

## **Bani Abidi**

Pakistani Contemporary artist

**Born** 1971, Karachi, Pakistan

Lives and works between Berlin and Karachi, Pakistan

Bani Abidi is one of the most influential women artists from Pakistan. She's works primarily in photographs, digital manipulation, graphic drawings, videos which are entirely focused on showcasing the political and cultural history of events between India and Pakistan. Her depiction lies in showcasing the similarities and differences among these nations and how the past and the present bring identity crises to people from both sides.

### **Education**

**1999** MFA , Art Institute Of Chicago, USA

**1994** BFA, National College of Arts , Lahore, Pakistan

### **Selected Exhibitions**

#### **Solo**

<b>2012 "Then It Was Moulded Anew"</b> , Experimenter, Kolkata	<a href="http://experimenter.in/web/?q=node/29">http://experimenter.in/web/?q=node/29</a>
<b>2011 "Section Yellow"</b> , Baltic Center for Contemporary Art, Newcastle	<a href="https://www.balticmill.com/whats-on/exhibitions/detail/bani-abidi">https://www.balticmill.com/whats-on/exhibitions/detail/bani-abidi</a>
<b>2010 "Section Yellow"</b> , Project 88, Mumbai	<a href="http://www.project88.in/individual-exhibition.php?exhibition=EXBTN0038">http://www.project88.in/individual-exhibition.php?exhibition=EXBTN0038</a>
<b>2008 "Recent Works"</b> , Gallery SKE, Bangalore	<a href="http://galleryske.com/Abidi2008/index.html">http://galleryske.com/Abidi2008/index.html</a>
<b>2007 "The Boy Who Got Tired of Posing"</b> , Gallery TPW, Toronto, US	<a href="http://gallerytpw.ca/exhibitions/babidi/">http://gallerytpw.ca/exhibitions/babidi/</a>
<b>2006 "Shan Pipe Band Learns the Star Spangled Banner"</b> , Haines Gallery, San Francisco	
<b>2006 "The Boy Who Got Tired of Posing"</b> , V. M Art Gallery, Karachi	<a href="http://www.vmartgallery.org/exhibitions/archives_in_side.php?txtYear=2006&amp;months=March">http://www.vmartgallery.org/exhibitions/archives_in_side.php?txtYear=2006&amp;months=March</a>

#### **Group**

<b>2011 "Home Spun"</b> , Devi Art Foundation, New Delhi	<a href="http://www.deviartfoundation.org/content/exhibitions/home-spun">http://www.deviartfoundation.org/content/exhibitions/home-spun</a>
<b>2010 "Where Three Dreams Cross - 150 Years of Photography from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh"</b> , Whitechapel Art Gallery, London; Fotomuseum, Winterthur, Switzerland	<a href="http://www.whitechapelgallery.org/exhibitions/where-three-dreams-cross-150-years-of-photography-from-india-pakistan-and-bangladesh">http://www.whitechapelgallery.org/exhibitions/where-three-dreams-cross-150-years-of-photography-from-india-pakistan-and-bangladesh</a>
<b>2009 "The View From Elsewhere"</b> , Sherman Contemporary Art Foundation; Queensland Art Gallery, Sydney	<a href="http://sherman-scaf.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2009/03/TheViewFromElsewhere.pdf">http://sherman-scaf.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2009/03/TheViewFromElsewhere.pdf</a>
<b>2008 "Crossroads"</b> , Elementa Art Gallery, Dubai	
<b>2008 "Destination Asia: Non Strict Correspondence"</b> , Elementa Art Gallery, Dubai	
<b>2007 "Thermocline of Art: New Asian Waves"</b> , ZKM, Karlsruhe, Germany	<a href="http://on1.zkm.de/zkm/stories/storyReader\$5584">http://on1.zkm.de/zkm/stories/storyReader\$5584</a>
<b>2007 "Lush"</b> , Gallery SKE & Jack Tilton Gallery, New York; Miami; Germany	<a href="http://www.gallerieske.com/Lush2007/index.html">http://www.gallerieske.com/Lush2007/index.html</a>
<b>2005 3<sup>rd</sup> Fukuoka Asian Art Triennale</b> , Fukuoka, Japan	
<b>2005 "Something Purple- Digital Art from Pakistan"</b> , Artists Commune, Hong Kong	
<b>2004 "Along the X-Axis: Digital Art from India and Pakistan"</b> , Apeejay Media Gallery, New Delhi	<a href="http://www.apeejaymediagallery.com/Archives_X-Axis.htm">http://www.apeejaymediagallery.com/Archives_X-Axis.htm</a>

## Text

<b>Article</b> Pakistani artist Bani Abidi on fantasy of heroes, nations, war – picture feast, Art Radar, January 2013	<a href="http://artradarjournal.com/2013/01/07/bani-abidi-the-fantasy-of-heroes-nations-and-war-picture-feast/">http://artradarjournal.com/2013/01/07/bani-abidi-the-fantasy-of-heroes-nations-and-war-picture-feast/</a>
<b>Article</b> Bani Abidi: Section	<a href="http://www.baniabidi.com/Press/artmonthly11.pdf">http://www.baniabidi.com/Press/artmonthly11.pdf</a>

Yellow, Paul Usherwood, Art Monthly , December-January 2011	
<b>Review</b> Section Yellow, Avni Doshi, Asia Art Pacific, March/April 2011	<a href="http://artasiapacific.com/Magazine/72/SectionYellowBaniAbidi">http://artasiapacific.com/Magazine/72/SectionYellowBaniAbidi</a>
<b>Article</b> Thick Yellow Lines, Georgina Maddox, Indian Express, August 2010	<a href="http://archive.indianexpress.com/news/thick-yellow-lines/673759/">http://archive.indianexpress.com/news/thick-yellow-lines/673759/</a>
<b>Article</b> Heat Wave: Lombard Freid Projects, Holland Cotter, The New York Times, July 2010	<a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2010/07/23/arts/design/23galleries-003.html?_r=0">http://www.nytimes.com/2010/07/23/arts/design/23galleries-003.html?_r=0</a>
<b>In Conversation</b> Interview with Bani Abidi, Enoch Cheng, Asia Art Archive, February 2010	<a href="http://www.aaa.org.hk/Diaaalogue/Details/796">http://www.aaa.org.hk/Diaaalogue/Details/796</a>
<b>Article</b> Pakistani artists find a contemporary voice, Jane Perlez, The New York Times, September 2009	<a href="http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/29/arts/design/29artists.html?pagewanted=all">http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/29/arts/design/29artists.html?pagewanted=all</a>
<b>Article</b> Waiting Game, Giridar Khasni , The Hindu, April 2008	<a href="http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-features/tp-metroplus/waiting-game/article1413081.ece">http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-features/tp-metroplus/waiting-game/article1413081.ece</a>

## Videos

In Conversation: Raqs Media, Bani Abidi & Naeem Mohaiemen in conversation @ Experimenter, January 2010	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_GDH7vt1s-s">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_GDH7vt1s-s</a>
In Conversation: BALTIC Bites - Bani Abidi, January 2012	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=driF3zczjI8">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=driF3zczjI8</a>

## Selected Artworks

1. Bani Abidi, *Mangoes*, 2000, video still.
2. Bani Abidi, *Mangoes*, 2000, video still.
3. Bani Abidi, *Mangoes*, 2000, video still.
4. Bani Abidi, *Mangoes*, 2000, video still.
5. Bani Abidi, *Anthem*, 2000, video still.

6. Bani Abidi, *Anthem*, 2000, video still.
7. Bani Abidi, *The News*, 2001.
8. Bani Abidi, *The News*, 2001.
9. Bani Abidi, *Shan Pipe Band Learns the Star Spangled Banner*, 2004, video still.
10. Bani Abidi, *The Boy Who Got Tired of Posing*, 2006.
11. Bani Abidi, *Reserved*, 2006.
12. Bani Abidi, *Reserved*, 2006.
13. Bani Abidi, *Reserved*, 2006.
14. Bani Abidi, *Reserved*, 2006.
15. Bani Abidi, *Reserved*, 2006.
16. Bani Abidi, *A Table Wide Country*, 2012.
17. Bani Abidi, *Death at 360 Degree Angle*, 2012.
18. Bani Abidi, *Death at 360 Degree Angle*, 2012.
19. Bani Abidi, *Death at 360 Degree Angle*, 2012.
20. Bani Abidi, "A Table Wide Country", 2012.