

Vasudha Thozhur

Indian Contemporary Artist

Born 1956, Mysore, Karnataka, India

Lives and works in Madras, India

Baroda-based artist Vasudha Thozhur's art typifies themes of conflict and violence. She is actively involved in writing, teaching and conducting art workshops and projects, engaging with her immediate social context. Her paintings comprising bold, forceful gestures, strong lines and bright colours evoke images that are non-committal to a single interpretation. Her choice of media includes watercolours and oils on canvas as well as print-media.

Education

1982 Post-diploma in Painting, Croydon School of Art and Design, United Kingdom

1979 Diploma in Painting, College of Arts and Crafts, Chennai

Selected Exhibitions

Solo

2013 " Beyond Pain: An Afterlife (2002-2012)" , Sakshi Gallery and Project 88, Mumbai	
2011 " The Anatomy of Celebration or The Party Plot" , Sakshi Art Gallery, Mumbai	
2003 "The Story of Five Posters" , Canberra Contemporary Art Space, Canberra	
2001 "Secret Life" , Art Inc. Gallery, New Delhi and Sakshi Gallery, Bangalore	
1998 "Recent Works 1996-1998" , Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai	
1996 Cite Internationale des Arts, Paris	
1984 Show of prints, Woodstock Gallery, London	

Group

2014 " In-Between" , Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai	
2012 "Diva" , Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai	
2011 "Pause: A Collection" , Sakshi Gallery, Mumbai	

2009 "Bapu" , presented by Saffronart in association with Berkeley Square Gallery, London	
2008 " Frame Figure Field: 20th Century Modern and Contemporary Indian Art" , Delhi Art Gallery, New Delhi	http://www.delhiartgallery.com/exhibitions-images.asp?id=3&exType=EXH
2007 "New Narratives: Contemporary Art from India" , Chicago Cultural Centre, Chicago	
2007 "Horn Please: Narratives in Contemporary Indian Art" , Kunstmuseum Bern, Switzerland	
2005 "Edge of Desire: Recent Art in India" , National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Mumbai	http://www.asianart.com/exhibitions/edgeofdesire/intro.html
2003 "Sub-terrain" , House of World Cultures, Berlin	
2003 "Witnessing to Silence: Art and Human Rights" , Canberra Contemporary Art Space, Canberra, Australia	
1996 "The New South" , Delfina Gallery, London	
1996 "East comes West" , Castlegate House Gallery, Cockermouth, Great Britain	
1985 "Print-making in India" , Festival of India in the U.S.A	

Text

Article Healing survivors of riot through art, Vasudha Thozhur style, Surekha Kadapa-Bose, The Weekend Reader, August 2013	http://www.theweekendleader.com/Culture/1686/beyond-pain.html
Article Picking Up The Pieces, Amruta Lakhe, The Indian Express, July 2013	http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/picking-up-the-pieces-3/
Article Scars in Vadodara, Sanjukta Sharma, Live Mint, June 2013	http://www.livemint.com/Leisure/NS8gvUYS89gLf1xLEoq9L/Scars-in-Vadodra.html

Article Band, Baaja and Some Empty Chairs, Prajakta Hebbar, The Indian Express, April 2012	http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/delhi/band-baaja-and-some-empty-chairs/
News The Gatecrasher: Vasudha Thozhur's New Body of Work Deconstructs the Great Indian Party, Blouin Art Info, April 2012	http://in.blouinartinfo.com/news/story/797639/the-gatecrasher-vasudha-thozhur%E2%80%99s-new-body-of-work-deconstructs-the-great-indian-party
Review Showcase: A celebration of celebration, Shailaja Tripathi, The Hindu, March 2012	http://www.thehindu.com/features/friday-review/art/showcase-a-celebration-of-celebration/article3261246.ece
Blog The Anatomy of Celebration, or The Party 'Plot', Vasudha Thozhur, October 2011	http://vasudhathozhur.blogspot.in/
Interview Reconstructing a community through paintings, Sakal Times, July 2010	http://www.sakaaltimes.com/NewsDetails.aspx?NewsId=4813515014204400712&SectionId=5572946840107072477&SectionName=Maglets&NewsDate=20100702&NewsTitle=Reconstructing%20a%20community%20through%20paintings

Videos

Works: Beyond pain by Vasudha Thozhur @ Sakshi Gallery & Project 88, The Wall Art TV, June 2013	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFANoNLUS14
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Selected Images

- 1 **Vasudha Thozhur, *Untouchable*, 2002**, oil on canvas, 94 x 70"
- 2 **Vasudha Thozhur, *Four ways of Reconstructing Pain*, 2006**, inkjet print on Waterford paper, 64.5 x 24.5" (each)
- 3 **Vasudha Thozhur, *Do Not Swim without Knowing*, 2005**, oil on canvas, 91.5 x 92.5"
- 4 **Vasudha Thozhur, *Chaar AVasudha Thozhuraar*, 2007**, archival print on acid free Somerset enhanced (velvet) paper, 16.5 x 11.5"
- 5 **Vasudha Thozhur, *The Anatomy of Celebration*, 2010**, inkjet print with UV balanced ink on aluminium composite board, 20 x 34.5"
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8 Vasudha Thozhur, *The Anatomy of Celebration - Notes and Investigations*, 2009, inkjet print on archival paper, 7 x 120" each (10 panels)

9 Vasudha Thozhur, *The Anatomy of Celebration - The party plot: Notes and Investigations - 1 & 2*, 2008, inkjet print on archival paper, 52 x 44" (each panel)

10 Vasudha Thozhur, *The Anatomy of Celebration*, 2010, inkjet print with UV balanced ink on aluminium composite board, 20 x 34.5"

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18 Vasudha Thozhur, *Still life with cat and bananas*, 1991

19 Vasudha Thozhur, *Immaculate consumption or love in the time of absence*, 2007, triptych

20 Vasudha Thozhur, *Secret Life*, 1998, oil on canvas

21 Vasudha Thozhur, *Terminus Erraeus*, 2008, Diptych, mixed media on canvas, 92 x 112.5"

22 Vasudha Thozhur, *Interior: 2002*, 2008, mixed media on canvas, 92 x 201"

23 Vasudha Thozhur, *Portrait of Shah Jehan*, 2011, acrylic, oil and enamel on canvas

24 Vasudha Thozhur, *Anatomy of celebration*, 2011, acrylic and oil on canvas

25 Vasudha Thozhur, *Untitled199*, 2009, watercolour on paper, 10 x 13"

26 Vasudha Thozhur, *Secret Life*, 2000

