

## AMIT AMBALAL

Born in 1943 in Ahmedabad, Amit is a graduate in Arts, Commerce and Law. While he carried on his family business activities for some years, he was always involved in arts and had his art education under Shri. Chaganlal Jadav. Since 1979, he is a full time painter.

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 "Wild and Wonderful" Online Exhibition, CEPT, Ahmedabad
- 2019 Exhibition of Painting on canvas, paper, sculptures on the theme "Adventure". Archer Art Gallery, Ahmedabad.
- 2018 'Amit Ambalal: Celebration at 75' - Archer, Amdavad Ni Gufa – Ahmedabad.
- 2016 'Monkeys of the blue God' - Archer, Amdavad Ni Gufa – Ahmedabad.
- 2014 'Recent Drawings & Sculptures' - Gallery Espace, New Delhi.
- 2014 'Recent Sculptures' Amdavad ni Gufa – Ahmedabad.
- 2013 'Mann – ki' - Archer, Amdavad Ni Gufa – Ahmedabad.
- 1980 Hutheesing Visual Arts Center, Ahmedabad.
- 1980 Academy of fine Arts, Calcutta.
- 1980 Urja Art Gallery, Baroda.
- 1983 Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai.
- 1983 'Sangath', Ahmedabad.
- 1984 Triveni gallery, New Delhi.
- 1984 Contemporary Art gallery, Ahmedabad.
- 1986 Gallery Chemould, Mumbai.
- 1986 "Sanskar Kendra" Gallery, Ahmedabad.
- 1990 Gallery Chemould, Mumbai.
- 1992 Contemporary Art Gallery, Ahmedabad.
- 1992 Gallery Espace, New Delhi.
- 1993 Hutheesing Visual Arts Center, Ahmedabad.
- 1993 Gallery Chemould, Mumbai.
- 1994 Gallery Espace, New Delhi.
- 1996 Herwitz Gallery, Hussain-Doshi Gufa, Ahmedabad.
- 1997 Gallery Chemould, Mumbai.
- 1998 Archer, Herwitz Gallery, Ahmedabad.
- 1998 Galerie F.I.A. Amsterdam.
- 2000 Archer Art Gallery, Ahmedabad.
- 2000 Gallery Espace, New Delhi.
- 2002 Archer Art Gallery, Ahmedabad.
- 2003 Archer Art Gallery, Ahmedabad.
- 2003 "The Civitella Experience", Hutheesing Visual Arts Center, Ahmedabad.
- 2004 Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai.
- 2005 "Leela the Lightness of Being", Bodhi Art, Delhi.
- 2005 "Leela the Lightness of Being", Bodhi Art, Singapore.
- 2006 "Black Spring Of The Blue God" – Sakshi Gallery – Mumbai. 2
- 2006 "Black Spring Of The Blue God" – Gallery Maya – London.
- 2006 "Leela Lyrics" – Archer, Amdavad Ni Gufa – Ahmedabad.
- 2008 "Lonely Planet" – Archer, Amdavad Ni Gufa – Ahmedabad.
- 2008 'Crows: A journey back to the nest' – a site specific installation at ATMA, building by Le Corbusier, Lemongrasshopper Gallery – Ahmedabad
- 2008 Gallery Espace, New Delhi.
- 2008 Sakshi Gallery – Mumbai
- 2008 'Early works', Archer, Amdavad ni Gufa, Ahmedabad
- 2010 'Sermons in ceramics' - Lemongrasshopper Gallery – Ahmedabad

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 1986 Sixth Triennale, Delhi.
- 1988 Art for CRY, Mumbai, Calcutta, Delhi, and Bangalore.
- 1989 Artists Alert, Delhi.
- 1989 India – Contemporary Art, Amsterdam.
- 1990 “A Gallery of Indians”, Harvard.
- 1990 ‘Chitragurjari’, Mumbai.
- 1990 Biennale, Bharat Bhavan, Bhopal.
- 1990 Gadyaparva Exhibition, Mumbai.
- 1991 Artists against Communalism Images and Words – Delhi.
- 1993 Schoo’s Gallery, Amsterdam.
- 1993 Shraddha Samarpan, Mumbai.
- 1993 Art for Cry, Delhi.
- 1994 “Drawing ‘94”, Gallery Espace, New Delhi.
- 1995 “Art from the Heart”, Taj Palace Hotel, Delhi.
- 1995 “Water Colors A Broad Spectrum” Gallery Chemould, Mumbai.
- 1995 Art for Cry, Mumbai.
- 1995 “Indian Beasts”, The Gallery, Chennai.
- 1995 ‘Utsav’, Festival of Perth, Australia.
- 1995 “Postcards for Gandhi”, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Mumbai, New Delhi. 3
- 1995 “Gauche on Paper”, Gallery Espace, New Delhi.
- 1995 “A Tree in My Life”, The Village Gallery, New Delhi.
- 1996 Biennale, Bharat Bhavan, Bhopal.
- 1996 “The Harmony Show”, Mumbai.
- 1997 James Harvey Gallery, Sydney, Australia.
- 1997 Gift for India- Sahmat –Delhi.
- 1997 “Major Trends in Indian Art since 1947”, L.K.A., Delhi.
- 1998 Wilberding Collection of Contemporary Indian Art. NGMA, Mumbai.
- 1999 Multiple Images, organized by Sir Jamsetjee Parsee Benevolent – Institute of Sir J.J. School of Applied Art - Mumbai
- 1999 ‘Ganesh’ Chauraha International, Birla Academy of Art & Culture, Mumbai.
- 1999 “Icons of the Millennium” Lakeeren, Mumbai.
- 1999 “Humor on Line” Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai.
- 1999 “The World is Round and Time is Cyclical”, Art Today, Delhi.
- 2000 “Early Works” – The Fine Art Company – Mumbai.
- 2000 “Beyond The Surface” (Pulp and Paper based works) – Fine Art Company, Mumbai, Gallery Espace – Delhi.
- 2000 ‘Faces’ Design Art, Dubai.
- 2000 “Memoirs of the Past, Images of the Present and Picturing the Future....” – The Fine Art Company. Mumbai.
- 2000 “Once upon a time”, Gallery Chemould, Mumbai.
- 2001 “Similarities & Dissimilarities – West”, Tao Art Gallery, Mumbai.
- 2001 “In Conversation” Gallery Espace, New Delhi.
- 2001 “The Aesthetic Experience” – Sakshi Gallery + Art Underground, Mumbai.
- 2002 “Cinema Still” – Apparao Galleries. India Habitat Center, New Delhi.
- 2002 ‘Navarasa’ – India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
- 2002 ‘Leela’ - Gallery Espace, New Delhi.
- 2003 ‘Shantipath’ – Tao-Art Gallery, Mumbai.
- 2003 “Of memories, dreams, reveries”, Anant Art Gallery, New Delhi.
- 2004 “Interlude in Sri Lanka” – The Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai.
- 2004 “The Margi & The Desi” – Gallery Espace, New Delhi.
- 2004 “Indian Artists for France” – Alliance Francaise, New Delhi.
- 2004 “A Tribute to Bhupen Khakhar” – Tao Art Gallery.

- 2004 'Jiva/Life' – Bodhi Art, Singapore.
- 2004 "Art for Shaily" – The Visual Arts Gallery, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
- 2005 "Ritu' – A Gathering of Seasons" Anant Art Gallery, New Delhi.
- 2005 "Angkor – The Silent Centuries" Bodhi Art Gallery – Singapore, New Delhi.
- 2005 "Bhupen Among Friends" Gallery Chemould, Mumbai.
- 2005 "In Short" Hacienda Gallery, Mumbai.
- 2005 "Group Show 2005" Lanxess ABS – Gallery, Vadodara.
- 2005 "Papyris Works on Paper" Alekhya, Sarjan Art Gallery, Vadodara. 4
- 2005 "Divine Inspiration" India Fine Art, Mumbai.
- 2005 "Palette 2005" Palette Art Gallery, New Delhi.
- 2006 "Back to the Future", Gallery Espace, New Delhi
- 2006 "Making of Divinity" Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai
- 2006 'Fingerprints' Artunderground – Vadodra.
- 2007 "Palette 2006-07 – Palette Art Gallery. New Delhi.
- 2007 "The Inaugural show" – Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai.
- 2007 1st Anniversary Exhibition, Gallery Mirchandani + Steinruecke, Mumbai.
- 2007 "Art On The Wing", Sarjan, Vadodra.
- 2007 "Paper – Love", India Fine Art, Mumbai.
- 2007 Indiart Show – Imprints, The Ueno Royal Museum, Tokyo.
- 2007 "An Arrangement of Colors", Samsara Art, Mumbai.
- 2007 "Faces of Indian Art", Art Alive Gallery, Mumbai.
- 2007 Ashraya Art – Charity Auction, New Delhi.
- 2008 "De – Sizing" – Bombay Art Society, Mumbai.
- 2008 "Mapping Memories – a travelogue" – Gallery Threshold, Delhi.
- 2009 "on the Platter", Exhibition of painted ceramic platters, Lemongrasshopper Gallery – Ahmedabad
- 2009 'Think Small !' Art Alive Gallery, New Delhi
- 2009 'Lo Real Maravilloso', Gallery Espace, New Delhi
- 2010 'Evolve', Tao Art Gallery, Mumbai
- 2010 'Continuing Modernity', Vinnyasa Art Gallery, Chennai
- 2011 'Laugh Lines : Of Humour, Wit & Satire', Threshold, Delhi.
- 2011 Indian Contemporary Art, The Intuitive Logic Revisited.  
(From The Osian's Collection) Davos, Switzerland.
- 2012 'Narratives of the Self'. Gallery Espace, New Delhi.
- 2013 'Words & Images', The Fine Art Company – Piralal Art Gallery, Mumbai.
- 2013 'Touched By Bhupen' Galerie Mirchandani + Steinruecke, Mumbai.
- 2014 "Drawing 2014 – Seven Decades of Indian Drawing", Gallery Espace, New Delhi.
- 2014 'Myth Narrative and The Story', Apparao Galleries, Chennai.
- 2015 'Remembering Bhupen', Sarjan Art Gallery, Baroda.
- 2015 'Sanctity', The Gallery, Ahmedabad Ni Gufa, Ahmedabad.
- 2015 'Art for Elephants', Maneka Gandhi, New Delhi.
- 2016 'Bhupen Khakhar's Contemporaries India 1960-2016', Grosvenor Vadehra, London.
- 2017 'Long Story Short', Palette Art Gallery, New Delhi.
- 2018 'Sub – Plots, Laughing in the Vernacular', NGMA, Mumbai.
- 2019 'Alchemy': Arvind Indigo, Kasturbhai Lalbhai Museum, Ahmedabad.
- 2020 "Krishna The Infinite" – Aura Art, Hutheesing Visual Art Center, Ahmedabad.
- 2020 "Times Art Fest 2020" Amdavad ni Gufa, Ahmedabad. 5

## AWARDS

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

'Kailas Lalitkala Award', Moraribapu, 2012.

## **COLLECTION**

National Gallery of Modern Art, Delhi.

Lalit Kala Akademi, Delhi.

Gujarat Lalit Kala Akademi, Ahmedabad.

British Museum, London.

Victoria & Albert Museum, London.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

"Krishna as Shrinathji" : Rajasthani paintings from Nathadwara, published by Mapin

Publications in 1987, (reprint in 1997) as a result of his research on Nathadwara School of Paintings. In 1989 CMC Gallery, Delhi, organized a comprehensive exhibition of Nathadwara Art, from his collection.

"Amit Ambalal" : Written by Gayatri Sinha, published by Gallery Espace,

Delhi 2008

"Amit Ambalal: The 'Unseen'"

Drawings and Watercolours" Written by Timothy Hyman, published by Archer, 2014

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.

Trustee - Gujarat Museum Society.

Trustee - Kite Museum.

Trustee - Kala Ravi Trust.

Trustee – Sarvodaya International Trust (Gujarat Chapter)

Member – Advisory Committee – Roopankar, Bharat Bhavan Bhopal.

Member – Advisory Committee – Navdeep Pratishthan.

Member of Management Committee, National Institute of Fashion Technology, Gandhinagar–1999-2001.

Member - Executive Committee – Amdavad Ni Gufa.

Member – Advisory Committee – National Museum of Modern Art. New Delhi. 2001

Member – Advisory Committee – ICCR, Ahmedabad

Member – Governing Council - National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad 2016 – 19.

## **ARTISTS CAMP**

Lalit Kala Akademi, Mt.Abu.

IPCL, Baroda.

Zal Humanics, Goa.

Sanghi Nagar, - "All India Artists Camp" 1993.

Coonoor Artists Camp, 1994.

"Interact 94" – Alembic- Vadodara 1995.

"Uttarayan 97" ABS Industries Ltd. Vadodara.

Nathadwara, Archer. 1999.

Neemrana, Art Today – Delhi – 2000.

'Uttarayan' ABS Industries – Vadodara 2001.

Sri Lanka, The Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai. 2002.

Australia, The Traveller, 2004.

Cambodia, Bangkok, Singapore, Gallery Threshold – Delhi 2004.

Myanmar, Gallery Threshold – Delhi – 2005.

China, Gallery Threshold – Delhi – 2006.

Bali, Gallery Threshold – 2007.

Pondicherry, Gallery Threshold – 2007.

## **MEDIA**

Doordarshan, Ahmedabad “Chitrakar Amit Ambalal”, 1991.

Interview by Mallika Sarabhai –“Easy Talk” on DD-3, 1995.

Interview on Doordarshan, Ahmedabad -“The Great Gujju Show” – 1999.

“A day in the life of Amit Ambalal” Tara Channel – 2000.

Interview – Style, South Asia – CNN, 2001.

Documentary “Amit Ambalal” by Jigar Kapdi – Smart Art Hub, 2013.

“Amit Ambalal – Painter” Kathryn Myers – Regarding India Conversation with artists, 2013.