

# AMIT AMBALAL

Born in 1943 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat (India)  
The artist lives and works in Ahmedabad

## EDUCATION

Graduated in Arts, Commerce and Law.  
Studied art under Chaganlal Jadav

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021	<i>The Yogi &amp; The Elephant</i> (online), Gallery Espace, for In Touch
2020	<i>Wild and Wonderful</i> (Online), CEPT, Ahmedabad
2019	<i>Paintings on canvas, paper, sculptures</i> on the theme “Adventure’, Archer Art Gallery, Ahmedabad
2018	<i>Amit Ambalal: Celebration at 75</i> , Archer Art Gallery, Amdavad ni Gufa, Ahmedabad
2016	<i>Monkeys of the blue God</i> , Archer Art Gallery, Amdavad ni Gufa, Ahmedabad
2014	<i>Recent Drawings &amp; Sculptures</i> , Gallery Espace, New Delhi <i>Recent Sculptures</i> , Amdavad ni Gufa, Ahmedabad
2013	<i>Mann – ki</i> , Archer Art Gallery, Amdavad ni Gufa, Ahmedabad
2010	<i>Sermons in ceramics</i> , Lemongrasshopper Gallery, Ahmedabad
2008	<i>Lonely Planet</i> , Archer, Amdavad ni Gufa, Ahmedabad <i>Crows: A journey back to the nest</i> (a site specific installation at ATMA, building by Le Corbusier), Lemongrasshopper Gallery, Ahmedabad <i>Amit Ambalal</i> , Gallery Espace, New Delhi <i>Amit Ambalal: Recent Work</i> , Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai <i>Early works</i> , Archer, Amdavad ni Gufa, Ahmedabad
2006	<i>Black Spring Of The Blue God</i> , Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai & Gallery Maya, London <i>Leela Lyrics</i> , Archer, Amdavad ni Gufa, Ahmedabad
2005	<i>Leela the Lightness of Being</i> , Bodhi Art, Delhi & Singapore
2004	Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai
2003	<i>The Civitella Experience</i> , Hutheesing Visual Arts Centre, Ahmedabad Archer Art Gallery, Ahmedabad
2002	Archer Art Gallery, Ahmedabad
2000	Archer Art Gallery, Ahmedabad Gallery Espace, New Delhi
1998	Archer, Herwitz Gallery, Ahmedabad Galerie F.I.A., Amsterdam
1997	Gallery Chemould, Mumbai
1996	Herwitz Gallery, Hussain-Doshi Gufa, Ahmedabad

1994	Gallery Espace, New Delhi
1993	Hutheesing Visual Arts Centre, Ahmedabad Gallery Chemould, Mumbai
1992	Contemporary Art Gallery, Ahmedabad Gallery Espace, New Delhi
1990	Gallery Chemould, Mumbai
1986	Gallery Chemould, Mumbai
1986	Sanskar Kendra, Ahmedabad
1984	Triveni Art Gallery, New Delhi Contemporary Art Gallery, Ahmedabad
1983	Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai Sangath, Ahmedabad
1980	Hutheesing Visual Arts Centre, Ahmedabad Academy of Fine Arts, Calcutta Urja Art Gallery, Vadodara

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2020	<i>Krishna The Infinite</i> , Aura Art, Hutheesing Visual Art Centre, Ahmedabad <i>Times Art Fest 2020</i> , Amdavad ni Gufa, Ahmedabad
2019	<i>Alchemy</i> , Arvind Indigo, Kasturbhai Lalbhai Museum, Ahmedabad
2018	<i>Sub – Plots</i> , Laughing in the Vernacular, National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai
2017	<i>Long Story Short</i> , Palette Art Gallery, New Delhi
2016	<i>Bhupen Khakhar's Contemporaries India 1960-2016</i> , Grosvenor Vadehra, London
2015	<i>Remembering Bhupen</i> , Sarjan Art Gallery, Vadodara <i>Sanctity</i> , The Gallery, Ahmedabad ni Gufa, Ahmedabad <i>Art for Elephants</i> , Maneka Gandhi, New Delhi
2014	<i>Drawing 2014 – Seven Decades of Indian Drawing</i> , Gallery Espace, New Delhi <i>Myth Narrative and The Story</i> , Apparao Galleries, Chennai
2013	<i>Words &amp; Images</i> , The Fine Art Company – Piramal Art Gallery, Mumbai <i>Touched By Bhupen</i> , Galerie Mirchandani + Steinruecke, Mumbai
2012	<i>Narratives of the Self</i> , Gallery Espace, New Delhi
2011	<i>Laugh Lines: Of Humour, Wit &amp; Satire</i> , Gallery Threshold, New Delhi <i>Indian Contemporary Art</i> , The Intuitive Logic Revisited (from The Osian's Collection) Davos, Switzerland
2010	<i>Evolve</i> , Tao Art Gallery, Mumbai <i>Continuing Modernity</i> , Vinnyasa Art Gallery, Chennai
2009	<i>On the Platter (painted ceramic platters)</i> , Lemongrasshopper Gallery, Ahmedabad <i>Think Small!</i> , Art Alive Gallery, New Delhi

*Lo Real Maravilloso: Marvelous Reality*, Gallery Espace, New Delhi

- 2008 *De – Sizing*, Bombay Art Society, Mumbai  
*Mapping Memories – A Travelogue*, Gallery Threshold, New Delhi
- 2007 *Palette 2006-07*, Palette Art Gallery, New Delhi  
*The Inaugural show*, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai  
*1st Anniversary Exhibition*, Gallery Mirchandani + Steinruecke, Mumbai  
*Art On The Wing*, Sarjan Art Gallery, Vadodara  
*Paper – Love*, India Fine Art, Mumbai  
*Indiart Show – Imprints*, The Ueno Royal Museum, Tokyo  
*An Arrangement of Colours*, Samsara Art, Mumbai  
*Faces of Indian Art*, Art Alive Gallery, Mumbai  
*Ashraya Art – Charity Auction*, New Delhi
- 2006 *Back to the Future*, Gallery Espace, New Delhi  
*Making of Divinity*, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai  
*Fingerprints*, Artunderground, Vadodara
- 2005 *Ritu – A Gathering of Seasons*, Anant Art Gallery, New Delhi  
*Angkor – The Silent Centuries*, Bodhi Art Gallery, Singapore, New Delhi  
*Bhupen Among Friends*, Gallery Chemould, Mumbai  
*In Short*, Hacienda Gallery, Mumbai  
*Group Show 2005*, Lanxess ABS-Gallery, Vadodara  
*Papyrus Works on Paper*, Alekhya, Sarjan Art Gallery, Vadodara  
*Divine Inspiration*, India Fine Art, Mumbai  
*Palette 2005*, Palette Art Gallery, New Delhi
- 2004 *Indian Artists for France*, Alliance Francaise, New Delhi  
*A Tribute to Bhupen Khakhar*, Tao Art Gallery, Mumbai  
*Jiva/Life*, Bodhi Art, Singapore  
*Art for Shaily*, The Visual Arts Gallery, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi  
*Interlude in Sri Lanka*, The Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai  
*The Margi & The Desi*, Gallery Espace, New Delhi
- 2003 *Shantipath*, Tao Art Gallery, Mumbai  
*Of memories, dreams, reveries*, Anant Art Gallery, New Delhi
- 2002 *Cinema Still*, Apparao Galleries. India Habitat Center, New Delhi  
*Navarasa*, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi  
*Leela*, Gallery Espace, New Delhi
- 2001 *Similarities & Dissimilarities – West*, Tao Art Gallery, Mumbai  
*In Conversation*, Gallery Espace, New Delhi  
*The Aesthetic Experience*, Sakshi Gallery + Art Underground, Mumbai
- 2000 *Early Works*, The Fine Art Company, Mumbai  
*Beyond The Surface (pulp and paper-based works)*, Fine Art Company, Mumbai & Gallery Espace, New Delhi  
*Faces*, Design Art, Dubai.  
*Memoirs of the Past*, Images of the Present and Picturing the Future....., The Fine Art Company. Mumbai  
*Once upon a time*, Gallery Chemould, Mumbai
- 1999 *Multiple Images*, organised by Sir Jamsetjee Parsee Benevolent, Sir J.J. Institute of Applied Art, Mumbai  
*Ganesha*, organised by Chauraha International, Birla Academy of Art & Culture, Mumbai  
*Icons of the Millennium*, Lakeeren, Mumbai

*Humour on Line*, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai  
*The World is Round and Time is Cyclical*, Art Today, New Delhi

- 1998 *Wilberding Collection of Contemporary Indian Art*, National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai
- 1997 James Harvey Gallery, Sydney, Australia  
*Gift for India*, Sahmat, New Delhi  
*Major Trends in Indian Art since 1947*, Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi
- 1996 Biennale, Bharat Bhavan, Bhopal  
The Harmony Show, Mumbai
- 1995 *Art from the Heart*, Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi  
*Watercolours: A Broad Spectrum*, Gallery Chemould, Mumbai  
*Art for CRY*, Mumbai  
*Indian Beasts*, The Gallery, Chennai  
*Utsav*, Festival of Perth, Australia.  
*Postcards for Gandhi*, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Mumbai, New Delhi  
*Gaouche on Paper*, Gallery Espace, New Delhi  
*A Tree in My Life*, The Village Gallery, New Delhi
- 1994 *Drawing '94*, Gallery Espace, New Delhi
- 1993 Schoo's Gallery, Amsterdam  
Fundraiser for 'Shraddha Samarpan', Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai  
Art for CRY, New Delhi
- 1991 Images and Words: Artists against Communalism, New Delhi
- 1990 A Gallery of Indians, Harvard  
Chitragurjari, Mumbai  
Biennale, Bharat Bhavan, Bhopal  
Gadyaparva Exhibition, Mumbai
- 1989 Artists Alert, New Delhi  
India – Contemporary Art, Amsterdam
- 1988 Art for CRY, Mumbai, Calcutta, Delhi, and Bangalore
- 1986 Sixth Triennale, New Delhi

## COLLECTION

National Gallery of Modern Art, Delhi  
Lalit Kala Akademi, Delhi  
Gujarat Lalit Kala Akademi, Ahmedabad  
British Museum, London  
Victoria & Albert Museum, London

## PUBLICATIONS

*Amit Ambalal: The 'Unseen' Drawings and Watercolours* By Timothy Hyman (published by Archer), 2014  
*Amit Ambalal*, By Gayatri Sinha (published by Gallery Espace), 2008  
*Krishna as Shrinathji: Rajasthani paintings* from Nathadwara By Amit Ambalal (Mapin Publications) 1987, 1997

## AWARDS

'Kailas Lalitkala Award', Moraribapu, 2012

'Gaurav Puraskar' by Gujarat Lalit Kala Akademi, 2008  
Civitella Ranieri Foundation Fellowship, Italy, 2003  
Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, 1974  
Gujarat State Lalit Kala Akademi, 1968

### **ARTISTS' CAMP (SELECTED)**

Pondicherry & Bali, Gallery Threshold, 2007  
China, Gallery Threshold, New Delhi, 2006  
Myanmar, Gallery Threshold, New Delhi, 2005  
Cambodia, Bangkok, Singapore, Gallery Threshold, New Delhi, 2004  
Australia, The Traveller, 2004  
Sri Lanka, The Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai, 2002  
'Uttarayan', ABS Industries, Vadodara 2001  
Neemrana, Art Today, Delhi, 2000  
Nathadwara, Archer, 1999  
"Uttarayan 97", ABS Industries Ltd., Vadodara  
"Interact 94", Alembic, Vadodara 1995  
Coonoor Artists Camp, 1994  
All India Artists Camp, 1993

### **MEDIA**

- "Amit Ambalal – Painter", Kathryn Myers: Regarding India Conversation with artists, 2013 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1uD3-6BBg-A>)
- Documentary "Amit Ambalal" by Jigar Kapdi, Smart Art Hub, 2013
- Interview – Style, CNN South Asia, 2001
- "A day in the life of Amit Ambalal", Tara, 2000
- Interview on Doordarshan, Ahmedabad, "The Great Gujju Show", 1999
- Interview by Mallika Sarabhai, "Easy Talk" on DD-3, 1995
- Doordarshan, Ahmedabad "Chitrakar Amit Ambalal", 1991

### **ART ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY**

- Founder Member and Secretary of "Contemporary Painters Ahmedabad" group
- Nominated member, Gujarat Lalit Kala Akademi 1977-80, 1993-96, 1997
- Member on the Board of Studies, M.S. University of Baroda, 1987-90
- Trustee - Contemporary Art Gallery, Gujarat Museum Society, Kite Museum, Kala Ravi Trust, Sarvodaya International Trust (Gujarat chapter)
- Member – Advisory Committee – Roopankar, Bharat Bhavan Bhopal; Navdeep Pratishthan; Indian Council for Cultural Relations (Ahmedabad); National Museum of Modern Art, New Delhi (2001)
- Member of Management Committee, National Institute of Fashion Technology, Gandhinagar (1999-2001)
- Member - Executive Committee – Amdavad ni Gufa
- Member – Governing Council - National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad (2016-19)