

Francis Newton Souza

Indian Modern Artist

Biography

1. **Country:** India
2. **Dates:** Born in 1924, Saligaon, Goa, Died on 2002, Bombay
3. **Lived and worked:** Lived in Bombay, London, New York
4. **Education:** 1940-45- Diploma in painting, at JJ School of Art, Bombay, 1949 - 55 - Studied at Central School of Art, London, 1960-Study Tour of Italy, Italian Govt. Scholarship
5. **Medium and Technique:**

Exhibitions

Posthumous Solo and Group

- 2012 'Extending the Line', Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi
- 2012 'Gallery Collection', Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi
- 2012 'Migrations, Journey Into British Art', Tate Britain, London
- 2012 'F.N. Souza: Landscapes, Heads and Nudes', Grosvenor Gallery, London
- 2012 'Contemporary: A Selection of Modern and Contemporary Art', presented by Sakshi Gallery at The Park, Chennai
- 2012 'Through the Ages: South Asian Sculpture and Painting from Antiquity to Modernism', Aicon Gallery, New York
- 2012 'Crossings: Time Unfolded, Part 2', Kiran Nadar Museum of Art (KNMA), New Delhi
- 2011-12 'The Body Unbound', Rubin Museum of Art, New York
- 2011-12 'Picasso Souza', Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi
- 2011 'Ethos V: Indian Art Through the Lens of History (1900 to 1980)', Indigo Blue Art, Singapore
- 2011 'The Path of the Lotus: Indian Art', Grosvenor Gallery, London
- 2011 'Modern Masters', Aicon Gallery, New York
- 2011 'Ida Kar: Portraits of F N Souza', British Council, New Delhi; Grosvenor Vadehra, London; Pundole Art Gallery, Mumbai; Sunaparanta Goa Centre, Panjim
- 2011 'Manifestations VI', Delhi Art Gallery, New Delhi
- 2011 'Seduction by Masquerade', Nature Morte, New Delhi
- 2011 'States of Departure: Progressives to Present Day', Aicon Gallery, London
- 2011 'POP: Progressives on Paper', Aicon Gallery, New York
- 2011 'Anecdotes', Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai
- 2011 'Natural Bodies, Subverted Canons', Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi
- 2011 'Goddess, Lion, Peasant, Priest: Modern and Contemporary Indian Art', from the Collection of Shelley and Donald Rubin at Museum Oglethorpe, Atlanta
- 2011 'High-Light', presented by Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai at The Oberoi, Gurgaon
- 2011 'Manifestations V', Delhi Art Gallery, New Delhi

2011 'Masterclass', Dhoomimal Art Gallery, New Delhi
2011 'Time Unfolded', Kiran Nadar Museum of Art (KNMA), New Delhi
2011 'Roots in the Air, Branches Below: Modern & Contemporary Art from India', San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose
2011 'Continuum', Delhi Art Gallery, New Delhi
2011 'Celebrations 2011', Kumar Gallery, New Delhi
2010-11 'Figure/Landscape: Part Two', Aicon Gallery, London
2010 Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai
2010 'Figure/Landscape: Part One', Aicon Gallery, New York
2010 'The Modernists', RL Fine Arts, New York
2010 'Paper Trails', Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi
2010 'A Missing History: 'The Other Story' Re-visited', Aicon Gallery, London
2010 'The Progressives & Associates', Grosvenor Gallery, London
2010 'A. SYCO', The Viewing Room, Mumbai
2010 'From Miniature to Modern: Traditions in Transition', Rob Dean Art, London in association with Pundole Art Gallery, Mumbai
2010 'Volte-Face: Souza's Iconoclastic Vision', presented by Dhoomimal Gallery at Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi
2010 'Cross Purposes Shock and Contemplation in Images of the Crucifixion ', Mascalls Gallery, West Kent; Ben Uri Museum, London
2010 'Vahana', Bombay Art Gallery, Mumbai
2010 'Manifestations IV', Delhi Art Gallery, New Delhi
2010 'Roots', 25th Anniversary Exhibition of Sakshi Art Gallery, Mumbai at The Park, Chennai
2010 'Celebration 2010', Annual Exhibition, Kumar Art Gallery, New Delhi
2009 'Master Class', The Arts Trust, Mumbai
2009 'Bazgasht: Traditional Methods and Modern Practices, The Revival of Miniature Paintings from the Sub-Continent', Art Gallery of Mississauga, Mississauga, Ontario
2009 'Anglo-Indian Express', Grosvenor Gallery, London
2009 'Bharat Ratna! Jewels of Modern Indian Art', Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
2009 'Indian Art After Independence: Selected Works from the Collections of Virginia & Ravi Akhoury and Shelley & Donald Rubin', Emily Lowe Gallery, Hempstead
2009 'F.N.Souza: Heads, Landscapes and Nudes', Grosvenor Gallery, London
2009 'In Search of the Vernacular', Aicon Gallery, New York
2009 'Progressive to Altermodern: 62 Years of Indian Modern Art', Grosvenor Gallery, London
2009 'Kalpana: Figurative Art in India', presented by The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) at Aicon Gallery, London; The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)
2009 'Tracing Time', Bodhi Art, Mumbai
2009 'Armory Show', New York presented by Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi
2008-09 'Modern India', organized by Institut Valencià d'Art Modern (IVAM) and Casa Asia, in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture at Valencia, Spain

2008-09 'Expanding Horizons: Contemporary Indian Art', Traveling Exhibition presented by Bodhi Art at Ravinder Natya Mandir, P.L.Despande Kala Academy Art Gallery, Mumbai; Sant Dyaneshwar Natya Sankul Art Gallery, Amravati; Platinum Jubilee Hall, Nagpur; Tapadia Natya Mandir Sports Hall, Aurangabad; Hirachand Nemchand Vachanalay's, Solapur; Acharya Vidyanand Sanskrutik Bhavan, Kolhapur; PGSR Sabhagriha, SNDT, Pune; Sarvajanic Vachanalaya Hall, Nasik

2008 Summer collection, works by modern and contemporary south Asian artists, Aicon Gallery, London

2008 'Frame Figure Field: 20th Century Modern and Contemporary Indian Art', Delhi Art Gallery, New Delhi

2008 '3 Masters Briefly', Akar Prakhar, Kolkata

2008 'F.N.Souza', presented by Saffronart and Grosvenor Gallery, London at Saffronart, New York

2008 'Modern and Contemporary Indian Art', Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi

2008 'Multiple Modernities: India, 1905-2005', Philadelphia Museum of Art, USA

2008 'Freedom 2008: Sixty Years After Indian Independence', Centre for International Modern Art (CIMA), Kolkata

2008 'Tales, Reflection and Constructs', ITC Windsor, Bangalore

2007-08 'India Art Now: Between Continuity and Transformation', Province of Milan, Mila

2008 Winter Moderns, an exhibit of five senior modern Indian artists - M.F. Husain, F.N. Souza, Shyamal Dutta Ray, Satish Gujral and B. Prabha, Aicon Gallery, New York

2008 'The Ghost of Souza', an exhibit of works by acclaimed artist Francis Newton Souza, together with Indian and Pakistani artists influenced by Souza's work at Aicon Gallery, New York

2007 From the Vault, Aicon Gallery, London and New York

2007 Bacon, Freud, Mehta, Souza, Grosvenor Vadehra, New Delhi

2005-2006 F. N. Souza, Religion & Erotica: Tate Britain, London (Publication)

2005-2006 Self-Portrait, Renaissance to contemporary: National Portrait Gallery, London

2005 Francis Newton Souza, Saffronart and Grosvenor Gallery, London/New York

2005 Ashta Nayak: Eight Pioneers of Indian Art, Gallery ArtsIndia, New York

2005 Modern Indian Paintings, Grosvenor Gallery, London

2005 A Tribute to F. N. SOUZA, Kumar Gallery, New Delhi /Manifestations III, Nehru Centre, Mumbai; Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi, and Delhi Art Gallery, New Delhi

2004 Manifestations II, Jehangir Gallery and the Delhi Art Gallery

2004 Ethos: Contemporary Indian Art, Indigo Blue Art, Singapore

2004 Souza in London, curated by Yashodhara Dalmia from the Bhayana family collection, British Council, New Delhi

2003 Modern Indian Painting, Grosvenor Gallery London

2003 Francis Newton Souza: Works on paper, Saffronart, Mumbai

2003 F.N Souza: A Definitive Retrospective, Gallery Artsindia, New York

2003 Manifestations, Delhi Art Gallery

2002 Souza and Friends, Grosvenor Gallery, London,
2002 Souza in Bombay and Goa, Art Musings Gallery, Mumbai
2001 Souza: A Modern Myth, Gallery 88, Calcutta

Solo

1999 Copeland Fine Art Gallery, Columbus, Ohio, USA
1998 Bose Pacia Modern, New York
1997 Souza: A Retrospective, Julian Hartnolls Gallery, London
1997 Julian Hartnolls Gallery, London
1996 'Souza from the Alkazi Collection', Academy of Fine Arts and Literature New Delhi
1996 The Acrylics of Souza, L.T.G. Art Gallery, New Delhi
1995 The Chemicals of Souza, L. T.G. Art Gallery, New Delhi
1993 'Souza, 1940s-1990s', Dhoomimal Art Gallery, New Delhi
1983 Souza in the Forties, Dhoomimal Art Gallery, New Delhi
1985 Pundole Art Gallery, Mumbai
1976 "Volte-Face: Souza's Iconoclastic Vision", Dhoomimal Art Gallery, New Delhi
1975 Arts 38, London.
1976 Arts 38, London.
1968 London Arts Gallery Detroit, USA.
1966 Dhoomimal Art Gallery, New Delhi
1966 Grosvenor Gallery, London
1963 Taj Gallery Mumbai.
1962 Kumar Gallery, New Delhi.
1961 Gallery One, London
1962 North Audley Street London.
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1955 Gallery One, London.
1954 Institute of Contemporary Arts, London
1954 Gallery Creuze, London
1951 Indian Embassy, London

Group

2001 Souza & Baiju, Saffronart and Apparao Galleries, Mumbai
1999 'The Demonic Line', Delhi Art Gallery, New Delhi
1997 'Six Modern Masters', Kumar Gallery
1996 The Modern Inaugural Show National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai
1993 LTG Gallery, New Delhi
1987 Coups de Coeur, Halles de L'Ile, Geneva
1989 'The Other Story', Hayward gallery, London
1986 Dhoomimal Art Gallery, New Delhi
1986 East-West Visual Arts Encounter, Bombay

1982 Modern Indian Paintings, Hirschorn Museum & Sculpture Garden Washington D.C.
1982 India: Myth and Reality, Museum of Modern Art, Oxford, UK
1982 Contemporary Indian Art, Royal Academy, London
1977 Commonwealth Artists of Fame, London
1972 Minneapolis International Art Festival, USA
1968 Tate Gallery, London
1967 Guggenheim Foundation USA
1965 Art Now in India, Arts Council of Great Britain, London
1964 Exhibition of Drawings: Delacroix to Souza, Grosvenor Gallery, 1964
1962 Commonwealth Exhibition, Commonwealth Institute, London
1961 Museum of Modern Art, Sao Paulo/Rio de Janeiro
1958 Guggenheim Museum, USA
1958 Whitechapel Art Gallery, London
1957 John Moore's Exhibition, Walker Art Gallery Liverpool
1956,57,59,60 Gallery One, London
1954 Venice Biennale Italy
1954 Institute of Contemporary Arts, London
1949 Bombay Art Society Salon, Mumbai
1948 Progressive Artists' Group, inaugural exhibition

Awards and Scholarships

1946 Founded Bombay Progressive Artists' Group
1960 Italian Government Scholarship (through the British Council)
1967 Guggenheim International Award, New York
1959 Published 'Words and Lines', his autobiography
1957 John Moores Prize, Liverpool
1999-2000 Kalidas Samman

Public Collections

National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi
Baroda Museum, Baroda
National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai
CIMA – Centre International Modern Art, Calcutta
Delhi Art Gallery, New Delhi
Tate, London, UK
Glenbarra Museum, Himeji, Japan

See More

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Videos

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