



1993	Art Heritage, New Delhi, India
	Cymroza Art Gallery, Mumbai, India
1992	Sakshi Gallery, Bangalore, India
	Seagull For Arts, Kolkata, India
1991	Sakshi Gallery, Chennai, India
1990	Cymroza Art Gallery, Mumbai, India
1989	Art Heritage, New Delhi, India
1988	Gallery Sassi, Stockholm, Sweden
1987	Art Heritage, New Delhi, India
1986	Sarala Art Centre, Chennai, India
	Cymroza Art Gallery, Mumbai, India
1985	Art Heritage, New Delhi, India
	Cymroza Art Gallery, Mumbai, India
1982	Urja Art Gallery, Baroda, India

### **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

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2023	Delhi Durbar: Empire, Display and the Possession of History, DAG Modern, New Delhi, India
	A Place In The Sun: Women Artists From 20th Century India, DAG Modern, Mumbai, India
	Rockefeller + India, Aicon, New York, USA
	Art SG, Sakshi Gallery, Singapore, Singapore
2022	Postcards From A Journey, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India
	Group Show, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India
2021	Aicon, Palo Alto, USA
2017- 2018	Persevering Traditions: The weft and the warp, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India
2017	India's Rockefeller Artists, DAG Modern, New York, USA
	Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India
	The Work of Art: Iteration in Multiples, Fragments and Reflection. Part II, The Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai, India
	Group Show, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India
2016	The Rituals of Memory, Aicon, New York, USA
	Womanhood: Through The Eyes of Indian Modern and Contemporary Art, Tao Art Gallery, Mumbai, India
2015	Night Poem & Other Stories, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India
	The Ecstasy of Art - 2, Tao Art Gallery, Mumbai, India
	The Naked and the Nude: The Body in Indian Modern Art, DAG Modern, New York, USA

Sakshi group exhibition at the Park, Chennai, India

*In-Between*, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India

Shades of Gray, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India Open Ended, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India

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2013-14 Forgotten Figures, Aicon, New York, USA

2013 The Sakshi Show, presented by Sakshi Gallery at The Park, Chennai, India

First Edition, presented by Sakshi Gallery at Taj Krishna, Hyderabad, India

Mapping Gender: Bodies and Sexualities in Contemporary Art Across the Global South,

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

The Possibility of Being, Exhibit 320, New Delhi, India

In House, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India

2012 Diva, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India

Contemporary, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai; presented by Sakshi Gallery at The Park, Chennai,

India

Looking Back, Looking Forward, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India

Daya/On Kindness: An Australia India Cultural Exchange, RMIT Gallery, Melbourne,

Australia

Narratives of the Self, Gallery Espace, New Delhi, India

2011-12 Back to School: Baroda 1979-89, Tao Art Gallery, Mumbai, India

2011 Anecdotes, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India

Daya/On Kindness: An Australia India cultural exchange, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi,

India

Review, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India

Pause: A Collection, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India

High-Light, presented by Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai at The Oberoi, Gurgaon, India

Back to School: Baroda 1979-89, Palette Art Gallery, New Delhi, India

2010 Roots, 25th Anniversary Exhibition of Sakshi Art Gallery, Mumbai at The Park, Chennai,

India

Dali's Elephant, Aicon Gallery, London, UK

International Ceramic Centre Baroda - Exhibition at ABS Baroda and at Art & Soul

Mumbai, India

Singularities, RL Fine Arts, New York, USA

1.2.3.4.5...In the Line of Fire, Lemongrasshopper, Ahmedabad, India

2009 Inaugural Show, Sakshi Gallery, Taipei, Taiwan

Arco '09, Sakshi Gallery, Madrid, Spain

Zip Files, Tao Art Gallery, Mumbai, India

Finding India, Sakshi Gallery, Seoul, South Korea

Long Gone & Living Now, Galerie Mirchandani & Steinreucke, Mumbai, India

2008 Art Taipei, Sakshi Gallery, Taipei, Taiwan

Gallery Display, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India

2007 Sakshi moves to Colaba, Inaugural Show, Mumbai, India

Art on the Wing, An exhibition to support VCARE an animal shelter, Sarjan Gallery,

Baroda, India

The Teardrop Explodes, London, UK

Art Miami, Sakshi Gallery, Miami, USA



2006 Making of Divinity, curated by Ina Puri, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India 2004 Tiranga, rights and responsibilities, curated by Peter Nagy for Shallu & Naveen Jindal, Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai A Chanced Meeting Between Nukata No Okimi and a Serendipitous Yayavar, installed at site in the Fukuoka Asian Art Museum and displayed for six weeks. Fukuoka, Japan Un passage dans la Lumiere, curated by Philippe Mouillon for the Laboratoire in Algiers, 2003 Algeria The Said & the Unsaid, Apparao Galleries, Mumbai, India 2002 Cinema Stills, Apparao Galleries, New Delhi, India The Sheen of Metal. The Pallette Art Gallery, New Delhi, India Nav-Navika, Tao Gallery, Mumbai, India 2001 Figures in My Mind, Gallery Espace, New Delhi, India Palette 2001, New Delhi, India Indian Contemporary Fine Art, Saffron Art & Apparao Galleries, Los Angeles, USA 2000 Embarkations, The Millennium Show curated by Yashodhara Dalmia, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai a la nuit tombee, curated by Philippe Mouillon for Berge 2000, Grenoble, France Early Works, The Fine Art Company, Mumbai Timeless Visions: Contemporary Art of India, From the Herwitz Collection, Peabody Essex Museum, Massachusetts, USA Celebration of the Human Image, curated by Yvette Kumar for Gallery 42, New Delhi 1999 The Tale of Six Cities, Lakeeren Art Gallery, Mumbai Pacaembu, curated by Phiippe Mouillon for the Laboratoire, Sao Paulo, Brazil Benefit Event for the Elephanta Project, organized by Tasneem Mehta for INTACH, Mumbai Imagined Spaces, a one year touring exhibition with Surendran Nair at major art centers in Australia. This exhibition was toured by the Noosa Regional Art Gallery under the directorship of Kevin Wilson 1998-99 Lines of Desire, curated by Jagiit Chuchun, Alnoor Mitha & Kim Merrington. A Liverpool Art School & Oldham Art Gallery & Museum touring exhibition 1998 Indian Spring, Apparao Galleries & Gallerie Martini, USA The Edge of Awareness, curated by Adelina Von Furstenberg (Art for the World) for the 1997-98 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the WHO, MoMA P.S.1 and the United Nations Building, New York, USA, Sao Paulo, Brazil, and New Delhi, India 1997 Nirguna/Saguna, curated by Peter Nagy, Nature Morte, Delhi, India Women Artists of India - A Celebration of Independence, curated by Mary-Ann Milford-Lutzker, Mills College Art Gallery, California, USA Epic Reality- Contemporary Narrative Painting from India From the Herwitz Collection. Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, USA 1996 Of Women - icons/stars/feasts, Eicher Gallery, New Delhi, India 12 Contemporary Painters - from 1984 to 1996, The Fine Art Resource, Mumbai, India Acro da Lapa, curated by Philippe Mouillon for the Laboratoire, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



1995-96 Inside Out: Women Artists of India - a touring exhibition in England, curated by Alison Lloyd for the Middlesborough Art Gallery, Middlesborough, UK 1995 Art for Cry, New Delhi, India Portrait Exhibition, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India Dialogues of Peace, Curated by Adelina Von Furstenberg for the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland. Constructed a painted room titled Songs from the Blood of the Weary Bombay, An RPG Exhibition, Mumbai, India Contemporary Art - Deutsche Bank Bombay, compiled by The Fine Art Resource, Mumbai, India Indian Winter, Kapil Jariwala Gallery, London, UK 1994 An exhibition of Women's Art - Society for promotion of art - Hyderabad, India 1993 Images, Sakshi Gallery, Chennai, India Still Lives, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India Husain ki Sarai, Vadhera Art Gallery, New Delhi, India Images & Words. A travelling exhibition for communal harmony organized by Sahmat. India In small format-Works on paper, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India 1992 Journeys within Landscapes, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India A Nest For Sparrow, curated by C.S Laxmi, Mumbai, India 1989 Artists Alert, In Memory of Safdar Hashmi, New Delhi, India 1988 Cry Exhibition, Mumbai, India Exhibition to Celebrate the Declaration of Human Rights UN, Geneva, Switzerland 1987 Second Biennial of Havana, Cuba Alekhya Darsan - Six Young Contemporaries, Geneva, Switzerland Print exhibition, Centre for Engraving, Geneva, Switzerland Print exhibition, Bristol, UK 1986 Sixth International Triennale, New Delhi, India 1985 Exhibition of Contemporary Indian Art from the Herwitz Collection, New York, Pennsylvania, Woraster & Vermont, USA Young Contemporaries, Sheffield, UK 1984 1983 John Nevil Gallery, Canterbury, UK Rebecca Smith Gallery, London, UK British Council Gallery, Mumbai, India 1982 1981 Young Students Exhibition, Planetarium, Baroda, India All India Graphic Exhibition, Ahmedabad, India 1980 All India Photography Exhibition, Mysore, India 1979 Shaishav, photography exhibition, Baroda, India 1978 Opening Exhibition of Urja Art Gallery, Baroda, India



#### **RESIDENCES & PROJECTS**

2016	One-month residency supported by Sakshi Gallery & hosted by Linika & Sanjay Kumar, Kodaikanal, India
2010	One-month residency at Montalvo Art Centre, Saratoga, USA
2004	Invited for a three-month residency to the Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Fukuoka, Japan
2003	Painted on Bombay Suburban train as part of the celebration of the World Social Forum that was conducted in January 2004. This project was organized by Open Circle, Mumbai, India
2000	Transcultural Drawing Residency (CAIR Fellowship) at the Liverpool Art College, John Moores University, Liverpool, UK
1999	Invited by the Noosa Regional Council for an international residency program. Surendran Nair was also part of this program, Noosa, Australia
1995	Worked on site specific location for world art exhibition, <i>Dialogues of Peace</i> , constructing painted room titled "Songs from the blood of the weary" (duration two months), Geneva, Switzerland
1991	International Artist in Residence (duration two months), The Magasin Centre National D'Art Contemporain de Grenoble, Grenoble, France
1990	Asian Cultural Council Rockefeller Foundation "Starr Fellowship" (duration six months), New York, USA
1988-89	Artist in residence at the Konstogskolan Art College – invitation by the Svenska Institute – Stockholm, Sweden

#### **CURATORIAL PROJECTS**

2015	Subtextual Documentalists, An exhibition of photographs by Jyoti Bhatt & Manisha Gera
	Baswani - The Collective Studio Baroda, in collaboration with "SITE art space" hosted by
	Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India

Subtextual Documentalists, An exhibition of photographs by Jyoti Bhatt, Manisha Gera Baswani & Noh Suntag, The Collective Studio Baroda, in collaboration with "SITE art space" hosted by The Korean Cultural Centre (with assistance from Kim Kyoungae & Kim Changhyun), New Delhi, India

2014 Residual Remnants, An exhibition of paintings by T. Venkanna, Kim Kyoungae, Abir Karmakar, Poushali Das, Mitali Shah, The Collective Studio Baroda, in collaboration with SITE art space, Baroda, India

> This Side of the Forest, An exhibition by Vasudevan Akkitham, The Collective Studio Baroda, in collaboration with SITE art space, Baroda, India

Measured Metres, An exhibition of painting & Sculpture by Indrapramit Roy & Mayur Gupta, The Collective Studio Baroda, in collaboration with SITE art space, Baroda, India

Generations-Notional worlds, An exhibition of art by K. G. Subramanyan, Nagji Patel, Surendran Nair, Manisha Parekh, Sonatina Mendes & N..Divya, The Collective Studio Baroda, in collaboration with SITE art space, Baroda, India

2012 Quiet Conversations from the Courtyard, Ashvita, Chennai, India

2011 Feminine Syntax - Personal Biographies, Lemongrasshopper Art Gallery, Ahmedabad,

India

Pernoctation & Early Drawings, Curated the section of early drawing of Surendran Nair 2008

for Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai, India

1998 Cross Currents, Touring Exhibition co-curated with Jennifer Lloyd, Norway

1997 The Printed Image, Jyoti Bhatt for Cymroza Art Gallery, Mumbai, India



1993 The Drawn Image, Cymroza Art Gallery, Mumbai, India
1992 Four Young Contemporaries, Cymroza Art Gallery, Mumbai, Sakshi Gallery, Bangalore, India