

Quddus Mirza

Pakistani Contemporary Artist

Born 1961, Lahore, Pakistan

Lives and Works in Lahore

Quddus Mirza is a well-known art critic as well as painter based in Pakistan. He has written extensively about art in Pakistan in several national and international publications. His paintings are known for their complex themes that transcend the barriers of the medium and appeals to different senses by hinting at multiple interpretations. In his long career, he has also curated several national as well as international exhibitions and has explored the link between the arts in the orient and the occident. He currently teaches in the Fine Arts Department at his alma mater, National College of Arts, Lahore.

Education

1991 Post Graduate, Royal College of Arts, London

1986 Bachelors Degree, National College of Arts, Lahore

Selected Exhibitions

Solo

2008 Canvas Gallery, Karachi	http://www.canvasartgallery.net/xhtml/exhibitions/previous_exhibitions/2008/6_quddus_mirza/
2001 Canvas Gallery, Karachi	
1995 American Center, Lahore	
1994 Rebecca Hossack Gallery, London	
1992 Mina Renton Gallery, London	
1992 The Academy, Soho, London	
1991 Rohtas Gallery, Islamabad	

Group Shows

2013 "Crossing Over", Latitude 28, New Delhi	http://www.latitude28.com/index.php/artists/exhibitiondetail/171
2009 "Different Drummer", IVSAA Galllery, Karachi	http://www.dawn.com/news/488163/a-rare-treat
2007 "Friends of Rohtas", Rohtas 2, Lahore	http://www.aaa.org.hk/WorldEvents/Details/9262
2007 "Moving Ahead", National Art	'

Gallery, Islamabad	
2000 "Pakistan: Another Vision" , Brunei Gallery, London	https://www.soas.ac.uk/gallery/anothervision/
1995 "Concordances" , Art-Deco Gallery, Avignon, France	
1992 "Contemporary Paintings from Pakistan" , Pacific Asia Museum, Los Angeles	
1990 "RCA Show" , Galerie Zur Alten Deutschen Schule, Thun, Switzerland	

Awards

1992 Punjab Artists Association Award

1991 MacLennan Painting Prize, RCA

1990 Royal College of Art award for Studio Cite Internationale des Arts, Paris

1989 British Council Award for post graduate studies. 2001 Noki Arts Awards - Asia Pacific

Text

Overview A painter that brushed away dictatorship, Jamal Shahid, Dawn, September 2012	http://www.dawn.com/news/747259/a-painter-that-brushed-away-dictatorship
Interview "Mediocrity is accepted everywhere in Pakistan so why not in Art?" questions Quddus Mirza, Fareeha Qayoom, TKFR, 2006	http://www.tkfr.com/?p=57
Review Colour, vitality, being, Sana Ghias Habib, The News on Sunday, 2008	http://jang.com.pk/thenews/apr2008-weekly/nos-27-04-2008/enc.htm#2
Opinion Bonbon takes on Quddus Mirza-the LLF art talk fiasco, The s.a. Project, March 2013	https://thesaproject.wordpress.com/2013/03/25/bonbon-takes-on-quddus-mirza-the-llf-art-talk-fiasco/

Video

Artist Talk Quddus Mirza: Art and Other Ideas, ArtNow Pakistan, Lahore, October 2013	https://vimeo.com/76584582
Artist Talk Quddus Mirza: TEDxFCCollege, Lahore, 2013	https://vimeo.com/85587109

Selected Images

1. Quddus Mirza, *Ascent of a Man*, 1994, acrylic on canvas
2. Quddus Mirza, *Man Sitting on a Ricksaw*, 1992, acrylic on paper
3. Quddus Mirza, *Untitled*, 1992, acrylic on board
4. Quddus Mirza, *In praise of red*, 2010, mix medium on board
5. Quddus Mirza, *In praise of red*, 2010, mix medium on board
6. Quddus Mirza, *Girl Holding a Flower*, 2004, oil on canvas
7. Quddus Mirza, *The Family 2*, 2004, oil on canvas
8. Quddus Mirza, *Untitled*, 2003, oil on canvas
9. Quddus Mirza, *The Art of Destruction*, 2007, oil on canvas
10. Quddus Mirza, *Now you See, Now you Don't*, 2009, oil on canvas
11. Quddus Mirza, *Knife Painting*, 2007, Paper
12. Quddus Mirza, *Love Painting*, 2007, Paper
13. Quddus Mirza, 2004, oil on canvas
14. Quddus Mirza, 2006, acrylic on canvas
15. Quddus Mirza, 2005, oil on canvas
16. Quddus Mirza, 2005, acrylic on paper
17. Quddus Mirza, 2008, oil on canvas
18. Quddus Mirza, 2008, acrylic on canvas
19. Quddus Mirza, 2009, oil on canvas
20. Quddus Mirza, 2010, oil on canvas