

## Sahej Rahal

Indian Contemporary Artist  
Born 1988, Mumbai  
Lives and works in Mumbai

Rahal's ceaselessly growing body of work is an expanding narrative that includes mythical beings from various worlds and engages them in banter with the present. Within the frame of this narrative, his characters perform absurd acts in seemingly normal parts of the city, tapping into their potential to transform them into sites of ritual.

### Education

**2011**BFA, Rachana Sansad Academy of Fine Arts & Crafts, Mumbai INDIA

**Represented by** Chatterjee and Lal, Mumbai, India

### Selected exhibiton

#### Solo

<b>2013</b> , FORERUNNER, Solo exhibition at Chatterjee & Lal, Mumbai, INDIA	<a href="http://chatterjeeandlal.com/artists/sahej-rah/">http://chatterjeeandlal.com/artists/sahej-rahal/</a>
<b>2011</b> , Hardboiled Wonderland, Solo exhibition at KUNST (ZEUG) HAUS, Rapperswil-Jona, SWITZERLAND	

#### Group

<b>2015</b> , The Foveal Experiment, Cinéma La Clef and L'Etna film lab, Paris, FRANCE	<a href="http://www.cjcinema.org/pages/seances.php?id_news=512">http://www.cjcinema.org/pages/seances.php?id_news=512</a>
<b>2014</b> , WHORLED EXPLORATIONS, KOCHI-MUZIRIS BIENNALE 2014, Kochi, INDIA	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuJNSiKvU10">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuJNSiKvU10</a>
<b>2014</b> , SPHERES 7, GALLERIA CONTINUA, Le Moulin, FRANCE	<a href="http://www.spheres-lemoulin.com/spip.php?rubrique91">http://www.spheres-lemoulin.com/spip.php?rubrique91</a>
<b>2014</b> , MISSING PAVILLION, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, INDIA	
<b>2014</b> , Vancouver Biennale 2014-15, Vancouver, CANADA	<a href="http://www.vancouverbiennale.com/resident-artists/pallavi-paul/">http://www.vancouverbiennale.com/resident-artists/pallavi-paul/</a>

<b>2014</b> , Where do I end and you begin, Edinburgh Art Festival 2014, Edinburgh, SCOTLAND	<a href="http://edinburghartfestival.com/2014/events/2014-08-20/#e496">http://edinburghartfestival.com/2014/events/2014-08-20/#e496</a>
<b>2014</b> , INDIA PLATFORM, Art Stage Singapore 2014, SINGAPORE	<a href="http://vernissage.tv/2014/01/17/india-platform-at-art-stage-singapore-2014/">http://vernissage.tv/2014/01/17/india-platform-at-art-stage-singapore-2014/</a>
<b>2014</b> , NEW GENERATIONS - Independent Indian Film Festival, Kino Orfeos Erben, Frankfurt, GERMANY	
<b>2014</b> , TENT Film Festival, Goethe Institute, Kolkata, INDIA	<a href="http://www.goethe.de/resources/files/pdf30/Schedule_Studio_21.pdf">http://www.goethe.de/resources/files/pdf30/Schedule_Studio_21.pdf</a>
<b>2014</b> , BRIGHT NOISE, Lalit Kala Academy, Chennai, INDIA	
<b>2014</b> , SACRED/SCARED, Latitude 28, New Delhi, INDIA	
<b>2014</b> , Translucent Video Art Festival, Sunaparanta Goa Center for Arts, Panjim, Goa, INDIA	<a href="http://www.sgcfa.org/whats-happening.php?id=255">http://www.sgcfa.org/whats-happening.php?id=255</a>
<b>2014</b> , Listen Up! Public Sound Art, Exhibit 320, New Delhi, INDIA	<a href="http://www.1after320.com/listen-up.html">http://www.1after320.com/listen-up.html</a>
<b>2013</b> , We Are Ours: A Collection of Manifestos for the Instant, KHOJ, New Delhi, and Clark House Initiative, Mumbai, INDIA	<a href="http://khojworkshop.org/programme/we-are-ours-a-collection-of-manifestos-for-the-instant-curated-by-himali-singh-soin/">http://khojworkshop.org/programme/we-are-ours-a-collection-of-manifestos-for-the-instant-curated-by-himali-singh-soin/</a>
<b>2013</b> , SPHERES 6, GALLERIA CONTINUA, Le Moulin, FRANCE	<a href="http://www.galleriacontinua.com/english/mostra.html?id_mostra=260">http://www.galleriacontinua.com/english/mostra.html?id_mostra=260</a>
<b>2013</b> , RESIDENCY OPEN STUDIOS, MACRO Museum Rome, ITALY	<a href="http://en.museomacro.org/mostre_ed_eventi/mostre/artisti_in_residenza_4_studio_shows">http://en.museomacro.org/mostre_ed_eventi/mostre/artisti_in_residenza_4_studio_shows</a>
<b>2013</b> , IMITATION/Recognition, 15th Mumbai Film Festival, Mumbai, INDIA	
<b>2013</b> , Take Me Elsewhere, Vanity Projects, Chelsea, NY	<a href="http://blog.saffronart.com/2013/10/22/take-me-elsewhere/">http://blog.saffronart.com/2013/10/22/take-me-elsewhere/</a>
<b>2013</b> , Hundred Years of Experimentation (1913-	<a href="http://in.blouinartinfo.com/news/story/921576/fil">http://in.blouinartinfo.com/news/story/921576/fil</a>

2013), Retrospective of Indian cinema and video at Films Division, Mumbai, INDIA	<a href="#">ms-division-to-screen-tribute-to-experimental-cinema</a>
<b>2013</b> , Duende, Rote Fabrik, Zurich, SWITZERLAND	<a href="http://www.rotfabrik.ch/en/sonstige/eventdetail.php?id=18653">http://www.rotfabrik.ch/en/sonstige/eventdetail.php?id=18653</a>
<b>2013</b> , The Arena, the Imagination and the Body, KHOJ Studios New Delhi, INDIA	<a href="http://khojworkshop.org/programme/the-arena-the-imagination-and-the-body/">http://khojworkshop.org/programme/the-arena-the-imagination-and-the-body/</a>
<b>2013</b> , Residencies Open Studio Weekend, GASWORKS, London, UK	<a href="http://www.gasworks.org.uk/residencies/detail.php?id=821">http://www.gasworks.org.uk/residencies/detail.php?id=821</a>
<b>2012</b> , Simple Tales III, Chatterjee & Lal, Mumbai, INDIA	<a href="http://sfaq.us/2014/03/artist-highlight-sahej-rahah/">http://sfaq.us/2014/03/artist-highlight-sahej-rahah/</a>
<b>2012</b> , fiVe, Chatterjee & Lal, Mumbai, INDIA	<a href="http://chatterjeeandlal.com/shows/five/">http://chatterjeeandlal.com/shows/five/</a>
<b>2011</b> , Project India, Group show at false ceiling gallery Mumbai, INDIA	
<b>2011</b> , Live Art 2011, National Gallery of Modern Art Bengaluru, INDIA	
<b>2011</b> , Maximalism, Lessing1 Artespace, Zurich, SWITZERLAND	
<b>2011</b> , Group Exhibition at Piramal Gallery, National Centre for Performing Arts, Mumbai, INDIA	

## AWARDS

**2014** Recipient of Forbes India Art Award 2014 for Best Debut Solo Show, New Delhi, India

**2014** Rolex Mentor Protégé Arts Initiative Finalist, Geneva, SW

**2013** Recipient of Zegnart Award in association with MACRO Museum, Rome ITALY and Bhau Daji Lad Museum, Mumbai, INDIA

**2012** Recipient of the INLAKS Fine Art Award 2012, Mumbai, INDIA

**2011** Recipient of the FUTUR Foundation fellowship, Zurich, SWITZERLAND

Gallery Show Solo	2
Gallery Show Group	6
Museum Show Solo	0
Museum Show Group	1
Countries exhibited in	10
Years in practice	4
International/national residencies	4
Awards	5
Publications	0
Museum/public collections	0
Auctions	1
Biennales	2
Special projects	1
Art Fairs	2

### Text

<b>Interview</b> , Indian artist Sahej Rahal on the Kochi-Muziris Biennale and finding inspiration in Mumbai, Medha Kulkarni, ArtRadar, 2015	<a href="http://artradarjournal.com/2015/01/09/indian-artist-sahej-rahall-on-the-kochi-muziris-biennale-and-finding-inspiration-in-mumbai-interview/">http://artradarjournal.com/2015/01/09/indian-artist-sahej-rahall-on-the-kochi-muziris-biennale-and-finding-inspiration-in-mumbai-interview/</a>
<b>Interview</b> , 'Bhramana II' – A Live Performance by Sahej Rahal, Manjarisihare, SaffronArt Blog, 2012	<a href="http://blog.saffronart.com/2012/08/07/bhramana-ii-a-live-performance-by-sahej-rahall/">http://blog.saffronart.com/2012/08/07/bhramana-ii-a-live-performance-by-sahej-rahall/</a>
<b>Article</b> , Sahej Rahal, ArtForum, Zeenat Nagree, 2013	<a href="http://artforum.com/index.php?pn=picks&amp;id=42675&amp;view=print">http://artforum.com/index.php?pn=picks&amp;id=42675&amp;view=print</a>
<b>Interview</b> , Beauty with a Measure of Awkwardness: A Conversation with Sahej Rahal, Sculpture Magazine, Rajesh Punj, 2015	<a href="http://sculpture.org/documents/scmag15/mar_15/fullfeature.shtml">http://sculpture.org/documents/scmag15/mar_15/fullfeature.shtml</a>
<b>Review</b> , Objects of Desire, Indian Express, Vandana Kalra, 2014	<a href="http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/objects-of-desire/">http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/objects-of-desire/</a>
<b>Feature</b> , Forgotten ruins and fantastical creatures, Indian Express, Zaira Arlsan, 2013	<a href="http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/forgotten-ruins-and-fantastical-creatures/">http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/forgotten-ruins-and-fantastical-creatures/</a>
<b>Article</b> , The bluffer's guide to performance art, GQ, Kishore Singh, 2013	<a href="http://www.gqindia.com/get-smart/pop-culture/bluffer%E2%80%99s-guide-performance-art">http://www.gqindia.com/get-smart/pop-culture/bluffer%E2%80%99s-guide-performance-art</a>

<b>Article</b> , The first Forbes India Art Awards, Forbes India, 2013	<a href="http://forbesindia.com/article/special/the-first-forbes-india-art-awards/37047/1">http://forbesindia.com/article/special/the-first-forbes-india-art-awards/37047/1</a>
<b>Feature</b> , Mythical warrior to prowl Dhobi Talao Subway, Soma Das, Mid-Day, 2012	<a href="http://www.mid-day.com/articles/mythical-warrior-to-prowl-dhobi-talao-subway/173464">http://www.mid-day.com/articles/mythical-warrior-to-prowl-dhobi-talao-subway/173464</a>
<b>Review</b> , Artists' Debut In Cinemas, Kevin Lobo, Indian Express, 2013	<a href="http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/artists-debut-in-cinemas/">http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/artists-debut-in-cinemas/</a>
<b>Feature</b> , Walk The Art, Sankhayan Ghosh, 2012	<a href="http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/walk-the-art/">http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/walk-the-art/</a>
<b>Article</b> , Artist to create biennale exhibit based on Kochi's layers of history, The Hindu, 2014	<a href="http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-kerala/artist-to-create-biennale-exhibit-based-on-kochis-layers-of-history/article5935797.ece">http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-kerala/artist-to-create-biennale-exhibit-based-on-kochis-layers-of-history/article5935797.ece</a>
<b>Feature</b> , Kochi-Muziris Biennale: Seven artists you must see at Kochi, Sharmistha Ray, Livemint 2014	<a href="http://www.livemint.com/Leisure/ZHoR9TriwRPuHE9Mt4L7YN/KochiMuziris-Biennale-Seven-artists-you-must-see-at-Kochi.html">http://www.livemint.com/Leisure/ZHoR9TriwRPuHE9Mt4L7YN/KochiMuziris-Biennale-Seven-artists-you-must-see-at-Kochi.html</a>

## Videos

<b>Interview</b> , Artist Interview: Sahej Rahal   Kochi-Muziris Biennale 2014, Kochi, INDIA	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuJNSiKvU10">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuJNSiKvU10</a>
<b>Interview</b> , Visual Disobedience, Mumbai, India	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fsm1ojMdyDQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fsm1ojMdyDQ</a>
<b>Work</b> , Forerunner, 2013	<a href="https://vimeo.com/95271196">https://vimeo.com/95271196</a>
<b>Work</b> , Saras , 2012	<a href="https://vimeo.com/95731716">https://vimeo.com/95731716</a>
<b>Work</b> , Katabasis, 2011	<a href="https://vimeo.com/22878991">https://vimeo.com/22878991</a>
<b>Work</b> , The Antebellum Ritual, 2012	<a href="https://vimeo.com/31319628">https://vimeo.com/31319628</a>

## Selected works

1. **Sahej Rahal**, Harbinger, 2014, clay, polyurethane, hay, found objects
2. **Sahej Rahal**, Walker I, II & III, 2013, Polyester fur, branches, mixed media
3. **Sahej Rahal**, Exile, 2013, fake fur, wood and mix media
4. **Sahej Rahal**, Knuckle, 2013, Brass, condensed PVC
5. **Sahej Rahal**, Pillar of Stolen Glances, 2013, found windows
6. **Sahej Rahal**, Auricle, 2013, Wood, Plastic, condensed PVC, acrylic paint
7. **Sahej Rahal**, The deity, 2012, found objects
8. **Sahej Rahal**, Princeling , 2012 , Wood, plastic, coated iron, condensed PVC, acrylic paint
9. **Sahej Rahal**, Bhramana, 2012, live performance, Mumbai
10. **Sahej Rahal**, Bhramana II, 2012, live performance, Mumbai, IN
11. **Sahaj Rahal**, Forefunner 2013, film
12. **Sahej Rahal**, Saras, 2012, film

## Artwork links

<http://sahejrahal.tumblr.com/>

<https://vimeo.com/sahejrahal>

<http://www.thefuschiatree.com/608/fullview>