

## Dhruvi Acharya

Indian contemporary artist

**Born** 1971, Mumbai, India

LivES and workS in New York

Dhruvi's paintings focus on the psychological and emotional aspects of an urban woman's life in a world teeming with discord, violence and pollution. She is interested in creating paintings that have a smooth physical surface but are visually and psychologically layered. The desire to understand death, deep concern for the environment, the love for Indian miniatures, comic books and contemporary street art all come together in my work.

### Education

**1998** Master of Fine Arts, Hoffberger School of Painting, Maryland Institute, College of Art, Baltimore

**1996** Post Baccalaureate in Fine Art, Maryland Institute, College of Art, Baltimore

**1993** Applied Arts, Sophia Polytechnic, Mumbai

### Selected Exhibition

#### Solo

<b>2010 "Gasp!",</b> Kravets/Wehby Gallery, New York	<a href="http://www.kravetswehbygallery.com/exhibitions/991">http://www.kravetswehbygallery.com/exhibitions/991</a>
<b>2008 "One Life on Earth",</b> Nature Morte, New Delhi & Chemould Prescott, Mumbai	<a href="http://www.naturemorte.com/exhibitions/selected_work/delhi/past/458">http://www.naturemorte.com/exhibitions/selected_work/delhi/past/458</a>
<b>2006 "Two Plus Two Equals",</b> Gallery Chemould, Mumbai	
<b>2004 "Figment",</b> Gallery Chemould, Mumbai	
<b>2002 "Woman, Mother, Goddess",</b> Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai	
<b>2001 "Solo show",</b> Gomez Gallery, Baltimore, USA	
<b>1996 "Color, Culture and Consciousness",</b> Gallery, Baltimore	

#### Group

<b>2015 INDIA ART FAIR, New Delhi</b>	<a href="http://www.gallerychemould.com/artfairs/India-Art-Fair-2015-New-Delhi/">http://www.gallerychemould.com/artfairs/India-Art-Fair-2015-New-Delhi/</a>
<b>2014 "Drawings by 100 Contemporary Artists",</b> Gallery Espace at Indira Gandhi	<a href="http://artradarjournal.com/2014/11/21/drawings-by-100-indian-contemporary-artists-in-pictures/">http://artradarjournal.com/2014/11/21/drawings-by-100-indian-contemporary-artists-in-pictures/</a>

National Center for Arts, New Delhi	
<b>2013</b> "Arts and Advisory", The Loft, Mumbai, India	
<b>2011</b> "Of Humour, Wit and Satire", Gallery Threshold, New Delhi	<a href="http://www.gallerythreshold.com/humour_wit_satire_jan2011.html">http://www.gallerythreshold.com/humour_wit_satire_jan2011.html</a>
<b>2011</b> "Roots in the Air, Branches Below: Modern and Contemporary Art from India", San Jose, California	<a href="http://simusart.org/roots-air-branches-below-modern-and-contemporary-art-india/home/index.php">http://simusart.org/roots-air-branches-below-modern-and-contemporary-art-india/home/index.php</a>
<b>2010</b> "Young Indian Artist", Ahuja Museum For Arts, Kolkata	
<b>2009</b> "Edible Woman", Kravets / Wehby, New York	<a href="http://www.kravetswehbygallery.com/exhibitions/994">http://www.kravetswehbygallery.com/exhibitions/994</a>
<b>2009</b> "Chrysalid", Amelia Johnson Contemporary, Hong Kong	
<b>2009</b> "Marvelous Reality", Gallery Espace, New Delhi	<a href="http://www.galleryespace.com/exhibitions.php?cat=2009&amp;exh=62">http://www.galleryespace.com/exhibitions.php?cat=2009&amp;exh=62</a>
<b>2009</b> "The Miniature Format Show", SansTache Art Gallery, Mumbai	
<b>2009</b> "Vicissitudes of the Constructed Image," Tangerine Art Space, Bangalore	<a href="http://www.tangerineartspace.com/vicissitudes.htm">http://www.tangerineartspace.com/vicissitudes.htm</a>
<b>2009</b> "Intimate Lives", The Loft & Tao Art Gallery, Mumbai	
<b>2009</b> "Power of Pixels", The Loft, Mumbai	
<b>2009</b> Summer Show, Kravets / Wehby, New York	
<b>2009</b> "Mumbai International Airport Art Project", Mumbai	
<b>2009</b> "1x1 India on Canvas", The Loft, Mumbai	
<b>2009</b> "Picture Postcard Project", Hacienda Art Gallery, Mumbai	
<b>2009</b> Hong Kong Art Fair, Amelia Johnson Contemporary, Hong Kong	
<b>2009</b> Group Show, Nature Morte Annex Shivalik, New Delhi	
<b>2008</b> "Shifting Terrains/Altered Realities", Gallery Empire, Singapore	<a href="http://shrineempiregallery.com/exhibitions-detail.php?id=17">http://shrineempiregallery.com/exhibitions-detail.php?id=17</a>
<b>2008</b> Dubai Art Fair, Chemould Prescott, Abu Dhabi, Dubai	
<b>2008</b> "Miniature Format", Sans Tache, Mumbai	
<b>2008</b> "Harmony Art Show", Nehru Gallery,	

Mumbai	
<b>2008 FIAC</b> , Chemould Prescott Road, Paris	
<b>2008 Art Basel Miami</b> , Chemould Prescott Road, Miami	
<b>2008 "Faces"</b> , Tao Art Gallery, Mumbai	
<b>2007 "India Art Now"</b> , Spazio Oberdan, Milan, Italy	
<b>2007 FIAC</b> , Chemould Prescott, Paris, France	
<b>2007 "Year 2007"</b> , Bucheon Contemporary, London, UK	
<b>2007 Dubai Art Fair</b> , Chemould Prescott, Abu Dhabi	
<b>2006 "Art Edge"</b> , Visual Arts Gallery, Delhi, India	
<b>2006 Bridge Art Fair</b> , Bucheon Contemporary, Miami, USA	
<b>2005 "In Short"</b> , Hacienda Art Gallery, Mumbai	
<b>2005 "Gallery Collection"</b> , Gallery Chemould, Mumbai	
<b>2005 "Divine Inspiration"</b> , Hacienda Art Gallery, Mumbai	
<b>2004 "Ideas &amp; Images VI"</b> , National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai	
<b>2002 "Words and Images"</b> , National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai, (Bombay) India	
<b>2002 "Selections from New American Paintings"</b> , Mid-Atlantic Artists, OSP Gallery, Boston, USA	
<b>2002 "Shakti, 50 Women Artists"</b> , Hacienda, Mumbai	
<b>2001 "Shaken and Stirred"</b> , BosePacia Modern, New York	<a href="http://www.bosepacia.com/exhibitions/2001-05-01_shaken-and-stirred/press-release/">http://www.bosepacia.com/exhibitions/2001-05-01_shaken-and-stirred/press-release/</a>
<b>2001 "Sakhi Visual Arts exhibition"</b> , BosePacia Modern, New York	
<b>2001 "Alienation"</b> , York Quay Gallery II, York Quay Centre, Harbourfront, Toronto, Canada *	
<b>2001 "Excerpts from My Diary Pages"</b> , Fine Art Company, Mumbai	
<b>2001 "Art Frenzy"</b> , 12th Street Studios, Long Island, New York	
<b>2000 "Art of Modern India"</b> , Bose Pacia	

Modern, New York	
<b>2000 “Diasporadics 2000”</b> , Riverside Church Theater, New York	
<b>2001 “Three Contemporary Painters: Nilima Sheik, Manisha Parekh, Dhruvi Acharya”</b> , BosePacia Modern, New York	
<b>2000 “Three person show”</b> , Bachelier Cardonsky Gallery, Kent, USA	
<b>1999 “East Meets West”</b> , School 33, Baltimore	
<b>1998 “Three person show”</b> , Gomez Gallery, Baltimore	

## Text

<b>Interview</b> Dhruvi Acharya, Aradhna Wal, Tehelka, 2012	<a href="http://archive.tehelka.com/story_main51.asp?filename=hub250212psychology.asp">http://archive.tehelka.com/story_main51.asp?filename=hub250212psychology.asp</a>
<b>Article</b> Five (Literally) Moving Pieces at the India Art Fair, Suryatapa Bhattacharya, The Wall Street Journal, 2015	<a href="http://blogs.wsj.com/indiarealtime/2015/01/30/five-literally-moving-pieces-at-the-india-art-fair/">http://blogs.wsj.com/indiarealtime/2015/01/30/five-literally-moving-pieces-at-the-india-art-fair/</a>
<b>Article</b> A significant show in Dubai: Art Dubai festival, SaffronArt, 2007	<a href="http://www.saffronart.com/sitepages/ArticleDetails.aspx?Articleid=695&amp;PageNo=1">http://www.saffronart.com/sitepages/ArticleDetails.aspx?Articleid=695&amp;PageNo=1</a>
<b>Review</b> Two plus two equals by Dhruvi Acharya, 2006	<a href="http://www.saffronart.com/sitepages/ArticleDetails.aspx?Articleid=536&amp;PageNo=1">http://www.saffronart.com/sitepages/ArticleDetails.aspx?Articleid=536&amp;PageNo=1</a>
<b>Article</b> ‘Pixel Power’ and the realm of pop culture, SaffronArt, 2009	<a href="http://www.saffronart.com/sitepages/ArticleDetails.aspx?Articleid=979">http://www.saffronart.com/sitepages/ArticleDetails.aspx?Articleid=979</a>

## AWARDS

<b>2006</b>	Awarded the AdityaVikram Birla Kala Kiran Puraskar
<b>1993</b>	Gold Medal for Best Advertising Campaign, Sophia College, Mumbai

## Selected artworks

1. **Dhruvi Acharya, “1993-2013”, 2014**, watercolour, graphite, ink, synthetic polymer paint and ink transfer on archival arches paper

2. **Dhruvi Acharya, *Alone*, 2011**, synthetic polymer paint on canvas
3. **Dhruvi Acharya, *Relics*, 2010**, synthetic polymer paint on canvas
4. **Dhruvi Acharya, *Airfare*, 2010**, synthetic polymer on canvas
5. **Dhruvi Acharya, *Words II*, 2010**, gauche, comic book pages & synthetic polymer on canvas
6. **Dhruvi Acharya, *Pond*, 2006**, synthetic polymer paint on unprimed
7. **Dhruvi Acharya, *Mid-Life-Wife*, 2006**, synthetic polymer paint on unprimed canvas
8. **Dhruvi Acharya, *Float*, 2006**, synthetic polymer paint on unprimed canvas
9. **Dhruvi Acharya, *Wham! Kerplonk! Splat! Bam!*, 2006**, synthetic polymer paint on unprimed canvas
10. **Dhruvi Acharya, *On the Fast Track*, 2006**, synthetic polymer paint on unprimed canvas
11. **Dhruvi Acharya, *Outburst*, 2004**, synthetic polymer paint on unprimed canvas
12. **Dhruvi Acharya, *Flower-Power*, 2004**, synthetic polymer paint on unprimed canvas
13. **Dhruvi Acharya, *Tree*, 2004**, synthetic polymer paint on unprimed canvas
14. **Dhruvi Acharya, *Awakening*, 2002**, collage and synthetic polymer paint on unprimed canvas
15. **Dhruvi Acharya, *April 2000*, 2000**, oil paint on canvas
16. **Dhruvi Acharya, *Watching*, 2000**, oil paint on canvas
17. **Dhruvi Acharya, *Mumbai, Monsoons*, 2000**, synthetic polymer paint on canvas
18. **Dhruvi Acharya, *Dharamsala*, 1999**, oil paint on canvas
19. **Dhruvi Acharya, *In my Room*, 1998**, oil paint on canvas
20. **Dhruvi Acharya, *Moist Earth, Paths from the Past*, 1998**, oil paint on canvas
21. **Dhruvi Acharya, *A Life Divided*, 1997**, oil paint on wood
22. **Dhruvi Acharya, *JSW Mural*, 2013**, charcoal and synthetic polymer paint on canvas, 7 x 32 feet
23. **Dhruvi Acharya, *Woman at 40*, 2009**, synthetic polymer paint on wood panel, 1.5 x 10.5 inches
24. **Dhruvi Acharya, 2012**, watercolour on Paper, 7" x 5"
25. **Performance View. INDIA ART FAIR, 2015**