

Vivan Sundaram

- **Vivan Sundaram** (born 1943)
- His parents were Kalyan Sundaram, Chairman of Law Commission of India from 1968 to 1971, and Indira Sher-Gil, sister of noted Indian modern artist Amrita Sher-Gil. He is married to eminent art historian and critic Geeta Kapur.
- Sundaram was educated at The Doon School, the Faculty of Fine Arts, M.S. University, Baroda, and at Slade School of London.
- In London he met the British-American painter R. B. Kitaj,[4] under whom he trained for some time.
- Sundaram works in many different media, including painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography, installation and video art, and his work is politically conscious and highly intertextual in nature.
- His works in the 1980s showed a tendency towards figurative representations, and dealt with problems of identity.
- His works constantly refer to social problems, popular culture, problems of perception, memory and history.
- He was among the first Indian artists to work with installation. His latest installations and videos often refer to his artistic influences, among them are Dadaism, Surrealism, as well as more recent Fluxus[4] and the works of Joseph Beuys.
- Vivan Sundaram lives and works in New Delhi, where he is a Visiting Professor at the Jamia Milia Islamia University.

Exhibitions

- Apr, 2013 *IDEAS OF THE SUBLIME*
Lalit Kala Akademi Galleries - New Delhi
- Apr, 2013 *The Drawing Wall*
Lalit Kala Akademi Galleries - New Delhi
- Feb, 2013 *The Sahmat Collective: Art and Activism in India since 1989*
Smart Museum of Art, University of Chicago

Rest on:

<http://www.saffronart.com/artists/vivan-sundaram>

Videos by the Artist:

2012

To Draw a Line (07-12)

2009

Floatage: River Jamuna

2008

Turning

1999

'Structures of Memory', Video, 30 minutes, Producer: External Publicity Division, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi

1996 'Couples, Photo Album, Vancouver', shown at Bombay International Film Festival for Documentary, Short and Animation Films

1995 Two 4 minute videos as part of 'The Sher-Gil Archive', installation, Mucsarnok, Budapest

1994 Three 4 minute silent video sequences as part of 'House/Boat' installation, Montreal; shown in World Wide Video festival, 1999

'Couples, Photo Album, Vancouver', 20 minutes, U-matic, A Western Front Media Production, Vancouver

Films/Videos on the Artist

2012

Vivan Sundaram (KMB Let's Talk interview series)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1h3ba5jrt4>

2011

Vivan Sundaram's 'Making Strange'

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDjeGHmb3hc>

2011

Art Talk with Vivan Sundaram

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQWxW-gnR0I>

1990

'Vivan Sundaram', directed by Asha Narang Spaak.

'Figures of Thought', directed by Arun Khopkar (on Bhupen Khakhar, Nalini Malani and Vivan Sundaram.)

1993 'Vivan Sundaram', One World Art/The Right to Hope TV series by Iikka Vehkalahti.

Videos including the artist

Vivan Sundaram - Amrita Sher-Gil: a history and a project - Chandigarh Lalit Kala Akademi

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dKz4r-ZSzvY>

2010

Vivan Sundaram on the life story of Amrita Sher-Gil

<http://www.ndtv.com/video/player/just-books/vivan-sundaram-on-the-life-story-of-amrita-sher-gil/128228>

more on:

<http://peoplecheck.de/s/vivan+sundaram>

Selected Bibliography

The Art of Vivan Sundaram by Kamala Kapoor

Publisher: Roli Books Pvt Ltd (March 30, 2005)

Re-take of Amrita by Vivian Sundaram

Publisher: Tulika (January 1, 2001)

More books on and by the artist

http://www.amazon.com/s?ie=UTF8&field-author=Vivan%20Sundaram&page=1&rh=n%3A283155%2Cp_27%3AVivan%20Sundaram

Websit : http://www.indianartcircle.com/vivansundaram/vs_profile.shtml

articles

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-kerala/artist-reinvents-the-muziris-story/article4224542.ece>

<http://www.houstonpress.com/2012-06-14/calendar/on-screen-blaffer-vivan-sundaram-and-daniel-eisenberg/>

[interviews](#)

[http://www.earthcarefilms.com/images/The Latent City/Interview with Vivan Sundaram.pdf](http://www.earthcarefilms.com/images/The_Latent_City/Interview_with_Vivan_Sundaram.pdf)

http://www2.tate.org.uk/audioarts/cd1_19.shtm

reviews

<http://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?res=9C02E3D71430F933A05755C0A9609C8B63>

[http://www.artindiamag.com/quarter02_08/Abhay Sardesai.html](http://www.artindiamag.com/quarter02_08/Abhay_Sardesai.html)

<http://www.frieze.com/shows/review/vivan-sundaram/>