

KG Subramanyan

Country: India

1. **Dates:** 1924, Kerala
2. **Lives and Works:**
3. **Education:** B.A Economics, Presidency College, Madras, 1948 Kala Bhavan , Vishwabharati, Santiniketan, 1961, Slade School of Art, Research Scholar(British Council), London
4. **Medium of Work:** Painting
5. Subramanyan is a modern artist working with a large body of influences, from folklore to mythologies and via the history of Indian art itself. An alum of Santiniketan , one can also see its mark in his style. He works with figurative painting. He has won the Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and the Padma Vibhushan.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2010 Presented by Art Heritage at Triveni Kala Sangam, New Delhi
- 2010 'The Drawings of K. G. Subramanyan', The Guild, Mumbai
- 2010 'Bangladesh Drawings', Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai
- 2010 Art Musings, Mumbai
- 2009 'Magic of Making: Recent Artworks by K.G. Subramanyan', at Akar Prakar, Aakriti Art Gallery and The Seagull Foundation for the Arts, Kolkata
- 2009 Presented by Seagull Foundation for the Arts, in Collaboration with Nandan Gallery, Kala Bhavana, Kolkata
- 2007 'The Painted Platters', The Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai
- 2007 'The Magic of Making', presented by The Seagull Foundation for the Arts at The Seagull Arts and Media Resource Centre, Kolkata and Rabindra Bhawan, Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi
- 2006 Art Heritage, New Delhi
- 2006 Faculty of Fine Arts, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Gujarat
- 2005 'Recent Paintings', presented by Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai at Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai
- 2004 The Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai
- 2004 Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi
- 2003 'K.G. Subramanyan : A Retrospective', National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), New Delhi and Mumbai
- 2003 'K.G. Subramanyan : Recent Paintings', Art Heritage, New Delhi
- 2003 'Paintings in Enamel', The Seagull Arts and Media Resource Centre, Kolkata
- 2003 'Chairs: An Exhibition of Recent Work', The Seagull Arts and Media Resource Centre, Kolkata
- 2002 'Exhibition of Paintings by Prof. K.G. Subramanyan', Sarjan Art Gallery, Vadodara, Gujarat
- 2001 Art Heritage, New Delhi
- 2000 'K.G. Subramanyan', Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi
- 2000 Art Heritage, New Delhi
- 1999 The Seagull Arts and Media Resource Centre, Kolkata
- 1999 Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai
- 1999 Triveni Kala Sangam, New Delhi
- 1999 'K.G. Subramanyan – Dissolving Contradictions', The Window, Mumbai
- 1998 'K.G. Subramanyan : Paintings and Drawings', organized by Seagull Foundation for the Arts, Kolkata at Art Heritage, New Delhi
- 1998 'A Recent Series of Large Paintings by Prof. K.G. Subramanyan', Art Heritage, New Delhi
- 1998 'K.G. Subramanyan : Paintings and Drawings', Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai
- 1997 Nazar Gallery, Vadodara, Gujarat
- 1997 'K.G. Subramanyan', Cymroza Art Gallery, Mumbai
- 1996 Art Heritage, New Delhi
- 1994 'Exhibition of Paintings by K.G. Subramanyan', Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai
- 1994 'K.G. Subramanyan Recent Works', Centre for International Modern Art (CIMA), Kolkata
- 1993 'Exhibition of Paintings by K.G. Subramanyan', Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai
- 1993 Art Heritage, New Delhi

1992 'K.G. Subramanyan, Exhibition of Paintings', Sakshi Gallery, Synergy Art Foundation, Bangalore and Chennai
1992 Art Heritage, New Delhi
1991 'Exhibition of Paintings by K.G. Subramanyan', Kala Yatra and Sista's Art Gallery, Bangalore, Karnataka
1990 Cymroza Art Gallery, Mumbai
1990 Gallery 7, Mumbai
1990 CCA Gallery, New Delhi
1989 Cymroza Art Gallery, Mumbai
1989 'Of Myth and Fairy Tale, Recent Works- K.G. Subramanyan', Seagull Foundation and Birla Academy of Art and Culture, Kolkata
1988 'Exhibition of Acrylic Sheet Paintings', Museum of Modern Art, Oxford

1986 'Exhibition of Acrylic Sheet Paintings', Art Heritage, New Delhi
1986 Cymroza Art Gallery, Mumbai
1986 Gallery 7, Mumbai
1986 Centre for Contemporary Art Gallery, New Delhi
1985 Art Heritage, New Delhi
1984 'Retrospective', Art Heritage, New Delhi
1983 'Retrospective K.G. Subramanyan', Birla Academy of Art and Culture, Kolkata
1982 'Exhibition of Glass and Acrylic Sheet Paintings', Art Heritage, New Delhi
1982 'Exhibition of Glass and Acrylic Sheet Paintings', Nandan Gallery, Santiniketan, West Bengal
1981 'Retrospective', Bharat Bhavan, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
1980 Art Heritage, New Delhi
1979 'Exhibition of Prints', Art Heritage, New Delhi
1978 'Exhibition of Terracotta Relief's and Paintings', Nandan Gallery, Santiniketan, West Bengal
1978 'Exhibition of Terracotta Relief's', Art Heritage, New Delhi
1972 'Exhibition of Terracotta Relief's', Kunika –Chemould, New Delhi
1971 'Exhibition of Polytics', Kunika –Chemould, New Delhi
1969 Gallery Chemould, Mumbai
1969 Kunika –Chemould, New Delhi
1967 Gallery Chemould, Mumbai
1967 Gallery Navina, New York
1966 Gallery Chemould, Mumbai
1962-63 Kunika Art Centre, New Delhi
1961 Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai

1959 Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai
1958 Delhi Silpi Chakra, New Delhi
1956 Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai
1955 Delhi Silpi Chakra, Freemason's Hall, New Delhi

Group Exhibitions

2012 'Contemporary: A Selection of Modern and Contemporary Art', presented by Sakshi Gallery at The Park, Chennai

2011 'Adbhutam: Rasa in Indian Art', Centre of International Modern Art(CIMA), Kolkata

2011 'The Art of Drawing', The Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai

2011 'Pause: A Collection', Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai

2011 'High-Light', presented by Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai at The Oberoi, Gurgaon

2011 'Of Humour, Wit & Satire', Gallery Threshold, New Delhi

2010-11 'A Collection', Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai

2010 'The Living Insignia', Gallery Ensign, New Delhi

2010 'Modern Folk: The Folk Art Roots of the Modernist Avant-Garde', Aicon Gallery, New York

2009 'Think Small', Art Alive Gallery, New Delhi

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

2008 'Baroda: A Tale of Two Cities', (Part I), Sarjan Art Gallery, Vadodara, Gujarat

2008 'X at the rate of Jehangir', presented by Art Musings at Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai

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

2007 'Edge of Desire: Recent Art in India', National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Mumbai

2006 'Shadow Lines', Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi

2006 'Drawing Show an Act of Art II', Priyasri Art Gallery, Mumbai

2005 'Three Solo Exhibitions - K.G. Subramanyan, Manjit Bawa, Dhruva Mistry, organized by Sakshi Gallery at Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai

2005 'Remembering Bhupen', Gallery Chemould, Mumbai

1996 Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai

1994 Centre for International Modern Art (CIMA), Kolkata

1993 'Seven Contemporary Indian Painters', Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi

1992 'Journeys Within Landscapes', organized by Sakshi Gallery at Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai

1986 Grey Art Gallery, New York

Participations

2011 'Ethos V: Indian Art Through the Lens of History (1900 to 1980), Indigo Blue Art, Singapore

2011 'Roots in the Air, Branches Below: Modern & Contemporary Art from India', San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose

2011 'Time Unfolded', Kiran Nadar Museum of Art (KNMA), New Delhi

2010 'Master's Corner', organized by Indian Contemporary Art Journal at Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai; India International Art Fair, New Delhi

2010 'Contemporary Printmaking In India', presented by Priyasri Art Gallery, Mumbai at Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai; Priyasri Art Gallery, Mumbai

2010 'National Printmaking Portfolio', Marvel Art Gallery, Ahmedabad

2010 'Roots', 25th Anniversary Exhibition of Sakshi Art Gallery, Mumbai at The Park, Chennai

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 'Moderns', Royal Cultural Centre, Amman, Jordan organized by Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi in collaboration with Embassy of India, Amman, Jordan

2008 'Harvest 2008', organized by Arushi Arts at The Stainless Gallery, New Delhi
2007-08 'From Everyday To The Imagined: Modern Indian Art', Singapore Art Museum, Singapore and at Museum of Art, Seoul National University, Seoul
2006-07 'Edge of Desire: Recent Art in India', National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), New Delhi and Mumbai
2006 'Cubism in Asia : Unbounded Dialogues', The Singapore Art Museum, Singapore
2005 'Cubism in Asia : Unbounded Dialogues', The National Museum of Contemporary Art, Korea
2005 'Cubism in Asia : Unbounded Dialogues', The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
2005 'Edge of Desire: Recent Art in India', Queen's Museum of Art, New York
2004 'Edge of Desire: Recent Art in India', Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth
2002 Art South Asia, Manchester
1998 'Tryst With Destiny: Art from Modern India 1947-97', Singapore
1996 'Chamatkara: Myth and Magic in Indian Art', Centre for International Modern Art (CIMA), Kolkata and London
1996 'Contemporary Indian Paintings', Sotheby's, New York
1995 'Seven Contemporary Indian Painters', Gallery le Monde de l'Art, Paris, France
1988 'Festival of India', Tokyo, Japan
1987 'Festival of India', Moscow, USSR
1987 Coup de Coeur, Geneva
1987 Kala Yatra, Bangalore, Karnataka
1986 'Indian Art from the Chester and Davida Herwitz Family Collection', Hood Museum, Hanover, Massachusetts
1984 Kala Yatra, Bangalore, Karnataka
1983 'Six Indian Artists', Tate Gallery and Royal Academy of Arts, London
1982 'India : Myth and Reality', Museum of Modern Art, Oxford, UK
1982 'Six Indian Artists', Tate Gallery, London
1982 'Contemporary Indian Art', Royal Academy of Arts, London
1980 'Asian Artist's Exhibition, Part II', Japan
1980 'Indian Art', Washington DC, USA
1980 'Indian Art Exhibition', Tokyo
1979 Sao Paulo Biennale, Brazil
1979 'Asian Artist's Exhibition, Part I', Japan

1976 Mention Biennale, France
1975 3rd International Triennale, New Delhi
1971 'Indian Art', Tehran, Iran
1968 1st International Triennale, New Delhi
1966 'Indian Art Exhibition', Ghent, Belgium
1965 'Art Now in India', Lanig Art Gallery, Newcastle
1965 Commonwealth Arts Festival, London
1965 'Ten Indian Artists', South East Asia
1964 'Ten Indian Artists', USA
1964 Exhibition of Textile Paintings, Mural, Woven Hangings, New York World Trade Fair, New York

1964 Tokyo Biennale, Japan

1961 Sao Paolo Biennale

1956 'Three Young Artists from Abroad', Hitchin, UK

1953 'Indian Art Exhibition', USA

Books

Text

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Bio: http://www.contemporaryindianart.com/k_g_subramanyam.htm

Overview: <http://www.itasveer.com/artsmart/articles/famous-works-by-famous-artists/figurative-paintings-by-k-g-subramanyan>

Report: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/vadodara/i-didnt-plan-to-be-90-i-dont-plan-to-be-100-K-G-Subramanyan/articleshow/29927533.cms>

Book Review: <http://indianexpress.com/article/news-archive/web/ramkinkars-people-live-again/>

Comment: <http://in.blouinartinfo.com/news/story/901416/artwork-of-the-week-war-of-the-relics-kg-subramanyan>

Overview: http://www.indianetzone.com/51/k_g_subramanyan.htm

Review: http://www.galerie88.in/nt/doc/CVSt_KG.pdf

Review: http://www.business-standard.com/article/beyond-business/the-order-of-chaos-114030100682_1.html

Review: http://www.telegraphindia.com/1140208/jsp/opinion/story_17910847.jsp

Review: <http://www.livemint.com/Leisure/3i2HeZDJ1DSB8cMVMuxfMK/Art--Walls-dont-lie.html>

Review: <http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report-kg-subramanyan-from-msu-with-love-1237186>

Review: <http://www.hindu.com/mag/2003/03/02/stories/2003030200130200.htm>

Review: <http://instantpublish.blogspot.in/2014/01/k-g-subramanyans-recent-works.html>

Overview: <http://instantpublish.blogspot.in/2014/01/k-g-subramanyans-recent-works.html>

Overview: <http://www.globalgujaratnews.in/article/age-no-bar-for-the-renaissance-man/>

Interview: http://www.artindiamag.com/quarter_02_02_14/UpAgainstAWall.html

Overview: <http://www.frontline.in/static/html/fl2009/stories/20030509000807900.htm>

Commentary: <http://www.financialexpress.com/news/kg-subramanyan-well-deserved-promotion/73379>

Overview: <http://artexpoindia.blogspot.in/2013/01/kg-subramanyans-art-and-life.html>

Excerpts (Book): <http://www.vedamsbooks.in/no34696/kg-subramanyan-sketches-scribbles-drawings>

Academic Essay: <http://www.theotherspaces.com/Papers/1/default.aspx>

Overview: <http://www.theotherspaces.com/Papers/1/default.aspx>

In Conversation: http://www.departmag.com/archive/3rd_issue/negotiating_modernism.html

Academic Essay: http://www.uky.edu/Centers/Asia/SECAAS/Seras/2007/17_Richardson_2007.pdf

Ode: <http://artanddeal.in/cms/?p=2607>

Report: <http://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/chennai/article1410417.ece#.UyuK6aiSzws>

In Conversation: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/opinion/interviews/Indian-artists-are-no-longer-celebrating-things/articleshow/5400383.cms>

Videos

Lecture <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DDgi7WStJw>

In Conversation http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLy_mK0fKi4

Award ceremony <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OV4F4sUV7xE>

Dialogue series http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCme_4VIQWE

Overview http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlrx_fQYalE

Awards

2012 Padma Vibhushan by the Government of India

2006 Padma Bhushan, Government of India

2005 Lifetime Achievement Award, Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata

2004 Lalit Kala Ratna Puraskar, Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee

2001 Gana Krishti Puraskar, Kerala

2001 Manaviyam Ravi Varma Award, Government of Kerala

2000 Jadunath Sarkar Gold Medal, Asiatic Society, Kolkata

2000 Abanindra Puraskar, Kolkata

1999 Kala Ratna, All India Fine Arts and Crafts Society (AIFACS), New Delhi

1997 D. Litt (Honoris Causa), Benaras Hindu University, Varanasi

1994 Shiromani Puraskar, Kolkata

1993 Conferred Fellowship, Kerala Lalit Kala Academy, Kerala

1992 D. Litt (Honoris Causa), Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata

1991 Gagan – Aban - Puraskar, Visvabharati, Santiniketan

1985 Fellow, Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi
1980 Kalidas Sanman
1977-78 Visiting Fellow, Kala Bhavan, Visvabharati, Santiniketan
1975 Padma Shri, Government of India
1968 Gold Medal, First International Triennale, New Delhi
1966 Fellowship, J. D. Rockefeller III Fund, USA
1965 National Award for 'Studio', Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi
1961 Maharashtra State Award
1961 Medallion of Honorable Mention, Sao Paulo Biennale, Brazil
1959 Bombay Art Society, Mumbai
1957 Governor's Prize, Bombay Art Society, Mumbai
1955-56 British Council Research Scholarship to Slade School of Art, UK