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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION:

2022-2024- MA & MFA in Printmaking from the University of Iowa, USA (Full Scholarship and Fellowship Recipient)
2024- Graduate Certificate in Book Arts and Technologies from the University of Iowa Center for the Book, USA. (Full Scholarship)
2021-22-Postgraduate Certificate in Indian Aesthetics from The Jnanapravaha Institute, Mumbai, India.
2013-17- BFA in Painting and Printmaking from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, USA (Partial Merit Scholarship recipient)

EXHIBITIONS (Solo / 2-4 person show):

2024- Eternally Within Me, Drewelowe Gallery, University of Iowa.
2024- Memory Threads, Ana Mendieta Gallery, University of Iowa.
2023- Unfinished Conversations, Voices Studios, Dubuque, Iowa.
2021-Letter to my Mother, A Solo Exhibition on Terrain.Art. (Online)
2020- When is Empathy Too Much?, Latitude 28, New Delhi, India.
2018- Bandagi, The Inward Journey, A Solo Exhibition at Arc Gallery, Chicago IL.
2018- Kinetic Exchange, Project Art Residents Exhibition , Zhou B Art Center, Chicago IL.

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

2026- Aicon Contemporary's booth at India Art Fair.
2025- Aicon Contemporary's booth at Art Mumbai.
2025- Bambai Se Aaya Mera Dost, Method, New Delhi.
2025- Atra, Cecelia R. Hunt Gallery at Webster University, St. Louis, Mo, USA.
2024/25- The Subaltern Can Paint, Aicon Gallery, New York City.
2024- XXL Gallery Booth at Art Mumbai.
2024- Delhi Contemporary Art Week, New Delhi.
2024- Fragile, Latitude 28, New Delhi
2024- Sans Sentense, Gallery XXL, Mumbai Gallery Weekend, Mumbai, India.
2023- Paper Tides, NAHP, Rhode Island School of Design, RI, USA.
2023- Reclaimed and Recycled, Public Space One, Iowa City, Iowa, USA.
2023- Woven into Being, Latitude 28 Gallery, New Delhi, India
2023- Blanc Papier, Anupa Mehta Arts, Mumbai Gallery Weekend, Mumbai, India.

2022- Woman Is As Woman Does, Curated by Nancy Adajania, CSMVS Museum & JNAF, Mumbai
2022- 'I Want Tomorrow' Curated by Arshiya Lokhandwala, Kamalnayan Bajaj Gallery, Mumbai.
2022- Lines (By) Lines curated by Manmeet Walia, Dhoomimal Gallery, New Delhi.
2021-Terrain.Offline, Bikaner House, New Delhi, India
2021-Weaving Abstractions and Kagaz, 079 Stories Gallery, Ahmedabad, India.
2020- All is Not Lost 20:20:20 curated by Saloni Doshi, Sakshi Art Gallery, Mumbai.
2020- Abhivyakti City Art Festival, Ahmedabad, India.
2019- Making Space, Sakshi Art Gallery, Mumbai.
2018- Jubilee Arts International Festival, Lisbon, Portugal.
2017- Luminarts' Visual Art's Exhibition, Union Arts Club, Chicago, IL.
2016- After the Suffix Show, Locallective Gallery, Chicago, IL.
2015- Touched by Fire, Art and Laughter Show, Mood Disorders Association of Ontario, Canada.
2015- Flash by the Foundation for Asian American Independent Media, Gene Siskel Film Center, Chicago, IL.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2022-ongoing- Co-Founder of Immerse, Residency and Exhibition by Somaiya Vidyavihar, Young Art Support, Carpe Arte and Shaleen Wadhwana, Mumbai, India.
2024- Studio Assistantship in Experimenting with Paper Pulp Workshop at Penland School of Craft, NC, USA.
2024-Instructor for Basic Drawing Course, University of Iowa, USA.
2023- Instructor for Printmaking & the Politics of Protest Course, University of Iowa, USA.
2021- ArtReach, Kiran Nadar Museum Teaching Fellowship, India. (online)
2020-21 Teaching Artist at The ProjectArt Residency, USA. (online)
2020- Teaching Assistant, Early College Program, School of the Art Institute of Chicago (Online)
2020- Co-Founder of YoungArtSupport, an online platform selling student works commission-free, India.
2020- 2022- Social Media Manager for Mumbai Gallery Weekend, Mumbai.
2019- Space118 Residency, Mumbai, India.
2019- Teaching Assistant, Early College Program by School of the Art Institute of Chicago held at Dhirubhai Ambani International School, Mumbai, India.
2019- ShopArtArtShop Residency, Gunehar, Himachal Pradesh, India.
2018- 2019- Program Manager at Space118 Studios, Mumbai, India.
2017-18- Teaching Artist in Residence at The ProjectArt Residency, Chicago, IL.
2017-2018- Art Teacher at the Metropolitan Schoolhouse (K-12), Chicago, IL.
2017- Teaching Assistant for the Department of Printmaking- Lithography at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL.
2016- Teaching Assistant, Continuing Studies, High School Summer Programs, Department of Painting and Drawing at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL.
2016- Teaching Assistant, Department of Contemporary Practices, Core Studio, School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

WORKSHOPS (Taught):

2025- Watercolour monotype workshop, JNAF Mumbai, India
2022- Message Encrypted, Mixed Media Workshop, JNAF Mumbai, India
2020- 6 week Beginners Art Theory and Techniques workshop (Age 8-16) for Aga Khan Youth Board, India. (Online)
2019- Printmaking Workshop of 400 Children (11-17 years) for Bharat Scouts and Guides National Camp at Sajan,Maharashtra.
2019- Watercolor Abstraction workshop at Adagio, Mumbai, India.
2019 – Art Making and Illustrative Drawing Workshop at Rawdat Al-Quran Al-Kareem School, Mumbai, India.
2018- 10 day Art Techniques and Critical thinking workshop at Space118 Studios, Mumbai, India.
2018- Painting and drawing workshops for Senior Citizens of the Golden Club of Chicago, Naperville and Glenview, IL, USA.
2016- Acrylic and tile painting at the Jubilee Games 2016, Global village, World Trade Center, Dubai.

ACCOLADES:

2024-25- Virginia A. Myers Scholarship and MFA Summer Fellowship.
2023-24- Leola Bergman and Iowa Foil/Print, Frogmanns Scholarship.
2022- University of Iowa, Full Scholarship and Iowa Arts Fellowship for MA.
2017- The Asian American Community IL Award for Exemplary Community Service, IL.
2017- Graduating Student Leadership Award at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL.
2017- Luminarts Fellowship (Finalist), Chicago, IL.
2016-17- Student body President, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL.
2016 &17- Award Excellence in Leadership at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.
2016 The Abraham Lincoln Student Laureate Award for Civic Engagement and Excellence in Academics, IL.
2016- Aga Khan Youth Award for distinction in Art, Mumbai, India.
2013-17 - School of the Art Institute of Chicago merit Scholarship recipient, IL.