

## Himmat Shah

Indian Contemporary Artist

**Born** 1933 Lothal, Gujarat  
Lives and Works in New Delhi

**Introduction** Himmat Shah is one of the most acclaimed artists of India whose work encompasses both painting and sculptures. By experimenting and exploring the behaviour, texture, and appeal of materials, he creates his own methodology to demonstrate the realities of life. He is well known for his abstracted bronze and terracotta heads that are now considered his signature style.

### Education

**1966-67** Studied under S. W. Hayter and Krishna Reddy, Atelier 17, Paris

**1956-61** Worked under Professor N.S Bendre, Faculty of Fine Arts, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda

**1953** Drawing Teacher's Course, Sir J. J. School of Art, Mumbai

### Represented by

**Highest Price** \$150,139

### Selected Exhibitions

#### Solo

<b>2007</b> Drawings and Sculptures, presented by Studio Confluence at Jehangir Nicholson Art Gallery, National Centre for Performing Arts (NCPA), Mumbai	
<b>2007</b> Berkley Square Gallery, UK	
<b>2002</b> "Sculpture", Art Heritage, New Delhi	
<b>2000</b> Art Heritage, New Delhi	
<b>2000</b> Shridharani Gallery, New Delhi	
<b>1997</b> "A Real Contemporary Vision", drawings, Shahajahan Art Gallery, New Delhi	
<b>1983</b> Sculpture Exhibition, Art Heritage, New Delhi	

<b>1982</b> Exhibition of Drawings, Garhi, Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi	
<b>1966</b> Gallery Chemould, New Delhi and Mumbai	
<b>1965</b> Kunika Chemould Art Centre, New Delhi	

## Group

<b>2011 "The Art of Drawing"</b> , The Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai	<a href="http://www.guildindia.com/SHOWS/TheArtofDrawing-CuratedbySudhirPatwardhan/works.htm">http://www.guildindia.com/SHOWS/TheArtofDrawing-CuratedbySudhirPatwardhan/works.htm</a>
<b>2010 "Vahana"</b> , Bombay Art Gallery, Mumbai	
<b>2010 "Essential, Eclectic,...Ephemeral"</b> , The Harrington Mansions, Kolkata	
<b>2007 "The Workshop"</b> , India Fine Art, Mumbai	
<b>2007 "A Matter of Forms"</b> , Samanvai Art Gallery, Rajasthan	
<b>2005 "Manifestations III"</b> , Nehru Centre, Mumbai, Delhi Art Gallery and Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi	<a href="http://dagmodern.com/exhibitions-images.asp?id=11&amp;exType=EXH">http://dagmodern.com/exhibitions-images.asp?id=11&amp;exType=EXH</a>
<b>2004 "Manifestations II"</b> , Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai, Delhi Art Gallery and Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi	<a href="http://dagmodern.com/exhibitions-images.asp?id=10&amp;exType=EXH">http://dagmodern.com/exhibitions-images.asp?id=10&amp;exType=EXH</a>
<b>1999 "Notable Exceptions"</b> , I'm Gallery, New Delhi	
<b>1998 "Living on the Edge"</b> , Art Inc. Gallery, New Delhi	
<b>1998 "Face to Face": Artists from Baroda</b> , Rabindra Bhavan, Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi	
<b>1992 "Heads"</b> , Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai	
<b>1991</b> Nine Indian Contemporaries, Centre of Contemporary Art, New Delhi	

<b>1989 "Timeless Art"</b> , organized by the Times of India, Mumbai	
<b>1977 "Pictorial Space"</b> , New Delhi	
<b>1964</b> Triveni Gallery, New Delhi	
<b>1962</b> Progressive Painters Group Exhibition, Ahmedabad	

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<http://www.aaa.org.hk/Home/Search?keyword=himmat%20shah&tab=collection&page=1>

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<b>Artist Website</b>	<a href="http://www.himmatshah.com/">http://www.himmatshah.com/</a>
<b>Blog</b> Himmat Shah-India's Living Van Gogh, Anu Jindal, July 2014	<a href="http://anujindal.blogspot.in/2014/07/himmat-shah-indias-living-van-gogh.html">http://anujindal.blogspot.in/2014/07/himmat-shah-indias-living-van-gogh.html</a>
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### Books

<b>An unreasoned act of being: sculptures by Himmat Shah</b> by Gayatri Sinha (Mapin Publishing, 2007)	

### Awards

<b>1988</b> Received the Sahitya Kala Parishad Award, New Delhi	
<b>1962</b> Received the Lalit Kala National Award for Painting, New Delhi	
<b>1959</b> Received the Lalit Kala National Award for Painting, New Delhi	
<b>1956-61</b> Awarded by the Government of India Scholarship for Advanced Studies in Painting, under Prof. N.S. Bendre	

### Selected Images

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