

Arpita Singh

Contemporary Indian Artist

Born 1937, Bara Nagar, West Bengal

Lives and works in New Delhi

Arpita Singh's paintings are a reflection of the life of 'real' women and the emotions that she exchanges with these subjects. She paints in bright appealing hues and often employs traditional Indian forms and aesthetics in her artworks. Described majorly as a figurative and a modernist, Singh has set the record price achieved by an Indian woman artist at an auction globally.

Education

1959 Diploma in Fine Arts, School of Art, Delhi Polytechnic, New Delhi

Represented by

Selected Exhibitions

Solo

2012 DC Moore Gallery, New York	http://www.dcmooregallery.com/exhibitions/2012-11-08_arpita-singh#works_1
2010-2011 "Cobweb", Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi; The Museum Gallery, Mumbai	http://www.vadehraart.com/exhibition/viewDetails/44
2003 "Memory Jars", Bose Pacia Modern, New York	http://www.bosepacia.com/exhibitions/2003-09-04_arpita-singh/press-release/
2006 "Picture Postcard 2003 – 2006", Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi	
1997 Bose Pacia Gallery, New York	http://www.bosepacia.com/exhibitions/1997-11-14_arpita-singh/#
1996 Centre for International Modern Art (CIMA), Kolkata	
1994 Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi	
1993 Schoo's Gallery (Foundation for Indian Artists) Amsterdam	http://galleryspace.com/drwaing94/drawing94_artwork_page83.html
1977 Werl, West Germany	
1972 Kunika Chemould Art Centre,	

New Delhi	
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Group

2013 “Ideas of the Sublime” , presented by Vadehra Art Gallery at Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi	http://www.vadehraart.com/exhibition/viewDetails/103/2728?pages=1
2012 “Extending the Line” , Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi	http://www.vadehraart.com/exhibition/viewDetails/86
2012 “Gallery Collection” , Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi	http://www.vadehraart.com/exhibition/viewDetails/82/2102?pages=2
2011 “Adbhutam: Rasa in Indian Art” , Centre of International Modern Art(CIMA), Kolkata	
2011 “Seduction by Masquerade” , Nature Morte, New Delhi	http://www.naturemorte.com/exhibitions/selected_work/delhi/past/345
2011 “Narrations, Quotations & Commentaries” , Grosvenor Gallery, London	http://grosvenorgallery.com/exhibitions/past-exhibitions/2011-2/narrations-quotations-and-commentaries/
2010-11 “A Collection” , Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai	http://www.sakshigallery.com/#/EXHIBITION,167
2010 “The Modernists” , RL Fine Arts, New York	http://www.rlfinearts.com/exhibitions/past/the-modernists
2010 “Paper Trails” , Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi	http://www.vadehraart.com/exhibition/viewDetails/20/194?pages=1
2009 “Bharat Ratna! Jewels of Modern Indian Art” , Museum of Fine Arts, Boston	https://www.mfa.org/exhibitions/bharat-ratna
2009 “Progressive to Altermodern: 62 Years of Indian Modern Art” , Grosvenor Gallery, London	http://grosvenorgallery.com/exhibitions/past-exhibitions/2009-2/progressive-to-altermodern/
2009 “Kalpana: Figurative Art in India” , Aicon Gallery, London	
2008 “Fluid Structures: Gender and Abstraction” , Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi	http://www.vadehraart.com/exhibition/viewDetails/58
2007 “Horn Please: Narratives in Contemporary Indian Art” , Kunstmuseum Bern, Switzerland	http://www.kunstmuseumbern.ch/en/see/today/89-lhorn-pleaser-120.html

2006-07 “Inventing / Inverting Traditions” , Indian Art II / III, Grosvenor Vadehra, London	http://grosvenorgallery.com/exhibitions/past-exhibitions/2006-2/indian-art-part-ii-inventing-inverting-tradition/#
1997 “The Self and the World” , National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), New Delhi	http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/exhibition-at-ngma-blend-of-personal-and-aesthetic-experiences-of-women-artists/1/275761.html
1994 “Drawing 94” , Gallery Espace, New Delhi	http://galleryespace.com/drwaing94/drawing94_artwork_page84.html
1993 “India Songs” , Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney	
1992 “Husain Ki Sarai” , Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi	
1992 “The Subjective Eye” , Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai	
1991 “Helpage India” , Mumbai	
1990 Habitat Gallery, Habitat Centre, New Delhi	
1987 ‘Geneva: Coups de Coueur’, Halle Sud, Switzerland	
1988 “Water Color by four Painters” , Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai	
1986 Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris	
1985 “Five Indian Painters” , Istanbul, Ankara, Belgrade	
1982 Royal Academy of Arts, London	
1972 “Two Painters” , Gallery Chemould, Mumbai	

Text

Article The Abundance of Metaphor, Shantam Goyal, Newsyaps, October 2013	http://www.newsyaps.com/the-abundance-of-metaphor/58631/
Review Arpita Singh and Robert Kushner, DC	http://www.robertkushnerstudio.com/411/

Moore Gallery, Artnews, February 2013	
Review Arpita Singh, Holland Cotter, The New York Times, November 2012	http://www.nytimes.com/2012/11/23/arts/design/arpita-singh.html?_r=2&
Article India's Rich are Tasteful Art Collectors Too, Kishore Singh, Forbes India, November 2012	http://forbesindia.com/printcontent/34201
Article Facets of women revealed through art, Namita Panda, Telegraph India, February 2011	http://www.telegraphindia.com/1110217/jsp/orsisa/story_13592411.jsp
Article The enduring Body, Shweta Upadhyay, Timeout Mumbai, February 2011	http://www.timeoutmumbai.net/art/features/features/enduring-body
Article Record Price for Arpita Singh's "Wish Dream", The Sikh Foundation International, January 2011	http://www.sikhfoundation.org/sikh-art-watch/record-price-for-arpita-singhs-wish-dream/
News Sold for Rs 9.6 cr, Arpita Singh's painting puts women artists on top, Georgina Maddox, The Indian Express, December 2010	http://archive.indianexpress.com/news/sold-for-rs-9.6-cr-arpita-singh-s-painting-puts-women-artists-on-top/723118/
Article Arpita Singh work sells for Rs 9.6cr, sets new record, Neelam Raaj, The Times of India, December 2010	http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Arpita-Singh-work-sells-for-Rs-9-6cr-sets-new-record/articleshow/7080769.cms
Article Society supports Art, says artist Arpita Singh, IANS, Zee News, December 2010	http://zeenews.india.com/entertainment/art-and-theatre/society-supports-art-says-artist-arpita-singh_78604.html
Blog Wish Dream's \$1.9 Million Price Tag, December 2010	http://blogs.wsj.com/indiarealtime/tag/arpita-singh/
Article At Rs. 9.6 cr, a Wish Dream come true, Amitava Sanyal, Hindustan Times, December 2010	http://www.hindustantimes.com/lifestyle/art/at-rs-9-6-cr-a-wish-dream-come-true/article1-636867.aspx
Article Painter Arpita Singh to hold solo exhibition in Delhi titled 'Picture Postcard', S. Kalidas, India Today, November 2006	http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/painter-arpita-singh-solo-exhibition-picture-postcard/1/180272.html
Article Sher-Gil Marg, Pramila N. Phatarpekar, Outlook India, December 2005	http://www.outlookindia.com/article.aspx?229431
News Historic Price Achieved for Arpita Singh's "Wish Dream" at Saffronart Auction	http://artdaily.com/news/43402/Historic-Price-Achieved-for-Arpita-Singh-s--Wish-Dream--at-Saffronart-Auction#.Uxh0AT-SwI9

<p>Article The Fabric Of Her Life, Uma Nair, The Times of India</p>	<p>http://epaper.timesofindia.com/Default/Layout/Includes/ETNEW/ArtWin.asp?From=Archive&Source=Page&Skin=ETNEW&BaseHref=ETM%2F2010%2F12%2F03&ViewMode=HTML&PageLabel=24&EntityId=Ar02401&AppName=1</p>
<p>Publication Arpita Singh - Picture Postcard 2003-2006, Vadehra Art Gallery, December 2006</p>	<p>http://books.google.co.in/books?id=Nr1C1WIVpP4C&pg=PT104&lpg=PT104&dq=Arpita+Singh+%7C+Picture+Postcard+2003-2006+%7C+2006+%7C+Defence+Colony+Gallery&source=bl&ots=sjprnoNHxA&sig=GqCsYXtLYw8gQYL_MaxW5IFj3JU&hl=en&sa=X&ei=hGYbU6valM7orQfi3oDgAQ&ved=0CDIQ6AEwAg#v=onepage&q=Arpita%20Singh%20%7C%20Picture%20Postcard%202003-2006%20%7C%202006%20%7C%20Defence%20Colony%20Gallery&f=false</p>

Videos

<p>Artist Talk: Arpita Singh – Telling something else, Kathryn Myers, 2013</p>	<p>http://regardingindia.com/portfolio/arpita-singh-telling-something-else-2/</p>
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Awards

- **2011** Padma Bhushan, Government of India
- **1998-99** Awarded Kalidas Sanman, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- **1991** Parishad Sanman, Sahitya- Kala Parishad, New Delhi

Selected Images

1. **Arpita Singh, *Man with a glove*, 1989-90**, watercolor on paper, 16 x 11”
2. **Arpita Singh, *A Dead Man on The Street: Is it you Krishna?*, 1994**, oil on canvas, 59.5 x 65”
3. **Arpita Singh, *Untitled*, 2003**, watercolor and ink on paper, 9 x 11.5”
4. **Arpita Singh, *The Missing Targets*, 2002**, watercolor on paper, 18 x 24”
5. **Arpita Singh, *Teapot, Eggplant and a House Lizard*, 2002**, watercolor on paper, 18.5 x 14”
6. **Arpita Singh, *Untitled*, 1999**, oil on canvas, 34.5 x 48”
7. **Arpita Singh, *Under the Cover of a Blue Sheet*, 1994**, watercolor on paper, 13.5 x 19”

8. Arpita Singh, *31 Days of December*, 1998, oil on canvas, 48 x 24"
9. Arpita Singh, *Farzana Among Unknown Faces*, 1987, watercolor on paper, 16 x 11"
10. Arpita Singh, *This Could be Us, You or Anybody Else*, 2007, etching on paper, 23.5 x 28.5"
11. Arpita Singh, *I Could See London through Clouds*, 2007, lithograph on paper, 26 ½ x 22 ½"
12. Arpita Singh, *Figures and Flowers*, 1971-72, oil on canvas, 43.5 x 39.5"
13. Arpita Singh, *Couple Having Tea*, 1992, oil on canvas, 41.5 x 41.5"
14. Arpita Singh, *Untitled*, 1991, oil on board, 33.6 x 31.8"
15. Arpita Singh, *Untitled*, 2001, pastel on paper, 16 x 11.5"
16. Arpita Singh, *Untitled*, 2000, watercolor on paper, 20 x 15"
17. Arpita Singh, *A Woman Sitting and Men Standing*, 1993, oil on canvas, 35.4 x 35.4"
18. Arpita Singh, *Red feminine tale*, 1995, acrylic on acrylic sheet
19. Arpita Singh, *Women with Boats and Ducks*, 1986, oil on canvas, 48 X 47.88"
20. Arpita Singh, *Growing up Among Female Relatives*, 1989, watercolor on paper, 16.5 x 12"
21. Arpita Singh, *Wish Dream*, oil on canvas, 287 x 159"
22. Arpita Singh, *B for Boxes*, 2007, watercolor on paper, 30 x 22.5"
23. Arpita Singh, *Untitled*, 2004, ink on paper, 8.5 x 6.5"
24. Arpita Singh, *Untitled*, 2003, ink on paper, 8.5 x 6.5"
25. Arpita Singh, *My Lily Pond*, 2009, oil on canvas, 84 x 108"