

Shibu Natesan,

Indian Contemporary artist

Born, 1966, Trivandrum, Kerala

Lives and works between Trivandrum and London

Shibu Nateshan has been able to create his own niche in contemporary Indian art. He has developed his own individual style of painting, a kind of critical engagement with realistic genre which never surpasses the painterly boundaries and brings out contemporary issue, events and figures with a sense of metaphor and sarcasm.

Education

1987 B.F.A (Painting), College of Fine Arts, Trivandrum, Kerala

1991 M.A (Printmaking), Faculty of Fine Arts, M.S. University of Baroda

1997 Artist in residence, Rijksakademie Van Beeldende Kunsten, Amsterdam

Selected Exhibitions

Solo Shows	
2013- ‘Uninterrupted Speech’, Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi	http://www.vadehraart.com/exhibition/viewDetails/101
2009- “External Affairs”, Grosvenor Vadehra, London	http://grosvenorgallery.com/exhibitions/past-exhibitions/2009-2/shibu-natesan-external-affairs-2009/
2007- “Each one teach one”, Jack Shainman Gallery, New York	http://www.jackshainman.com/exhibition21.html
2005- “Vision Unlimited”, Grosvenor Gallery, London	
2005- “Existence of Instinct”, organized by Sakshi Art Gallery at Sridharani Gallery, New Delhi.	
2001-02- “Paintings”, Galarie Nanky De Vreeze, Amsterdam and Sakshi Art Gallery, Bangalore	
1998-99- “Missing”, Fine arts Gallery, Baroda, Nature Morte, New Delhi and Sakshi art Gallery, Mumbai	
1997- “Linkage”, Gallerie Nanaky De Vreeze, Amsterdam	
1995- “Futility of Device”, Sakshi Gallery,	

Mumbai	
1995- "Futility of Device" , Faculty of fine Arts Gallery, Baroda.	
1987- "Exhibition of Drawings" , Fine Arts gallery, Trivandrum.	
Group Shows	
2009- "Long Gone & living Now" , Gallerie Mirchandani + Steinreucke, Mumbai	
2009 'Progressive to Altermodern: 62 Years of Indian Modern Art' , Grosvenor Gallery, London	
2008-09 'Signs Taken for Wonders: Recent Art from India and Pakistan' , Aicon Gallery, London	http://www.aicongallery.com/exhibitions/2008-12-04_signs-taken-for-wonders-recent-art-from-india-and-pakistan/images/
2008 'November' , 1x1 Contemporary, Al Quoz, Dubai	
2008 'Anxious' , Galerie Mirchandani + Steinruecke, Mumbai	http://galeriems.com/exhibitions_2008_group_show_anxious.html
2008 'Modern and Contemporary Indian Art' , Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi	
2008 'Indi Genius' , presented by Sakshi Gallery and Soka Contemporary Space, Taipei at Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai	
2008 'Link' , Sakshi Art Gallery, Mumbai	
2006 'Parallel Realities' , Asian Art Now, Blackburn Museum, Lancashire, England	
2006 'Making the Divinity' , Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai	
2006 'Altered Realities' , Gallery Art India, New York	
2005 'Paths of Progression' , Bodhi Art and Saffronart, Mumbai, New Delhi, New York and Singapore	
2005 'Visions of Landscape' , Guild Gallery, Mumbai	
2004 'Anticipation' , organized by Fine Art Resource at Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai	
2004 'Tiranga, Right and Responsibilities', A Traveling Show , organized by Jindal Foundation, New Delhi, Jaipur, Mumbai	
2004 'Annual Exhibition' , Art Musings,	http://www.artmusings.net/ExhibitionDetails.a

Mumbai	spx?EId=51
2004 'Generation – 1' , The Guild Gallery and Saffronart, Mumbai	
2003 'Creative Space' , Sakshi Gallery, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi	
2003 'Master Strokes' , Art Musings, Mumbai	http://www.artmusings.net/ExhibitionDetails.aspx?EId=34
2003 'Tiranga', A Traveling Show , organized by Jindal Foundation, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi	
2003 'Recent Works' , Gallery Threshold, New Delhi	
2003 'Under The Skin of Simulation : Three Contemporary Painters' , Fine Art Resource, Berlin	
2003 'Highlights' , Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai	
2003 Centre for International Modern Art (CIMA), Kolkata	
2003 'Crossing Generations : diVERGE', For 40 Years of Gallery Chemould' , organized by Gallery Chemould, National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Mumbai	
2002 'Cinema Still' , organized by Apparao Galleries at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi	
2002 'Heroes and Mentors' , RPG, Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai	
2002 'Finding The Centre at The Margin' , organized by Apparao Galleries, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts Trust (IGNCA), New Delhi, Chennai	
2002 'Real In Realism' , Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi	
2002 'Transfiguration' , India Habitat Centre, New Delhi	
2002 'CAN' , India Habitat Centre, New Delhi	
2002 'VIART' , India Habitat Centre, New	

Delhi	
2002 'Words and Images' , organized by Guild Gallery, National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Mumbai	
2002 'Cutting Edge Contemporary' , Organized by Fine Art Company, National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Mumbai	
2002 'Under Construction' , Japan Foundation, Tokyo Opera City Art Gallery, Japan	http://www.aaa.org.hk/Collection/Details/2838
2001 'Engendering-Images of Women' , Guild Gallery, Mumbai	
2001 'The Human Factor' , organized by Guild Art Gallery at Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai	
2001 'Figures In My Mind' , Gallery Espace, New Delhi	
2001 'In an Exuberant and Profuse Manner' , Bose Pacia Modern, New York	http://www.bosepacia.com/exhibitions/2001-06-14_in-an-exuberant-and-profuse-manner/press-release/
2001 'ARS 01, Unfolding Perspectives' , Kiasma, Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki, Finland	http://www.aaa.org.hk/Collection/Details/1123
2001 'Indian Contemporary Fine Ar' , organized by Apparao Galleries and Saffronart, Los Angeles	
2000 'A Global View : Indian Artists at Home In The World' , organized by Fine Arts Resource, Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai	
2000 'Baroda School of Art' , Fine Art Company, Mumbai	
2000 'Exile and Longing' , Lakeeren , Mumbai	
2000 'Kunst Rai' , Galerie Nanky de Vreeze, Amsterdam	
1999 'The Creative Process' , The Guild Gallery, Mumbai	
1999 Bedrijven voor Lilian Fons, Museum Boymans, Rotterdam, Netherlands	
1999 'Pictures of Pictures' , Arnolfini Gallery, Bristol, England	

1999 Norwich Gallery, Norwich, England	
1999 Grezellos Mooi, De Vreeze and the Lining Stone Galleries, Nieuwegien, Netherlands	
1999 'Icons of the Millennium' , Lakeeren, Mumbai	
1999 'Embarkations' , Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai	
1998 Vadhera Art Gallery New Delhi	
1998 'Spin' , Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai	
1998 'Kunst Rai' , Galerie Nanky DE Vreeze and Living Stone Galleries Amsterdam	
1998 'Edge of the Century' , Nature Morte, New Delhi	
1997 'Gift for India' , Sahmat, New Delhi	
1997 'Spring, Spring' , Galerie Serieuse Zaken, Amsterdam	
1997 Netherlands Art History Institute, Leiden, Amsterdam	
1997 Open Studio Show , Rijksakademie Amsterdam	
1996 Open Studio Show , Rijksakademie Amsterdam	
1995 'Contemporary Art' , Deutsche Bank, Mumbai	
1995 'Burning Terrains' , works on paper, Gallery Chemould, Mumbai	
1993 Exhibition in Aid of Earthquake Victims , Fine Arts Gallery Baroda	
1991 Artists against Communalism 'Images and Words' , Sahmat, New Delhi	
1990 Artists from Baroda , Graphic Prints, Cymroza Art Gallery Mumbai.	
2009 'ARCOmadrid' , Spain represented by Kashi Art Gallery, Kochi	
2008 Presented by 1x1 Art Gallery at Art Paris, Abu Dhabi	
2005 'Parallel Realities' , The Third Fukuoka Asian Art Triennial, Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Japan.	http://www.aaa.org.hk/Collection/Details/15440

2005 Xith Triennial India , Lalit Kala Akademi, Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi	
2003 'Palette-2003' , organized by Palette Art Gallery at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi	
2002 'Palette-2002' , organized by Palette Art Gallery at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi	
2001 'Palette-2001' , organized by Palette Art Gallery at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi	
1998 'International Art Fair' , Annacy De Vreeze, Stockholm, Sweden	
1996 6th Bharat Bhavan Biennial of Contemporary Art , Bhopal	

Buying Guide

Gallery Solo Show	11
Gallery Group Show	75
Museum Solo Show	0
Museum Group Show	6
Countries Exhibited in	8
Years in Practice	25
National/International Residencies	1
National/International workshops/Camps	0
Awards	2
Publications	36
Museum/ public collection	0
Auctions	105
Biennales	1
Special Projects	0

Texts

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Article- Stand Alone: Shibu Natesan, by Johny ML, Art Etc, March 2011	http://www.artnewsnviews.com/view-article.php?article=stand-alone-shibu-natesan&iid=18&articleid=425
Article- Impressions, Saraswathy Nagarajan, The Hindu 13 th Feb, 2010	http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-features/tp-metroplus/impressions/article781751.ece
Review- Natesan’ uninterrupted Speech after 8 years, Adila Matra, Mail online India, 21 st March, 2013	http://www.dailymail.co.uk/indiahome/indianews/article-2297152/ITS-FRIDAY-Journey-lenswoman-display.html
Report- Art has no caste or religion, Say Artist, The Indian Express, 15 th sept, 2014	http://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/thiruvananthapuram/Art-has-No-Caste-or-Religion-Says-Artist/2014/09/15/article2431249.ece
Overview- Spirituality and Satire, Spellboound :Shibu Natesan and Baiju Parthan, Verve online, 1 st quarter, 2004	http://www.verveonline.com/27/life/ss/full.shtml

Videos

Documentary- Shibu Natesan and his painting, Channel East. London, 1999	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFdfVXx7VH4
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Awards

1996 ‘Uriot Prize’, Rijksakademie van Beeldende Kunsten, Amsterdam

1991 Gold Medal, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda

Selected Artworks

1. Shibu Natesan, *Announcement-I*, 2007, water color on paper, 47 x 58.5 inches
2. Shibu Natesan, *Untitled*, watercolor on paper, 18 x 24 inches
3. Shibu Natesan, *A park at twilight*, 2012, oil on canvas, 72 x 84 inches
4. Shibu Natesan, *Every Body needs love- I*, 2012, oil on canvas, 36 x 34 inches
5. Shibu Natesan, *Every Body needs Love- II*, 2012, oil on canvas, 34 x 36 inches
6. Shibu Natesan, *Every Body needs Love-III*, 2012, Oil on canvas, 32 x34 inches
7. Shibu Natesan, *Every Body needs Love – IV*, 2012, oil on canvas, 28 x 26 inches
8. Shibu Natesan, *Passing*, 2012, Oil on canvas, 48 x 54 inches
9. Shibu Natesan, *Sleep*, 2012, oil on canvas, 50 x 54 inches
10. Shibu Natesan, *Sky*, 2012, oil on canvas, 26 x 40 inches

11. Shibu Natesan, *Self portrait*, 2013, oil on canvas, 16 x 15.5 inches
12. Shibu Natesan, *Portrait of a Lady*, 2013, oil on canvas, 12 x 10 inches
13. Shibu Natesan, *Self Portrait*, 2013, oil on canvas, 12 x 10 inches
14. Shibu Natesan, *Treasure of the humble*, 2010, oil on canvas, 16 x 13 inches
15. Shibu Natesan, *Ashram*, 2007, oil on canvas, 8 ¼ x 16 inches
16. Shibu Natesan, *External Affairs IV*, 2008, oil on canvas, 10 x 11 ¾ inches
17. Shibu Natesan, *Order of the Day*, 2010, oil on canvas, 96 x 72 inches
18. Shibu Natesan, *Still Life*, 2008, oil on canvas, 20 x 24 inches
19. Shibu Natesan, *Heavens Declare*, 2000, oil on canvas, 83.5 x 69.5 inches
20. Shibu Natesan, *St. Sebastian*, 1992, etching on paper, 20.5 x 17.5 inches
21. Shibu Natesan, *Jha-love*, 2005, oil on linen, 71 x 95 inches
22. Shibu Natesan, *Linkage- 1*, 1997, oil on canvas, 58 x 89 inches
23. Shibu Natesan, *Untitled*, 2005, water color on paper, 58.5 x 46.5 inches
24. Shibu Natesan, *Take me where I belong*, 2002, oil on canvas, 70 x 83 inches
25. Shibu Natesan, *Approach*, 2005, Oil on linen, 37.5 x 39 inches
26. Shibu Natesan, *Beach Road*, 2004, Oil on canvas, 50 x 55 inches
27. Shibu Natesan, *Existence of instinct- I*, 2004, oil on canvas, 72 x 96 inches
28. Shibu Natesan, *Futility of Device*, 1995, oil on canvas, 69 x 69 inches
29. Shibu Natesan, *Power cut*, 2005, oil on linen, 36.5 x 34 inches
30. Shibu Natesan, *Poet Kumaranasan*, 1998, oil on canvas, 14 x 16 inches
31. Shibu Natesan, *Ganhi*, 2005, oil on board, 24 x 18 inches
32. Shibu Natesan, *Against the wind*, 2003, oil on canvas, 69.5 x 83 inches
33. Shibu Natesan, *Each on teach one*, 2005, oil on linen, 72 x 96.1 inches
34. Shibu Natesan, *Untitled*, 2005, oil on paper, 58 x 46 inches
35. Shibu Natesan, *Untitled*, 2003, watercolor on paper, 17 x 23.5 inches
36. Shibu Natesan, *Untitled*, 2005, watercolor on paper, 59 x 47 inches
37. Shibu Natesan, *Untitled*, 2003-04, Oil on canvas, 53.5 x 59.5 inches
38. Shibu Natesan, *A Marriage Scene*, 1999, oil on canvas, 39.5 x 41 inches
39. Shibu Natesan, *State of Emergency*, 2003, oil on canvas, 70.5 x 95.5 inches
40. Shibu Natesan, *Montage I*, 1999, Oil on canvas, 46 x 60 inches.

Artwork Links

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Artist Profile- Shibu Natesan, The Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai	http://www.guildindia.com/Shibu/Index.htm
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Artist Profile- Shibu Natesan, Jack Shainman Art Gallery, New York	http://www.jackshainman.com/exhibition21.html
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