

Manish Nai

Indian Contemporary Artist

Born 1980, Gujarat

Lives and works in Mumbai

Manish Nai is a contemporary Indian Artist. He is primarily known for his abstract arts and installations made out of spare materials found in our daily lives such as used clothes, cartons, newspapers, sponge, aluminum sheets etc. A winner of several international awards, Nai also specializes in jute (burlap) as a medium, which makes him unique among his contemporaries. Ironically the year he graduated his father lost his jute business. He now lives and owns three workshops in Borivali, Mumbai.

Education

2000 Diploma in Drawing and Painting, L.S. Raheja School of Art, Mumbai

Highest Price USD \$20,000 - 30,000

Selected Exhibitions

Solo

2013 Art Basel, Hong Kong	http://in.blouinartinfo.com/news/story/907088/artwork-of-the-week-manish-nais-newspaper-wall-at-art-basel-in
2012 "COMPACT," Galerie Gebr. Lehmann, Berlin, Germany	http://www.galerie-gebr-lehmann.de/exhibitions/compact/
2010 "Extramural," Galerie Mirchandani + Steinruecke, Mumbai	http://www.galeriems.com/exhibitions_2010_manish_nai.html
2009 "Manish Nai – New Works," Galerie Karsten Greve, Cologne, Germany	http://www.dnaindia.com/analysis/report-abstract-expressionist-goes-to-cologne-1247865
2007 "Minimal Structures," Galerie Mirchandani + Steinruecke, Mumbai	http://www.galeriems.com/artist-exhibitions.php?e=19

Group

2014 Galerie Karsten Greve, St. Moritz, Switzerland	http://www.stmoritzartmasters.com/walk-of-art/artists-2014/manish-nai.html
2014 "Midnight's Grandchildren," Studio X, Mumbai	http://www.artsome.co/FeedTitle-Group show Midnight%27s Grandchildren runs

	through August 30 at Studio X Mumbai India
2013 “The Material Point: Reconsidering the Medium on the (Post)modern Moment,” Gallery OED, Kochi	https://theroutes.wordpress.com/2014/05/15/the-material-point-reconsidering-the-medium-in-the-postmodern-moment-from-20-july-19-august-2013-at-gallery-oed-cochin/
2012 “The Indian Parallax or the Doubling of Happiness,” Birla Academy of Art & Culture, Kolkata	http://www.birlaart.com/viewexhibition.php?exhibitid=66
2009 “PANORAMA: INDIA,” ARCO, Madrid	http://www.artslant.com/ew/articles/show/4059

Awards

2005 Pollock-Krasner Foundation Award, New York

2001 Nokia Arts Awards - Asia Pacific

2000 Best Watercolour Painting Award, Bombay Art Society

Text

Overview Geometry in Jute, Deepika Sorabjee, LiveMint, April 2013	http://www.livemint.com/Leisure/7i9pH4UxWQINMNVjs3qdKJ/Manish-Nai--Geometry-in-jute.html
Interview Manish Nai on What He Did Before Practicing Art Full-Time, Rosalyn D'Mello, Blouinartinfo, July 2013	http://in.blouinartinfo.com/news/story/931757/manish-nai-on-what-he-did-before-practicing-art-full-time#sthash.SQ0ae5L.dpuf
Interview ‘It Was My Father’s Ending But My Beginning,’ Aradhna Wal, Tehelka, March 2012	http://www.tehelka.com/it-was-my-fathers-ending-but-my-beginning/
Review Creating Ripples, Gaurav Rajkhwa, India Today, November 2005	
Overview Artwork of the Week: Manish Nai’s Newspaper Wall at Art Basel in HK, Rosalyn D'Mello, Blouinartinfo, May 2013	http://in.blouinartinfo.com/news/story/907088/artwork-of-the-week-manish-nais-newspaper-wall-at-art-basel-in

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Video

Artist Talk St. Moritz Art Masters, St. Moritz, Switzerland, August 2014	https://youtu.be/LXr1n66hJwY
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Selected Images

1. Manish Nai, *Untitled*, 2014, newspaper, 67 x 46 x 5"
2. Manish Nai, *Untitled*, 2012, used clothes, 7.4 X 7.4 X 7.4"
3. Manish Nai, *Untitled*, 2011, jute yarn, newspaper, printed carton, 7.5 x 7.5 x 7.5"
4. Manish Nai, *Untitled*, 2011, sponge
5. Manish Nai, *Untitled*, 2014, used clothes, 180.3 x 7.6 x 7.6 cm (each)
6. Manish Nai, *Untitled*, 2014, dyed jute
7. Manish Nai, *Untitled*, 2007, jute
8. Manish Nai, *Artist & Billboards III*, 2014, Lucia Pigment on Hahnemuehle paper
9. Manish Nai, *Untitled*, 2012, dyed burlap
10. Manish Nai, *Untitled*, 2012, newspaper
11. Manish Nai, *Untitled*, 2012, printed carton.jpg
12. Manish Nai, *Untitled*, 2012, burlap
13. Manish Nai, *Untitled*, 2012, used clothes
14. Manish Nai, *Site-specific painting*, 2010, gouache on plaster, 58.9 x 82"
15. Manish Nai, *Untitled*, 2012, newspaper
16. Manish Nai, *Untitled*, 2008, jute collage over gateway tracing paper and jute cloth
17. Manish Nai, *Untitled*, 2013, newspaper, glue, two types of wood
18. Manish Nai, *Composition II*, 2014, drawing and watercolor on paper, lucia pigment on hahnemuehle paper, 82 x 119.3"
19. Manish Nai, *Untitled*, 2014, drawing and watercolor on paper, lucia pigment on hahnemuehle paper, 36 x 34.5"

20. **Manish Nai, *Untitled*, 2013**, dyed jute, 69 x 48 x 4"
21. **Manish Nai, *Untitled*, 2013**, concrete, 7.5 x 7.5 x 7.5"
22. **Manish Nai, *Untitled II*, 2010**, natural and dyed jute, gateway paper and paint on canvas, 60.6 x 87"
23. **Manish Nai, *Untitled III*, 2010**, natural and dyed jute, gateway paper and paint on canvas, 61.8 x 81.8"
24. **Manish Nai, *Untitled I*, 2010**, acrylic and ink stippling on archival paper, 21.6 x 29.5 inches