Raja Ravi Verma

Biography:

1. **Country:** India.

2. **Dates:** Born April 29, 1848
   Died: October 2, 1906

3. **Lived and worked:** Kilimanoor, Travancore, Kerala

4. **Education:** 1868 Learnt the Oil Painting Technique from European Painter, Theodre Jensen, And Alagiri Naidu, a court Painter of Swati Tiruna, Maharaja of Travancore
   1862 Self-taught and received first painting lessons from his uncle Raja Raja Varma

5. **Medium and Technique:** Sculpture using range of materials (fiberglass, wax, gold)

**Few Lines:** Raja Ravi Verma founder of oil painting in India. He had introduced a western style to Indian paintings, that's why he has a influential and important role in Indian Art. His works mainly revolve around the great epics of Mahabharata and Ramayana. He owns his success to a systematic training, first in traditional art of Thanjavore and later in European art.

**Exhibitions**

2011 'Ethos V: Indian Art...

**Selected Posthumous Exhibitions**

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

2011 'Manifestations VI', Delhi Art Gallery, New Delhi

2003 'Manifestations', Delhi Art Gallery, New Delhi and World Trade Centre, Mumbai

1993 Exhibition of Paintings, Drawings and Oleographs at Sri Chitra Art Gallery, Trivandrum; National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), National Museum, New Delhi

**Selected Exhibitions**

1903 Lalit Kala Sangam, Chennai

1899 Baroda Puranic Commission Exhibition, Baroda & Mumbai
1893 Worlds Colombian Exhibition, Chicago
1889 Inaugural Exhibition, Bombay Art Society, Mumbai
1880 Exhibition at Poona
1873-74,76 Fine Arts Society, Chennai
1873 Vienna Exhibition, Austria

Awards
1904, Kaisar-i-Hind Gold Medal, 1904, Viceroy Lord Curzon, on behalf of the King Emperor
1993, Raja Ravi Varma Puraskaram, by the Government of Kerala,
Raja Ravi Varma High School at Kilimanoor, in his honour at Mavelikara, Kerala.

Text :
NEWS AND FEATURES: A rare opportunity to view Raja Ravi Varma's mythological iconography and royal portraiture
NEWS AND FEATURES: Reinterpreting a legend
NEWS AND FEATURES: An exhibition to mark the year of the death centenary of Ravi Varma
NEWS AND FEATURES: A premium collection of Ravi Varma oleographs
NEWS AND FEATURES: A documentary on legendary painter Raja Ravi Varma
Saffron art blog: Raja Ravi Varma’s Legacy, posted on July 1, 2013 by josheenoberoi

Q&A: 'Raja Ravi Varma is a metaphor for artistic freedom', Oct 24, 2008, 12.00am IST
Article: Portrait by Raja Ravi Varma to be auctioned in Mumbai Bella Jaisinghani, TNN Aug 30, 2013, 06.08PM IST
Article: Tribute to Raja Ravi Varma Ambika Nagaraj, TNN Jan 13, 2011, 11.22pm IST
Article: Memorial to honour Raja Ravi Varma TNN Apr 30, 2012, 04.31AM IST

Article: The Raja Behind Raja Ravi Varma: Wed Jan 16 2013, 03:56 hrs
Article: Raja Ravi Verma by Purnima Varman

Article: Raja Ravi Varma: The painter who made the gods human by Nanak Ganguly
June 26, 2013, 4:00 am 6 Comments
Review: How Raja Ravi Varma Changed Indian Illustrated Art-india ink, notes on the world’s largest democracy By AAYUSH SONI
Article: Raja Ravi Varma revisited SHILPA NAIR ANAND, MUTUAL ART
Article: How to tell a real Raja Ravi Varma, Mutual Art
Article: Portrait of an artist, Mutual Art
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Book review: Art of brotherhood 'Raja Ravi Varma: Portrait of an Artist'
How to tell a real Raja Ravi Varma, Hindu  March 1, 2012 01:15 IST
Going back in time with Raja Ravi Varma Thursday, Mar 11, 2010, 23:34 IST | Place: Mumbai | Agency: DNA

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- Raja Ravi Varma and the Printed Gods of India, Erwin Neumayer & Christine Schelberger, New Delhi, Oxford University Press, 2003
- Divine Lithography, Enrico Castelli and Giovanni Aprile, New Delhi, Il Tamburo Parlante Documentation Centre and Ethnographic Museum, 2005
- Raja Ravi Varma:Raja Ravi Varma:E.M Joseph Venniyur,former director of AIR
His dramatic depiction of mythological characters and incidents stood out the most, and influenced cinema and calendar art.

Raja Ravi Varma is known to have developed a style that depicted the iconography of the Indian Gods and Goddesses and the mythical elements associated with them. In addition, he translated this iconographic style to the portraits of several Indian royal families around the turn of the century.


Today, he seems relevant to me not just as a great artist - whose works indicate the beginning of modernity in Indian art as he consciously merged the eastern and western techniques of art - but also as a metaphor for creative freedom itself.


He painted beautiful fabrics and materials with striking colour contrasts. Together he brought about an Indian renaissance of his own.

http://www.mocomi.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Mocomi_TheZone_ArtCart_Art_RajaRaviVarma_01.pdf

The artist also transformed the simplest vignettes from life into masterpieces of breath-taking beauty. Raja Ravi Varma’s works are considered a priceless treasure of immense historical value.


Raja Raja was that most extraordinary of companions, intelligent and keenly aware of his brother's artistic needs, since he was a prize winning painter of landscapes himself and yet completely subservient to the greater talent before him. He was not just his brother’s left hand, but his eyes and ears as well.

Videos:

Work Videos:

Creative Painting Video - Raja Ravi Varma Paintings
MOHINI --- PAINTINGS BY RAJA RAVI VARMA
RAJA RAVI VARMA-PAINTINGS
Raja Ravi Varma (30 mint long)
Painting Lady with Mirror Raja Ravi Varma Indian painter
Usha’s Dream, Painting, Raja Ravi Varma, India
Painting Reverie Raja Ravi Varma Indian painter
Raja Ravi Varma-A Great World Famous Amazing Painter-Oil Paintings of Raja Ravi Varma
Raja Ravi Varma-A Great World Famous Amazing Painter-Oil Paintings of Raja Ravi Varma
Ravi Varma Promo Video 2.0.mp4
H. B. Grig Esq. MA. CIE by Raja Ravi Varma
Painting Yashoda and Krishna Raja Ravi Varma Indian painter
Ammalampuru of Mavelikkara by Raja Ravi Varma
Silai Maharaj, Oil Painting, Raja Ravi Varma, India
Kerala Royal Lady, Painting, Raja Ravi Varma, India
Hamsa Damayanti painting by Raja Ravi Varma
Oleograph A Lady on the swing Raja Ravi Varma Indian painter
Swordsman, a painting by Raja Ravi Varma
Painting Lady in Moonlight Raja Ravi Varma Indian painter
Sleeping Beauty of Urvasi by Raja Ravi Varma
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Oleograph Vasantsena Raja Ravi Varma Indian painter
H. H. Swathi Thirunal by Raja Ravi Varma
Maharana Pratap, a painting by Raja Ravi Varma
Vishwamitra and Menaka by Raja Ravi Varma
Raja Ravi Varma Paintings
Udaipur Palace by Raja Ravi Varma
Village Damsel, Painting, Raja Ravi Varma, India
A Retired Soldier by Raja Ravi Varma, Indian Painter
Mysore Khedda by Raja Ravi Varma
Rajput Soldier , a painting by Raja Ravi Varma
Raja Ravi Varma Paintings, Lithographic Printing Press ( Near Lonav
Raja Ravi Varma Paintings (10:30 mints long)

collective videos:
http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=videos+on+raja+ravi+verma+
http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=videos+on+raja+ravi+verma&page=2
http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=videos+on+raja+ravi+verma&page=3
Some of the famous paintings of Raja Ravi Varma are:

Lady Lost in Thought

Damayanti Talking to a Swan

The Orchestra

Arjuna and Subhadra

Lady with Fruit

The Heartbroken

Swarbat Player

Shakuntala

Lord Krishna as Ambassador

Jatayu, a bird devotee of Lord Rama is mauled by Rawana

Victory of Meghanada

A Family of Beggars

A Lady Playing Swarbat

Lady Giving Alms at the Temple

Lord Rama Conquers Varuna

Romancing Couple

Draupadi Dreading to Meet Kichaka
Shantanu and Matsyagandha

Shakuntala Composing a Love Letter to King Dushyanta

Girl in Sage Kanwa's Hermitage

Raja Ravi Varma died on October 2, 1906.