

Amitava Das

Indian Contemporary Artist

Born, 1947, in Delhi

Lives and works in Delhi

Amitava Das is an well-known name in Indian art circuit for quite a long time. His works mainly brings out contradictions, where opposites comes together in the same plane through an intrinsic weaving of the whole pictorial plane.

Education

1965-72- Graduation, in Painting, New Delhi College of Art, Delhi

Work

1974- lecturer at Jamia Milia Islamia, Delhi

1975-77- Visiting lecturer at College of Art and Womens Polytechnic, New Delhi.

Selected Shows

Solo Shows	
2013- Amitava-The Complete Works , Delhi Art Gallery, New Delhi	http://dagmodern.com/exhibitions-images.asp?id=30&exType=EXH
2010- Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai	
2007- Anant Art Gallery, New Delhi	
2004- Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai	
2007- "You shall remain hidden..." Gallery Espace, New Delhi	http://www.galleryspace.com/exhibitions.php?cat=2007&exh=31
2005- Palette Art Gallery, New Delhi	
1997- Galerie F I A, Amsterdam,	
1995- "Works on Paper from 1972-94" , Sakshi Gallery, Bombay	
1991- Art Heritage, New Delhi	
1990- Sakshi Gallery, Madras	
1987- Bharat Bhavan Biennale, Bhopal	

1978- Works on Paper, Dhoomi Mal Gallery, New delhi, 1978	
Group Shows	
2013- Conversation in Colour , curated by Jogen Chowdhury , Ganges Art Gallery,Kolkata	http://www.gangesart.com/exhibition_details.php?id=10
2011- “Melange” , The Harrington Street Arts Centre, Kolkata	http://hstreetartscentre.com/Current@.php?artist=Amitava%20Das&title=Melange
2011- “Manifestations V” , Delhi Art Gallery, New Delhi	http://dagmodern.com/exhibitions-images.asp?id=23&exType=EXH
2010- “Annual Exhibition” , Chawla Art Gallery, New Delhi	
2010- “Manifestations IV” , Delhi Art Gallery, New Delhi	http://dagmodern.com/exhibitions-images.asp?id=12&exType=EXH
2008- “Frame Figure Field-20th century Modern and Contemporary Indian Art” , Delhi Art Gallery, New Delhi	http://dagmodern.com/exhibitions-images.asp?id=3&exType=EXH
2007- “Summer Show” , Centre International Modern Art (CIMA), Kolkata	
2007-“ Egyptian and Indian Painters” at the Museum of Egyptian Modern Art, Cairo	
2007- “Harmony Show” , Nehru Centre, Mumbai	
2007- “Modern to Contemporary” , Gallery Kolkata, Kolkata	
2007- “ On Their Own: An Exhibition of Abstract Paintings , Aakriti Art Gallery, Kolkata	
2007- “Femina Power of Pink” , ITC Hotel, The Grand Central, Mumbai	
2007- “Conglomeration” ,Prakrit Arts, Chennai	
2006 –“Annual Show” , Centre International Modern Art (CIMA), Kolkata	
2006- “Making of Divinity” , Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai	
2006- “Back to the Future” , Gallery Espace, New Delhi	http://www.galleryespace.com/exhibitions.php?cat=2006&exh=11
2006- “The Naked Line: Drawings by 12 Artists” , Delhi Art Gallery, New Delhi	http://dagmodern.com/exhibitions-images.asp?id=17&exType=EXH

2005- "Concept & Ideas" , Centre of International Modern Art (CIMA), Kolkata	
2005- "Subtlety-Minimally" , Lakeeren Gallery, Mumbai	
2003-04 'The Dual Path of Indian Art Today: Part I' , Galerie Müller & Plate, Munich	
1997- "Through the Looking Glass" , Lakeeren gallery, Mumbai	
1995- "View from the Edge" , Jahangir Art gallery, Mumbai	
1994- "Drawing 1994" , All India Fine Arts and Crafts Society (AIFACS), New Delhi	
1993- "Indische Gegenwartskunst" , Mainz, Germany, Stettin, Poland	
1992- "Pioneer to the New Generation" , Arts Acre, West Bengal	
1968- Annual Exhibition AIFACS, New Delhi,	
1969- "Art Today I" , Kunika- Chemould Gallery, New Delhi	
1970- "Art Today II" , Ashoka Gallery, New Delhi	
1971- "Art Today III- Graphics and Drawings" , Ashoka Gallery, New Delhi	
1974-75- "New Group" , Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi	
1975- "Group Show" , Jahangir Art Gallery, Bombay	
1975- "Under Thirty Five" , Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi	
1976-" National exhibition" , Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi	
1976- "Twenty Artists" , Shrisharani Gallery, New Delhi	
1977- Gallery 26/ Artists forum exhibit on , New Delhi	
1977- Joint Show , Black Partridge Gallery, New Delhi	
1983- "Seven Painters" , Maurya Gallery, New Delhi	
1977-" Twenty Artists" , Shridharani Gallery,	

New Delhi	
1977- “Art-India 77” , Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi	
1977- Pictorial Space, curated by Geeta Kapur , Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi	
1979-82- “All India Exhibition of Prints” , Govt. Museum, Chandigarh	
1984- “Contemporary Indian Painting” , Moscow, Vienna Fredrikstad	
1991- “Three Contemporary Artists” , Bremen, Germany	
1993- “India Songs: multiple streams in Contemporary Indian Art” , Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney	

Buying Guide

Gallery Solo Show	12
Gallery Group Show	42
Museum Solo Show	0
Museum Group Show	2
Countries Exhibited in	7
Years in Practice	46
National/International Residencies	0
National/International workshops/Camps	0
Awards	4
Publications	30
Museum/ public collection	0
Auctions	3
Biennales	1
Special Projects	0

Selected Artworks

1. **Amitava Das, *Saptarishi***, 112 x 163 cm, acrylic & oil on canvas (diptych)
2. **Amitava Das, *Chandni Bahar***, 112 x 163 cm, acrylic & oil on canvas (diptych)
3. **Amitava Das, *Untitled***, 48 x 30 inches, acrylic on canvas
4. **Amitava Das, *AD 2***, 30 x 40 inches, acrylic on canvas

5. **Amitava Das, *AD 3***, 12 x 6 inches, acrylic on canvas
6. **Amitava Das, *Untitled***, 12 x 9 inches, Pen and ink
7. **Amitava Das, *Untitled***, 44 x 32 inches, acrylic on canvas
8. **Amitava Das, *Din Ratri***, 48 x 96 inches, acrylic on canvas (Diptych)
9. **Amitava Das, *Untitled*, 2011,**
10. **Amitava Das, *untitled***, 32.5 x 32 inches, acrylic on canvas
11. **Amitava Das, *Untitled,2013*** 44 x 30 Inches, Mixed media on paper
12. **Amitava Das, *Untitled*, 2006**, 60 x 60 inches, oil & acrylic on canvas
13. **Amitava Das, *Journey into the past***, 28.5 x 55.75 inches, acrylic on canvas
14. **Amitava Das, *.....Man and the Sea*, 2005**, 56 x 30 cm, oil on canvas
15. **Amitava Das, *Untitled*, 2010**, Tempera/Gouache on palm leaf paper
16. **Amitava Das, *Wounded Earth*, 2007**, Acrylic on canvas
17. **Amitava Das, *Untitled*, 1977**, 44 x 47 inches, Oil on Canvas
18. **Amitava Das, *Untitled*, 1980**, 12 x 18 inches, oil on canvas
19. **Amitava Das, *Thick and red blood flowing from the sky*, 1999**, 60 x 60 inches, oil on canvas
20. **Amitava Das, *Journey*, 2000**, 11 x 13 inches, lithograph on paper
21. **Amitava Das, *Untitled*, 1972**, 7.5 x 5.7 inches, pen and ink on paper
22. **Amitava Das, *Untitled*, 1975**, 8.5 x 7 inches, pen and ink on paper
23. **Amitava Das, *Untitled*, 1960**, 5 x 8 inches, pen and ink on paper
24. **Amitava Das, *Untitled*, 1960**, 7 x 7 inches, pen and ink on paper
25. **Amitava Das, *Untitled*, 1970**, 9 x 14 inches, pen and ink on paper
26. **Amitava Das, *Untitled*, 1970**, 4.7 x 7.2 inches, pen and ink on paper
27. **Amitava Das, *Untitled*, 1972**, 7 x 6 inches, pen and ink on paper pasted on mount board
28. **Amitava Das, *Untitled*, 1960**, 11 x 9 inches, sketchpen, pen and ink on bromide paper
29. **Amitava Das, *Untitled*, 1995**, 12 x 9 inches, water colour, collage, pen and ink on handmade paper
30. **Amitava Das, *Epith Opith front and back*, 2007**, 86 x 58 inches, acrylic 7 correction fluid pen on canvas (Diptych)

Artwork Links

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9	http://www.artspeaksindia.com/Forthcoming.html
10	http://www.artperspective.in/collection.php?id=7
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12	http://www.paletteartgallery.com/stock/paintings
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Review- An interesting mix of painting, sculpture and much more, Madhur Tankha, The Hindu, 8 th Oct, 2008	http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-newdelhi/an-interesting-mix-of-paintings-sculpture-and-much-more/article1352911.ece

Videos

Overview- Puducherry Blue, Seher, 29 apr, 2012	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-p-gFOIIAc
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Awards

1989- Fellowship from the Federal Republic of Germany for the Advanced Exposure to the Exhibition and Graphic Design

1982,81,80- All India Exhibition Prints, Chandigarh

1982- Sahitya Kala Parishad, New Delhi

1976- National Award, Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi

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