

Thota Vaikuntam

Indian Contemporary Artist

Born 1942, Boorugupali, Karimnagar, Andhra Pradesh, India
Lives and works in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh

Thota Vaikuntam's art is majorly inspired by the women of his native village. He attempts to depict their beauty and strong demeanour through his artwork. Fine strokes and vibrant colours are evident in his depictions. Apart from his charcoal drawings and colourful paintings, his work has also been greatly appreciated for the film set designs.

Education

1972 Diploma in Painting and Printmaking, Faculty of Fine Arts, Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda, India

1970 Diploma in Painting, College of Fine Arts and Architecture, Hyderabad, India

Selected Exhibitions

Solo

2011 "Metamorphosis: The Changing World of Thota Vaikuntam" , Art Alive Gallery, New Delhi	http://www.artalivegallery.com/shows.php?cat=shows&scat=&show_display=74&show_work=true&navpage=/shows.php&navcat=shows&navscat=&nav_showd=74
2009-10 "Saffron Vermilion Turmeric" , Indigo Blue Art, Singapore	http://www.indigoblueart.com/site/exhibitions/saffron-vermilion-turmeric-thota-vaikuntam/
2007 "Yes, I am He" , India Fine Art, Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai	
2007 "Telangana: Inheritance of a Dream Lost" , Art Alive, New Delhi	http://www.artalivegallery.com/shows.php?cat=shows&scat=past_shows&show_display=27
2006 "Mukham" , Sanskriti Art Gallery, Kolkata	http://www.galleriesanskriti.com/current_exhibitions.php?eno=7
2005 "Telangana Men and Women" , Arts India, California	http://www.pinterest.com/rupashankar/vaikuntam-the-women-of-telangana/
2005 "Retrospective Show" , Art Alive Gallery, New Delhi, London	http://www.artalivegallery.com/shows.php?cat=shows&scat=past_shows&show_display=19

2003 “Portraits” , Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai	http://www.guildindia.com/SHOWS/ThotaVaikuntam-2003/works.htm
2000 “Mother” , Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai	
1998 “Vision and Response” , Renaissance, Bangalore	
1996 The Guild Art Gallery, Mumbai	
1992 Gallery Kufa, London	
1991 Gallery Espace, New Delhi	
1978 Exhibition of Ink and Wash drawings, Kala Bhavan, Hyderabad	
1974 One-Man Show of Small Drawings, Hyderabad Art Society, Hyderabad	

Group

2011 “Adbhutam: Rasa in Indian Art” , Centre of International Modern Art(CIMA), Kolkata	http://www.cimaartindia.com/exhibition/index.php?exhbn=17
2010 “Figure/Landscape: Part One” , Aicon Gallery, New York	http://www.aicongallery.com/exhibitions/2010-10-28_figure-landscape-part-one/?page=2
2010 “Modern Folk: The Folk Art Roots of the Modernist Avant-Garde” , Aicon Gallery, New York	http://www.aicongallery.com/exhibitions/2010-04-29_modern-folk/
2009 “The Root of Everything” , Gallery Mementos, Bangalore	
2008 “Post Independence Masters” , Aicon Gallery, New York	http://www.aicongallery.com/exhibitions/2008-08-28_post-independence-masters/
2008 “Freedom 2008 : Sixty Years After Indian Independence” , Centre for International Modern Art (CIMA), Kolkata	
2007 “Self and the Selfless” , Hasta	http://hastacrescent.com/?s=thota+vaikuntam&submit

Gallery, Hyderabad	=Search
2007 “Serigraphs” , Presented by Archer Graphic Studio at Tao Art Gallery, Mumbai	
2006 “6 Artists Show” , 1 x 1 Gallery, Dubai	
2005 “Evoking Rasa in Luminous Visions - Indian Art” , Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, MA	http://www.worcesterart.org/Exhibitions/Past/rasa.html
2003 “Faces” , Art Alive, New Delhi	
2001 “A Panorama of Indian Contemporary Art” , Art Circle, The Guild	
2000 “Mask” , Dhoomimal Art Gallery, New Delhi	
1998 Threshold, Vishakapatnam	
1996 “Chamatkara – Myth and Magic in Indian Art” , Whitley’s Art Gallery, London	
1995 “Woman” , organized by The Gallery, Singapore, Hong Kong	
1992 Help Age India , Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai	
1991 “Images of Rural India” , Max Mueller Bhavan, Hyderabad	

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Blog Artist Thota Vaikuntam, Hyderabad - Figurative art-Telangana Women, Artcedar, October 2011	http://artcedar.blogspot.in/2011/10/artist-thota-vaikuntam-hyderabad.html
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Thota Vaikuntam by Sushma Bahl(Art Alive Gallery, New Delhi, 2005)	http://issuu.com/artalivegallery/docs/tvbook_vaku

Videos

Conversation Thota Vaikuntam Famous Artist, September 2013	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X0G4L1UWeHs
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Awards

1993 National Award For Painting	
1988-89 Biennale Award, Bharat Bhavan, Bhopal	

Bio

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1. Untitled
2001
Gouache on paper pasted on paper board
13 x 8.5 in

2. Untitled
2001
Gouache on mountboard pasted on board
14.5 x 10 in

3. Untitled
Signed in Telugu (lower left and verso)

Oil on canvas
60 x 288 in

4. Untitled
Signed in Telugu (lower left)

Acrylic on canvas

35 x 23 in |

5. Untitled

Signed and dated in Telugu (lower right)

Mixed media on paper

1992

12 x 10 in

6. Untitled

Signed and dated in Telugu (lower right)

Charcoal on paper

2004

11.5 x 8 in

7. Untitled

Signed and dated in Telugu (lower right)

Charcoal on paper

2004

8.5 x 7 in

8. Untitled

Signed in Telugu (lower right)

Gouache on paper

15 x 10 in

9. Untitled

Signed in Telugu (lower left)

Acrylic on paper

13.5 x 8 in

10. Untitled

Gouache on paper

2001

14.8 x 9.8 in

11. ntitled

oil on woodboard

11.5 x 15.5 in

12. Untitled
Oil on woodboard
7.5 x 17 in

13 Untitled

Gouache on paper
2001
14.8 x 9.8 in

14. Untitled
Oil on wood/ rexine/ glass
15 x 10 in | 38.1 x 25.4 cm

15. Woman

Gouache on paper
15 x 9.5 in | 38.1 x 24.1 cm

16. Woman
Gouache on paper
12 x 9 in

17. " Radaiah Krishnama " | Thota Vaikuntam (1942)

Category : PaintingMedium/Materials : Oil on CanvasDimensions(l,b,d) : 30 x 24 in. - See more at:
<http://www.myarttracker.com/node/379762/artworks/by-artist/Thota-Vaikuntam#sthash.YxUNWlOs.dpuf>

18. " Untitled " | Thota Vaikuntam (1942)

Category : PaintingMedium/Materials : Charcoal on canvasDimensions(l,b,d) : 11.5 x 8.5 in (each) 29.2 x 21.6 cm (each) - See more at: <http://www.myarttracker.com/node/379762/artworks/by-artist/Thota-Vaikuntam#sthash.YxUNWlOs.dpuf>

19.
Courtesy Saffronart



" Untitled " | **Thota Vaikuntam (1942)**

Category : Painting
Medium/Materials : Acrylic on canvas pasted on board
Dimensions(l,b,d) : 11.5 x 8.5 in | 29.2 x 21.6 cm

- See more at: <http://www.myarttracker.com/node/379762/artworks/by-artist/Thota-Vaikuntam#sthash.YxUNWI0s.dpuf>

20. " Untitled " | **Thota Vaikuntam (1942)**

Category : PaintingMedium/Materials : Acrylic on canvasDimensions(l,b,d) : 21.5 x 29.5 in | 54.6 x 74.9 cm - See more at:
<http://www.myarttracker.com/node/379762/artworks/by-artist/Thota-Vaikuntam?page=1#sthash.zpY1FI9s.dpuf>

21. Untitled " | **Thota Vaikuntam (1942)**

Category : PaintingMedium/Materials : Acrylic on canvas pasted on boardDimensions(l,b,d) : 17 x 9.5 in43.2 x 24.1 cm - See more at:
<http://www.myarttracker.com/node/379762/artworks/by-artist/Thota-Vaikuntam?page=2#sthash.JJBwhFtH.dpuf>

22. " Untitled " | **Thota Vaikuntam (1942)**

Category : PaintingMedium/Materials : Acrylic on canvasDimensions(l,b,d) : 24.0 x 36.0 in | 61.0 x 91.4 cm - See more at:
<http://www.myarttracker.com/node/379762/artworks/by-artist/Thota-Vaikuntam?page=2#sthash.JJBwhFtH.dpuf>

23 " Untitled " | **Thota Vaikuntam (1942)**

Category : PaintingMedium/Materials : Oil on canvasDimensions(l,b,d) : 36 x 24 in | 91.4 x 61.0 c - See more at:
<http://www.myarttracker.com/node/379762/artworks/by-artist/Thota-Vaikuntam?page=2#sthash.lhmqE0Mu.dpuf>

24. " Untitled " | **Thota Vaikuntam (1942)**

Category : PaintingMedium/Materials : Acrylic on CanvasDimensions(l,b,d) : 36in x 48in-(91.4cm x 122cm) - See more at:
<http://www.myarttracker.com/node/379762/artworks/by-artist/Thota-Vaikuntam?page=3#sthash.dCAK964p.dpuf>

25.
Courtesy Saffronart

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" Untitled " | **Thota Vaikuntam (1942)**

Category : Painting
Medium/Materials : Gouache on paper pasted on board
Dimensions(l,b,d) : 17.5 x 13.5 in | 44.4 x 34.3 cm

- See more at: <http://www.myarttracker.com/node/379762/artworks/by-artist/Thota-Vaikuntam?page=4#sthash.GRTQPd1h.dpuf>

26. " Untitled " | **Thota Vaikuntam (1942)**

Category : Painting
Medium/Materials : Acrylic on canvas board
Dimensions(l,b,d) : 39.4 x 29.2 cm - See more at: <http://www.myarttracker.com/node/379762/artworks/by-artist/Thota-Vaikuntam?page=5#sthash.ntTOOSuF.dpuf>

27. " Untitled " | **Thota Vaikuntam (1942)**

Category : Painting
Medium/Materials : Oil on canvas
Dimensions(l,b,d) : 36 x 24 in | 91.4 x 61.0 cm - See more at: <http://www.myarttracker.com/node/379762/artworks/by-artist/Thota-Vaikuntam?page=5#sthash.wRH8XV7G.dpuf>

28. " Untitled (Telangana Woman) " | **Thota Vaikuntam (1942)**

Category : Drawing
Medium/Materials : Charcoal on Canvas
Dimensions(l,b,d) : 10"x8" - See more at: <http://www.myarttracker.com/node/379762/artworks/by-artist/Thota-Vaikuntam?page=6#sthash.3pJ2jAya.dpuf>

29. " [A],[B] Untitled " | **Thota Vaikuntam (1942)**

Category : Painting
Medium/Materials : [A],[B] Acrylic on canvas
Dimensions(l,b,d) : [A],[B] 25.4 x 20.3 cms - See more at: <http://www.myarttracker.com/node/379762/artworks/by-artist/Thota-Vaikuntam?page=6#sthash.3pJ2jAya.dpuf>

30. Artwork Name:Untitled
Size:42" x 66"
Price:On Request
Medium:Acrylic on Canvas
Year:2013

31. ork Name:Untitled
Size:12" X 16"
Price:On Request
Medium:Acrylic On Canvas
Year:2012

32. Artwork Name:Untitled
Size:48" x 54"
Price:On Request
Medium:Acrylic on Canvas
Year:2013

33. Artwork Name:Untitled (Triptych)
Size:48" x 84"
Price:On Request
Medium:Acrylic on Canvas
Year:2009

34. Artwork Name:Untitled
Size:12" x 16"
Price:On Request
Medium:Acrylic on Canvas
Year:2012

35. Couple with Parrot

Screenprint in 60 colours
40 X 30 inches

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