

## **NATVAR BHAVSAR (b. 1934, Gujarat, India)**

Lives and works in New York City, USA

### **EDUCATION**

- 1965 MFA, Graduate School of Fine Arts, University of Pennsylvania, USA
- 1960 BA, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, India
- 1959 Mumbai State Higher Art Examination, Mumbai, India

### **SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 2022 *Natvar Bhavsar: Part III. Works from 1987 to 2005*, Aicon, New York, USA
- 2020 *Natvar Bhavsar: Sublime Light: On the Cusp of the 1980's*, Aicon, New York, USA
- 2019 *Beginnings*, Aicon, New York, USA
- 2018-17 *Natvar Bhavsar: Homecoming*, DAG Modern, Mumbai, India
- 2018 *Elements of Color*, HG Contemporary, Madrid, Spain
- 2017-16 *Natvar Bhavsar: The Dimension of Color*, Museum of Art – DeLand Downtown, Florida, USA
- 2017 DAG Modern Gallery, London, UK  
*Phenomenon*, HG Contemporary, New York, USA
- 2016 *Natvar Bhavsar: The Dimensions of Color*, Museum of Art DeLand, Florida, USA
- 2015 *Natvar Bhavsar: Five Decades*, Cara Gallery, New York, USA
- 2014 *RANG RASA Transcendent Color*, Gallery at Tower 49, New York, USA  
*White Symphonies and Red Flowers*, Wichita Art Museum, Kansas, USA  
*Color Immersion*, Sponder Gallery, Florida, USA
- 2013 *Color Immersion*, Sponder Gallery, Florida, USA  
*Energy of Color*, Freedman Art, New York
- 2012 *Resonance of Color*, Contessa Gallery, Ohio, USA
- 2008,09,10 *RANG*, Sundaram Tagore Gallery, New York; California, USA; Hong Kong
- 2007 *The Dimensions of Color*, Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum, New Jersey, USA
- 2006 *Poetics of Color*, Sundaram Tagore Gallery, New York, USA
- 2005 *Small Scale Paintings*, Sundaram Tagore Gallery, New York, USA  
Mira Godard Gallery, Toronto, Canada
- 2003-04 ACP Viviane Ehrli Gallery, Zurich, Switzerland  
Art-Garage, Zug, Switzerland
- 2001-03 Sundaram Tagore Gallery, New York
- 2000 Art-Garage, Zug, Switzerland  
World Economic Forum, Annual Meeting, Davos, Switzerland
- 1998,99 Art Cologne, International Art Fair, ACP Viviane Ehrli Galerie, Cologne, Germany
- 1997 *Paintings*, ACP Viviane Ehrli Galerie, Zurich, Switzerland

- 1996 *Pastels and Paintings on Paper*, Bose-Pacia Modern Gallery, New York, USA
- 1992 *Paintings*, Gloria Luria Gallery, Florida, USA
- 1988 *Pastels - Painting on Paper*, Pundole Art Gallery, Mumbai, India; Contemporary Art Gallery, Ahmedabad, India
- 1985 Pembroke Gallery, Texas, USA  
*Twenty Years of Work on Paper*, The Wichita Art Museum, Kansas, USA
- 1984 Getler/Pall/Saper Gallery, New York, USA
- 1979 *Color Experiences*, The Wichita Art Museum, Kansas, USA
- 1978 Max Hutchinson Gallery, New York, NY and Texas, USA  
Gloria Luria Gallery, Florida, USA
- 1977 Max Hutchinson Gallery, New York, USA  
Kings Gallery, Pennsylvania, USA  
Suzette Schochet Gallery, Rhode Island, USA
- 1974 Kenmore Gallery, Pennsylvania, USA  
Max Hutchinson Gallery, New York, USA
- 1972 Gallery A, Sydney, Australia  
Max Hutchinson Gallery, New York, USA
- 1971 Max Hutchinson Gallery, New York, USA
- 1970 Gallery A, Sydney, Australia  
Gallery Chemould, Mumbai, India  
Max Hutchinson Gallery, New York, USA

## **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2023 *After "The Wild": Contemporary Art from The Barnett and Annalee Newman Foundation Collection*, The Jewish Museum, New York, USA  
*Abstraction: A Selection*, Sponder Gallery, Florida, USA  
*Rockefeller + India*, Aicon, New York, USA  
*Iconic: Masterpieces of Indian Modern Art Edition 02*, DAG Modern, New Delhi, India
- 2019 Group Exhibition, HG Contemporary New York, NY, USA  
*Summer Highlights*, HG Contemporary New York, NY, USA  
*Polynesian Triptych*, HG Contemporary Madrid, Madrid, Spain  
*India's Rockefeller Artists*, DAG Modern, Mumbai, India
- 2018 *Staff Favorites*, Alpha 137 Gallery, New York, USA  
*ABSTRACTION 18: Further a-Field, 1970s*, Charles Nodrum Gallery, Richmond, Australia  
*Grand Opening*, HG Contemporary, California, USA  
*The Summer Show*, DAG Modern, Mumbai, India
- 2017 *Abstract Expressionist Paintings, Sculptures and Works on Paper*, Alpha 137 Gallery, New York, USA  
*Masterpieces of Indian Modern Art - Edition II*, DAG Modern, New Delhi, India

- 2016 *Memory and Identity, Indian Artists Abroad*, Delhi Art Gallery Modern, New Delhi, India  
 India Art Fair, Aicon Gallery, New Delhi, India  
*Memory and Identity*, Dag Modern, New York, USA  
*Split Visions | Abstraction in Modern Indian Painting*, Aicon, New York, USA
- 2015 *The Story of Indian Modern Art*, Aicon, California, USA  
*Subcontinental Masters*, Dubai Pop Up, Aicon, Dubai, UAE  
*Don't Shoot the Painter*, Galleria d'Arte Moderna di Milano, Milan, Italy
- 2014 *Storytelling: Highlights and Insights from the Wichita Art Museum Collection*, Wichita Art Museum, Kansas, USA
- 2012 *Abstract Expressionism*, National Art Gallery, Canberra, Australia
- 2011 *Facing East*, Sundaram Tagore Gallery, New York, USA  
*Forces of Nature*, Sundaram Tagore Gallery, California, USA
- 2010 *RASA Contemporary Asian Art*, Sundaram Tagore Gallery, Hong Kong  
*Mirrors of Continuous Change*, Seonhwa Art and Culture Foundation Gala, Seoul, South Korea  
*75 Years of Collecting American Art*, Wichita Art Museum, Kansas, USA
- 2009 *Infinitum*, Museo Fortuny, Venice, Italy  
*Gallery A*, Campbelltown Arts Center, New South Wales, Australia  
*The Third Mind*, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA  
*Late 20<sup>th</sup> Century Abstraction from the Collection*, Boca Raton Museum of Art, Florida, USA
- 2008 *Dimensions of Color*, Sundaram Tagore Gallery, California, USA  
*In Your Mind's Eye*, Sundaram Tagore Gallery, New York, USA  
*East/West*, Sundaram Tagore Gallery, Hong Kong  
*Drishti: Pan-Asian Group Show*, Sundaram Tagore Gallery, New York, USA  
*Midnight Full of Stars*, Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, USA
- 2007 *Colors*, Sundaram Tagore Gallery, New York, USA  
*Inner Journey*, Sundaram Tagore Gallery, New York, USA  
*Back to the Future, Contemporary American Art from the Collection*, Mead Art Museum, Massachusetts, USA
- 2006 *Next Level and East/West*, Sundaram Tagore Gallery, New York, USA
- 2005 Sundaram Tagore Gallery, New York, USA
- 2004 *Time and Material*, Sundaram Tagore Gallery, New York, USA
- 2003 *Continuous Connection*, Sundaram Tagore Gallery, New York, USA  
*Seeing Red*, Hunter College Times Square Gallery, New York, USA  
 Sundaram Tagore Gallery, New York, USA
- 2002 *India: Contemporary Art from Northeastern Private Collections*, Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA  
*Compass Points*, Sundaram Tagore Gallery, New York, USA
- 2001 *The Inner World*, Sundaram Tagore Gallery, New York, USA

- Art Cologne, International Art Fair, Cologne, Germany
- 1998 *3 Immerzeit 3*, ACP Viviane Ehrli Galerie, Zurich, Switzerland
- 1997 *Abstraction INDEX*, Condeso/Lawler Gallery, New York, USA
- 1995 *La Raccolta D'Arte Contemporanea*, Le Nuove Donazioni, Museo Civico, Taverna, Italy
- 1991 *Nel Piu Ampio Cerchio, Angolazioni E Prospettive Della Visione Nell'Arte Contemporanea*, Centro Museográfico, Taverna, Italy
- 1981 Fifth Triennial, New Delhi, India
- 1979 *Works on Paper*, Rockland Center for the Arts, New York, USA
- 1978 *Painting and Sculpture Today*, Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, USA
- 1974 Ruth S. Schaffner Gallery, California, USA  
*Eight from New York*, Reed College, Oregon, USA
- 1973 *Works on Paper*, Max Hutchinson Gallery, New York, USA  
American Academy of Arts and Letters Art Gallery, New York, USA
- 1971 *New York, USA Survey*, Purdue University, Indiana, USA  
*Beaux Arts*, Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts, Ohio, USA  
*Aspects of Current Painting*, University of Rochester, New York, USA
- 1970 *Some New York, USA Painting*, Reese Paley Gallery, California, USA  
*Beautiful Painting and Sculpture*, The Jewish Museum, New York, USA  
*Whitney Annual*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, USA  
*Painting and Sculpture Today*, Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, USA  
*Highlights of the Season*, Larry Aldrich Museum of Art, Connecticut, USA  
*Recent Acquisitions*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, USA
- 1969 *Concept*, Vassar College of Art Gallery, New York, USA
- 1966 *Contemporary Indian Arts*, American Society for Eastern Arts, Lincoln Center, New York, USA  
Fifteenth Biennial Print Exhibition, Brooklyn Museum, New York, USA
- 1964 *Regional Painting and Sculpture*, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Pennsylvania, USA
- 1961 National Art Exhibition, Amritsar, India  
Gujarat Sahitya Sabha, Ahmedabad, India  
*Rabindra Shatabdi Exhibition*, Kalkata, India

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

John McDonald, "Will 'The Global South' Provide a New Opportunity for Australian Artists?," *Sydney Morning Herald*, 2023.

Farah Abdessamad, "Review: Aicon Gallery Presents Colorful Victor Ekpuk and Natvar Bhavsar's Pigments in Parallel Exhibitions," *Observer*, 2022.

"Speaking in Color," *The Indian Express*, 2018.

"True Colors," *Mumbai Mirror*, 2018.

"Home and the World," *Business Standard*, 2017.

Deborah Barlow, “Art and Politics,” *Slow Muse*, 2016.

Artnet News, “Artnet Asks: Natvar Bhavsar, Veteran Artist,” *Artnet*, 2015.

Ilaria Bochicchio, “Across the Universe,” *HESTETIKA Magazine*, 2014.

Vibhuti Patel, “New Explorations in a Universe of Color,” *Wall Street Journal*, 2013.

Steven Litt, “Natvar Bhavsar Paintings at Contessa Gallery Explore Mysteries of Matter and Spirit Through Color,” *The Plain Dealer*, 2012.

“Alternative Worlds: Natvar Bhavsar,” *Kee Magazine*, 2010.

Jyotirmoy Datta, “Bhavsar Among Biggest Names at Venice Biennale,” *DESI Talk*, 2009.

### **SELECTED ARTIST TALKS, LECTURES & CONFERENCES**

1967-69 Art Instructor at University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island, USA

1957-62 Art Teacher at Seth C.N. School of Fine Arts, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India

1954-57 Art Teacher at Chanasma High School, Gujarat, India

### **AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**

2010 Barnett and Annalee Newman Foundation, Grant Award for Creative Contributions in the Arts

2000, 02 Invited as Participant as Cultural Leader to the World Economic Forums in Davos, Switzerland and New York, USA

1987 Vishva Gurjari, Gujarat, India

1980, 83 Invited as Participant in Executive’s Seminars at the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies, Colorado, USA

1975-76 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, New York, USA

1965-66 John D. Rockefeller III Fund Fellowship, New York, USA

### **SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS**

Australian National Gallery, Canberra, Australia

Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, Collection, Bathurst, Australia

Bell Gallery, Brown University, Rhode Island, USA

Bermuda National Gallery, Hamilton, Bermuda

Boca Raton Museum of Art, Florida, USA

Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Massachusetts, USA

Dennos Museum Center Northwestern Michigan College, Michigan, USA

Fine Arts Museum of Long Island, New York, USA

Herbert F. Johnson Museum, Cornell University, New York, USA

Institute of Contemporary Art, Sydney University, Sydney, Australia

The Jewish Museum, New York, USA

Kiran Nadar Museum of Art, New Delhi, India

Mead Art Museum, Amherst College, Massachusetts, USA

Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Massachusetts, USA  
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Pennsylvania, USA  
Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University Massachusetts, USA  
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, USA  
State University of Delaware, Delaware, USA  
UBS Art Collection, Zurich, Switzerland  
Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita State University, Kansas, USA  
University of Delaware, Delaware, USA  
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, USA  
Wichita Art Museum, Kansas, USA

**SELECTED PRIVATE COLLECTIONS**

American Express Company, New York, USA  
Beneficial Life Insurance Company, New York, USA  
Chase Manhattan Bank, New York, USA  
Estee Lauder Inc., New York, USA  
Ethicon, New Jersey, USA  
Fourth National Bank, Kansas, USA  
Freeport Mineral Corporation, New York, USA  
Goldman Sachs, New York, USA  
Hilton Hotels, Munich, Germany  
Kaye, Scholer, LLP, New York, USA  
Kendall Corporation, Massachusetts, USA  
Lake Shore National Bank, Illinois, USA  
Lipton Company, New Jersey, USA  
Marriott Ihilani Collection, Honolulu, Hawaii  
N.B.C., New York, USA  
Olympia and York, Toronto, Canada  
Securities Pacific Bank, California, USA  
Union Bank of Switzerland, New York, USA  
Ventron Corporation, Massachusetts, USA  
Volvo Corporation of America, NYC and New Jersey, USA  
Westinghouse Corporation, Pennsylvania, USA  
Walden Books, New York, USA