

Riyas Komu

1971 **Born in Kerala**

EDUCATION

1999 Master of Fine Arts (Painting), Sir J. J. School of Arts, Mumbai
1997 Bachelor of Fine Arts (Painting), Sir J. J. School of Arts, Mumbai

MUSEUM SHOWS

- 2012** *Critical Mass: Contemporary Art from India*, curated by Tami Katz-Freiman and Rotem Ruff, Tel Aviv Museum of Art, Israel
- 2011-12 *India: Lado a Lado / Arte Contemporânea Indiana* (India: Side by Side / Indian Contemporary Art)', part of the Exhibition 'ÍNDIA!' presented by Brazilian Ministry of Culture and Banco do Brasil at Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, Rio de Janeiro; Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, São Paulo; SESC Belenzinho, São Paulo and Centro Cultural Banco do Brasil, Brasília.
- 2011 *Shadow Lines* curated by Alia Swastika (Indonesia) and Suman Gopinath (India) at Jogja Biennale, Indonesia.
- 2011 *Paris-Delhi-Bombay*, Centre Pompidou, Paris
- 2011 *Crossroads India Escalate*, Prague Biennale5
- 2011 *Concurrent India*, Helsinki Art Museum Tennis Palace, Finland
- 2010 *India Awakens: Under the Banyan Tree*, Essl Museum, Austria
- 2010 *Finding India, Art for the New Century*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Taipei
- 2010 *Emerging Asian Artists*, as part of Art Gwangju 2010, KDJ Convention Center, Gwangju
- 2010 *On the Road to the Next Milestone*, part of the Exhibition 'Indian Highway', at Herning Museum of Contemporary Art (HEART), Herning
- 2009 *India Contemporary*, GEM, Museum of Contemporary Art, Hague
- 2008 *Everything 2008: 12 Artists from India*, Willem Baars Projects, Amsterdam
- 2007-08 *Indian Art at the Swarovski 'Crystal World*, 1st Exhibition, Tirol – Österreich, Austria
- 2007-08 *India Now: Contemporary Indian Art Between Continuity and Transformation*, Provincia di Milano, Milan, Italy
- 2009 *India Xianzai: Contemporary Indian Art*, Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), Shanghai
- 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
- 2007 Participant at Venice Biennale, curated by Robert Storr

ART FAIRS

- 2012** *To Let the World In: Narrative and Beyond in Contemporary Indian Art*, as part of Art Chennai, Edition II at Lalit Kala Regional Centre, Chennai
- 2012 *Art HK*, The Guild
- 2012 *VIP Art Fair*, The Guild
- 2012** *India Art Fair, New Delhi, The Guild, Mumbai*
- 2011** *Art Dubai, Dubai, The Guild, Mumbai*

- 2011 *India Art Summit*, New Delhi, The Guild, Mumbai
- 2011 *Art Stage Singapore*, Singapore, The Guild, Mumbai
- 2010 *Art Taipei 2010*, The Guild, Mumbai
- 2009 Participated in the India Special Exhibition at *KIAF 09*, Seoul, South Korea.
- 2009 *Arte Fiera 2009*, Bologna, The Guild, Mumbai
- 2009 *ARCOMadrid*, Spain, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai
- 2009 Participated in *Purple Wall Project* curated by Gayatri Sinha at India Art Summit, New Delhi, India.
- 2008 *Art Paris*, 1x1 Art Gallery, Abu Dhabi
- 2008 *Pulse Miami*, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai
- 2008 *SHContemporary*, Shanghai represented by The Guild, Mumbai
- 2008 *Art Beijing 2008*, by Bodhi Art, Mumbai
- 2008 *CIGE 2008*, Beijing, The Guild, Mumbai

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2012 *Condition*, Kashi Art Gallery, Kochi
- 2010-11 *Oil's Well, Let's Play!*, Fondazione Arnaldo Pomodoro, Milan
- 2010 *Subrato to Cesar*, Gallery Maskara, Mumbai in association with The Guild, Mumbai
- 2010 *Safe to Light*, Azad Art Gallery, Tehran
- 2008 *Related List*, Bodhi Art, Berlin
- 2008 *Mark Him (Second Half)*, Galerie 88, Kolkata
- 2007 *Mark Him*, The Guild, Mumbai
- 2006 *Systematic Citizen*, Palette Art Gallery, New Delhi
- 2006 *Faith Accompli*, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai
- 2005 *Grass*, Photography Show, Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai
- 2005 Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai
- 2005 *The Third Day*, Rabindra Bhavan, Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi presented by Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai
- 2003 *Sarasu*, Photography Show on Raja Ravi Verma Press, Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai
- 2002-03 *Ambulance*, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai and Renaissance Art Gallery, Bangalore

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2012 Alone| Together Aicon Gallery New york

- 2011 *Pause: A Collection*, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai
- 2011 *High-Light*, presented by Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai at The Oberoi, Gurgaon
- 2011 *Palimpsest*, Aicon Gallery, New York
- 2011 *Tolstoy Farm: Archive of Utopia*, presented by Seven Art Gallery at Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi
- 2011 *Myth - Reality: Constructing Cult-ure*, The Guild, Mumbai
- 2011 *Of Gods and Goddesses, Cinema, Cricket: The New Cultural Icons of India*, Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai
- 2010 *Inside India, A journey through contemporary Indian Art*, curated by Marco Marrone and Margherita Artoni, Palazzo Saluzzo Paesana, Via della Consolata 1 bis – Turin in collaboration with Luce Gallery
- 2010 *Midnight's Children*, Studio La Citta, Italy
- 2010 *Looking Glass, The Existence of difference*, curated by Gayatri Sinha, Religare Arts Initiative Ltd., New Delhi
- 2010 *Indian (Sub)Way*, curated by Yashodhara Dalmia, Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi; Grosvenor Vadehra, London
- 2010 *Third Dimension*, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai
- 2010 *A. SYCO*, The Viewing Room, Mumbai
- 2010 *By George*, presented by Cherry Art Foundation at Alliance Francaise de Delhi, New Delhi
- 2010 1x1 Art Gallery, Dubai
- 2010 *Contested Space- Incursions*, Seven Art Limited, New Delhi
- 2009-10 *Sculpture*, The Guild, Mumbai
- 2009 *The Dark Science of Five Continents*, curated by Shaheen Merali, Gallery BMB,

Mumbai

- 2009 *Indian Summer*, Galerie Christian Hosp, Berlin
- 2009 *Multitudes*, Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan, Bangalore in collaboration with Zen Studio Gallery and Artflute.com
- 2009 *In The Mood For Paper*, F2 Gallery, Beijing
- 2009 *Zip Files*, Tao Art Gallery, Mumbai
- 2009 *Inaugural Show*, Sakshi Gallery, Taipei
- 2009 *Shifting Shapes, Unstable Signs*, Yale School of Art, Connecticut, USA
- 2009 *Bapu*, presented by Saffronart in association with Berkeley Square Gallery, London
- 2008-09 *Signs Taken for Wonders: Recent Art from India and Pakistan*, Aicon Gallery, London
- 2008-09 *Hot Shots*, The Viewing Room, Mumbai
- 2008 *Uncovered*, Sans Tache Art Gallery, Mumbai
- 2008 *November*, 1x1 Contemporary, Al Quoz, Dubai
- 2008 *Six Degree of Separation Chaos, Congruence and Collaboration in South Asi'*, presented by KHOJ International Artists' Association and the Anant Art Gallery, New Delhi at Anant Art Gallery, New Delhi on the eve of 10 Years of KHOJ
- 2008 *Urgent Conversations*, Visual Art Gallery, India Habitat Centre and Art Alive Gallery, New Delhi
- 2008 *Everywhere Is War (and Rumors of War)*, Bodhi Art, Mumbai
- 2008 *Link*, Sakshi Art Gallery, Mumbai
- 2008 *Frontlines: Notations from the Contemporary Indian Urban*, BodhiBerlin, Berlin
- 2008 *Shifting Terrains: Altered Realities*, The Shrine Gallery, New Delhi
- 2008 *India Crossing*, Studio La Citta, Verona
- 2008 *Affair*, 1x1 Art Gallery, Dubai
- 2007-08 *Face East*, Contemporary Asian Portraiture, Wedel Fine Art, London
- 2007-08 *Similarities*, Lansdowne Gallery, Mumbai
- 2007 *India Tim'*, Galleria Paolo Curti / Annamaria Gambuzzi, Milan, Italy
- 2007 Christian Hosp, Austria
- 2007 *New Wave: Contemporary Art form Indi'*, Aicon Gallery, London
- 2007 *Frame / Grid / Room / Cell*, Bodhi Art, Mumbai
- 2007 *Young Guns*, Institute of Contemporary Indian Art (ICIA), Mumbai
- 2007 *Photographs*, Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai
- 2007 *I Fear, I Believe, I Desire*, Gallery Espace, New Delhi
- 2006 *Bronze*, Sculpture Show, Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi
- 2006 *Drawing Show an Act of Art II*, Priyasri Art Gallery, Mumbai
- 2006 *Art on the Beach, Made by Indians*, St Tropez, Gallery Enrico Navarra, Paris
- 2006 *On Difference # 2*, represented Korea, Wurt, Kunstverein Stuttgart, Germany
- 2006 *Markers*, Bodhi Art Gallery, Mumbai
- 2006 *Red Earth and the Pouring Rain*, Lanxess ABS Gallery, Baroda
- 2006 *Strangeness*, Ananat Art Gallery, Kolkata
- 2006 *Tangibles*, Priyasri Art Gallery, Mumbai
- 2005 *Kaam*, Arts India Gallery, New York and Palo Alto
- 2005 *Span*, Sakshi Art Gallery, Mumbai
- 2005 *Endless Terrain*, Rabindra Bhavan, Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi
- 2005 *Double Enders*, Mumbai, New Delhi, Bangalore, Kochi
- 2005 *Present Future*, National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Mumbai
- 2005 *Configurations*, Ananat Art Gallery, New Delhi
- 2005 *Are We Like This Only*, Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi
- 2005 *Whose Space Is It Anyway*, Gallery Espace, New Delhi
- 2005 *Mannat Jali*, Marine Drive, Mumbai
- 2005 *Public Art Project*, Gallery Chemould, Mumbai
- 2004 V. M. Art Gallery, Karachi
- 2004 *Anticipations*, Museum Gallery, Mumbai
- 2004 *Bombay Boys*, Palette Gallery, New Delhi
- 2004 *A New Mediatic Realism*, Bayer ABS Gallery, Baroda
- 2004 *Generation I*, Saffronart Gallery, Mumbai
- 2004 *RED*, Palette Gallery, New Delhi

- 2004 *Mumbai x 17*, Kashi Art Gallery, Cochin
- 2003 *Crossing Generations : diVERGE, 40 Years of Gallery Chemould at National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Mumbai*
- 2003 *Highlights*, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai
- 2003 *2D / 3D*, Visual Art Centre, Hong Kong
- 2003 *Ideas and Images*, National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Mumbai
- 2003 *Art for Art / Switzerland Meets India*, Kala Ghoda Festival, Mumbai
- 2002 *Ways of Resisting 1992-2002*, Sahmat, Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi
- 2002 *Words and Images, organized by The Guild, National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Mumbai*
- 2002 *Creative Space*, Sakshi Gallery, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
- 2002 *Crosscurrents*, Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai
- 2002 *Debt*, The Guild, Mumbai
- 2002 *Tribute To Picasso*, The Guild, Mumbai
- 2001 *The Human Factor, Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai*
- 2001 *Engendering Images of Women*, The Guild, Mumbai
- 2001 *Excerpts from My Diary*, Fine Art Company, Mumbai
- 2000 *Mumbai Metaphor*, Tao Art gallery, Mumbai
- 2000 *Exile Longings*, Lakeeren Art Gallery, Mumbai
- 2000 *Memos of The New Millennium – Artists From The Molting World*, Birla of Art and Culture, Mumbai
- 2000 *Ideas and Images,(Video Installation), National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Mumbai*
- 1999 *Critics Choice, Ideas and Images, National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Mumbai*
- 1998 *He Used To Believe that EMS Planted Coconut Tree In Kerala, Installation, Sir J. J. School of Art, Mumbai*
- 1998 *Essays in Time – Kinetic Sculpture (Audio-Video Installation)*, Nehru Centre, Mumbai

SELECTED JOINT EXHIBITIONS

- 2012 *Alone / Together*, with G R Iranna at Aicon Gallery, New York
- 2007 *Other*, with Peter Drake at Aicon Gallery, London

PARTICIPATIONS

- 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 *Roots, 25th Anniversary Exhibition of Sakshi Art Gallery, Mumbai at The Park, Chennai*
- 2009 *Expressions at Tihar*, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi
- 2009 *Contemporary Exoticism*, Studio La Citta, Verona 2009 'Beyond Globalization', Beyond Art Space, Beijing
- 2009 *Pulse New York, presented by Aicon, New York*
- 2009 *Contemporary Art from India*, Palais Benedictine, Fecamp, France supported by Gallerie 88, Kolkata
- 2008 *Annual Show*, Triva Contemporary, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- 2008 *Harvest 2008*, organized by Arushi Arts at The Stainless Gallery, New Delhi
- 2007-08 *Kashi 10 Light Years – Anniversary Show*, Kashi Art Gallery, Kochi
- 2007 *Think With Senses – Feel With Mind*, La Biennale Di Venezia, 52nd International Art Exhibition, Italy
- 2007 *Presented by Willem Baars Projects at Art Amsterdam, Amsterdam*
- 2007 *On The Edge of Vision: New Idioms In Indian and Italian Contemporary Art*, organized by the Italian Cultural Institute in New Delhi in collaboration with the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), New Delhi at Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata and National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Mumbai and New Delhi
- 2007 *Annual Show*, Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai
- 2006 *Annual Show*, Viart, New Delhi

2005 *World Social Forum Show*, Brazil
2004-1999 *Harmony Show*, Mumbai

HONOURS AND AWARDS

2010 Kerala Lalit Kala Academy Fellowship for the year 2010
1996 **Hebbar Foundation Scholarship**
1996 **Bombay Art Society Award, Mumbai**
1995 Maharashtra State Award

Review

<http://www.saffronart.com/sitepages/ArticleDetails.aspx?Articleid=630&PageNo=1>

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<http://www.parkingallery.com/?p=647>

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<http://mumbaiboss.com/2010/06/14/ball-games-riyas-komu-at-gallery-maskara/>

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<http://www.livemint.com/Leisure/xl3ArLZhiVMK4hmKIdjT7N/The-artist8217s-impression-of-the-ball-game.html>

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<http://www.hindu.com/fr/2005/10/28/stories/2005102802140300.htm>

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<http://www.thehindu.com/features/friday-review/art/bold-brutal-beautiful/article3741940.ece>

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<http://www.khalidmohamed.com/culshades.html>

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<http://www.worldbiennialforum.org/participants/riyas-komu/>

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<http://www.heartmus.com/riyas-komu-3391.aspx>

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<http://www.sculpture-network.org/index.php?id=1060&L=1>

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<http://blog.art21.org/2009/12/22/political-football/>

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http://www.theartstrust.com/Magazine_article.aspx?articleid=266

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<http://www.timeoutmumbai.net/art/features/home-team>

[interview](#)

<http://culture360.org/magazine/the-kochi-muziris-biennale-interview-with-bose-krishnamachari-and-riyas-komu/>

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<http://www.livemint.com/Leisure/26pwHztLKYXL91hWKkcEdP/Soccer8217s-apprentice.html>

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<http://www.timeoutdubai.com/art/features/4338-riyas-komu#.UrL4ZqWGn1o>

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video.webindia123.com/p.../riyaskomu/index.htm

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<http://www.firstpost.com/india/three-month-kochi-biennale-to-be-a-boost-for-tourism-555663.html>

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www.youtube.com/watch?v=WC-f0nMy2sQ

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<http://www.openthemagazine.com/article/arts/a-world-away-from-venice>

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http://www.boston.com/ae/theater_arts/articles/2007/06/17/in_venice_sober_art_amid_the_spectacle/?page=full

review

<http://m.newindianexpress.com/magazine/231854>

review

http://www.saatchigallery.com/artists/tv_santosh_articles.htm

interview

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2012/20120116/edit.htm>

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<http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/features/brandline/kochis-big-date-with-art/article2848127.ece>

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<http://www.theglobalgame.com/blog/2007/12/mark-him-well-these-indian-footballers-struggle/>

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<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/photo-finished/698437/>