

Jyoti Bhatt

Indian Modern Artist

Born 1934, Bhavnagar, Gujarat

Lives and Works in Baroda, India

As a painter and printmaker, Bhatt drew his imagery from traditional Indian folk art. Later, the desire to photograph and document India's culture lured him. The black and white photographs that he captured through his lens are mute spectators of the art forms that are almost extinct. Working with a vast variety of mediums, his graphic prints have garnered him the most attention.

Education

1985 Learnt basics of Holography, UK

1966 Learnt Printmaking, Pratt Institute and Pratt Graphic Art Centre, New York under Fulbright & John D Rockefeller II Grants specializing in Graphics

1962 Academia Di Belle Arti, Naples, Italy under Italian Government Scholarship

1953 Learnt Mural and Fresco Painting, Vanasthali Vidyapith, Rajasthan

1956 Studied Painting and Printmaking, Faculty of Fine Arts, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda

Selected Exhibitions

Solo

2007 "Parallels That Meet: Paintings, Prints, Photographs," Delhi Art Gallery, New Delhi	http://www.delhiartgallery.com/exhibitions-images.asp?id=6&exType=EXH
2005 "Graphic Prints: An Overview Jyoti Bhatt," Anant Art Gallery, New Delhi	
2001 "In Conversation: Painting and Sketchbook," Gallery Espace, New Delhi	
1998 "Multimedia: Art of The 90's", Centre for International Modern Art (CIMA), Kolkata	
1966 3 Solo Shows of Prints and Paintings, USA	

Group

2010 "Yeh Image Mahaan: India Meets Bharat," Centre of International Modern Art (CIMA), Kolkata	http://www.cimaartindia.com/exhibition/index.php?exhbn=6
2010 "Symbols and Metaphors", Centre of	http://www.cimaartindia.com/exhibition/index.php

International Modern Art (CIMA), Kolkata	?exhbn=4
2008 “Baroda: A Tale of Two Cities,” (Part I), Sarjan Art Gallery, Vadodara	
1969 “Through Indian Eyes,” Indian Photographers Show, Holland	

Text

Article The magic of silver gelatin, Manjula Narayan, Hindustan Times, May 2014	http://www.hindustantimes.com/art/the-magic-of-silver-gelatin/article1-1217627.aspx
Article Stark images of rural and urban India, Shona Adhikari, Financial Chronicle, May 2014	http://www.mydigitalfc.com/leisure-writing/stark-images-rural-and-urban-india-869
Article , Art of Living, Amruta Lakhe, The Indian Express, March 2014	http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/art-of-living-4/
Article Vanishing Walls: Artist Jyoti Bhatt Photographs Folk Artists of India, Harshini Vakkalanka, The Hindu, January 2014	http://alphaomegaarts.blogspot.in/2014/01/vanishing-walls-artist-jyoti-bhatt.html
Article The photograph as a work of art: Conquering with images, Nirmala Govindarajan, The Sunday Guardian, December 2013	http://www.sunday-guardian.com/artbeat/the-photograph-as-a-work-of-art-conquering-with-images
Interview A Print is a Print is a Print – Jyoti Bhatt, Waswo X Waswo, The Art Daily, July 2013	http://mljohnnyml.blogspot.in/2013/07/interview-of-jyoti-bhatt-impressions.html
Article A retrospective of painter Jyoti Bhatt, Madhur Tankha, The Hindu, September 2007	http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-newdelhi/a-retrospective-of-painter-jyoti-bhatt/article1909730.ece
Article Vignettes from History – The early years of printmaking in Baroda, Sandhya Bordewekar, Art News & Views, August 2011	http://www.artnewsnviews.com/view-article.php?article=vignettes-from-history&iid=23&articleid=594

Videos

Artist Talk Rediscovering Photography: Jyoti Bhatt at TEDxAhmedabad, TEDx Talks, May 2012

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Z3nq4FRL64>

Awards

2004 Awarded Hon. Doctorate, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata

1964 National Award, Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi

Selected Images

1. **Jyoti Bhatt, *Untitled*, 1957**, watercolour, pen and ink on paper, 19.5 x 25.5"
2. **Jyoti Bhatt, *Untitled*, 1962**, brush, pen and ink on paper, 12 x 16"
3. **Jyoti Bhatt, *Devi*, 1970**, etching on paper, 22.5 x 18"
4. **Jyoti Bhatt, *Lamps*, 1958**, linocut on paper, 18.5 x 11"
5. **Jyoti Bhatt, *Kolam, Tamil Nadu*, 1993**, print on paper, 17.5 x 12"
6. **Jyoti Bhatt, *Harijan Girls*, 2007**, silver gelatin print on paper, 17.5 x 11"
7. **Jyoti Bhatt, *A boy with a bicycle in Dhordo, Gujarat***, modern silver gelatin print
8. **Jyoti Bhatt, *A child in Santiniketan, birbhum, West Bengal*, 1978**, modern silver gelatin print
9. **Jyoti Bhatt, *A mother and child outside a rural house, South Gujarat*, 1994**, modern silver gelatin print
10. **Jyoti Bhatt, *A rural house, Rajasthan*, 1980**, modern silver gelatin print
11. **Jyoti Bhatt, *Black light, West Bengal*, 1978**, modern silver gelatin print
12. **Jyoti Bhatt, *Durga, Mithila*, 1977**, modern silver gelatin print
13. **Jyoti Bhatt, *An old woman guarding a newly diagrammed rangoli, Rajasthan*, 1980**, modern silver gelatin print
14. **Jyoti Bhatt, *Four blind men, Bhavnagar, Gujarat*, 1968**, modern silver gelatin print
15. **Jyoti Bhatt, *Father and son***, Kutch, gujarat, 1980, modern silver gelatin print
16. **Jyoti Bhatt, *Life is Beautiful*, 2010**, reverse painting in mixed media on transparent plastic film, 16.14 x 11.5"
17. **Jyoti Bhatt, *Together Forever*, 2010**, reverse painting in mixed media on transparent plastic film, 15.55 x 11.02"

18. **Jyoti Bhatt, *Untitled*, 2014**, inkjet print of a 1956 drawing, 16.14 x 10.94"
19. **Jyoti Bhatt, *Untitled*, 2014**, inkjet print of a 1956 drawing, 16.14 x 10.94"
20. **Jyoti Bhatt, *Untitled*, 1957**, watercolour, ink and gouache on paper, 29.37 x 21.26"
21. **Jyoti Bhatt, *Women From Saurashtra*, 1958**, oil and acrylic on board, 24.02 x 20.20"
22. **Jyoti Bhatt, *Lady and a bird*, 1961**, oil on canvas, 13.98 x 22.05"
23. **Jyoti Bhatt, *Faces in silver*, 1968**, oil and wood relief, 44.88 x 44.88"
24. **Jyoti Bhatt, *Mother & Child*, 1961**, linocut
25. **Jyoti Bhatt, *Self Portrait***, etching and stencil, 1970
26. **Jyoti Bhatt, *Self Portrait in NY***, etching, 54 x 35.5 cm
27. **Jyoti Bhatt, *Diace***, etching, 58.5 x 45 cm