

# Sajitha R. Shankhar

contemporary artist

1967	Born 9th of December in Kumaranalloor, Kottayam, Kerala, India.
1987	Bachelor of Fine Arts, Painting Government College of Art, Trivandrum, Kerala.
1987-90	"Regional Centre Studios", Chennai.
1989-2004	Lived and worked at Cholamandal Artists' Village, Chennai.
1995-2006	Travelled to U.K., Germany, Sweden, Holland, Scotland, Japan, Srilanka, Austria, Spain & France.
2002-11	Member, Kerala State Lalit Kala Akademi.
2002	Jury, Kerala State Annual Art Exhibiton & All India Finearts Society Art Exhibition (AIFACS) at Kerala.
2006-11	Governing body member of Vyloppilly Samskriti Bhavan, Trivandrum.
2007	Founder and director of Gowri Art Institute, (International artist and writers Residency)Trivandrum.
2007-2013	GARHI Studios, New Delhi.
2013	Tantric Yoni, Installation at Durbar hall ground Cochin sponsored by OBR (One Billion Rising, New york.)
2013	Guest faculty at Government of Fine Arts, Trivandrum.
2014	ABS, treasurer of Trivandrum Chapter (Association of British Scholars)
2014-2015	Committee member of Gender Justice in Campuses, Higher Education, Kerala Govt.

Permanent display of Archetypeseries at NGMA (National Gallery of Modern Art), Bangalore  
Presently Living and working at own studio at Trivandrum; Kerala.

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2016	'Alterbodies' installations at Alliance Francaise de Trivandrum. (on international womens day)
2013	'Alterbodies' at Alliance Francaise de Trivandrum.

2013	'Archetypes Alterbodies' at IGNCA, New Delhi - (on international womens day)
2009	CIRCLES Siebenstern Gallery, Wien.
2008	STREE Tracing 20 years, retrospective show at Travancore Art Gallery, New Delhi.
2007	Alliance Francaise de Chennai.
2007	Cite Internationale des Arts, Paris.
2005	Selected works from 1985-2005 at Durbar Hall Art Gallery, Cochin, Kerala
2005	"A journey through Mother Roots..." at Alliance Francaise de Trivandrum.
2004	"Archetypes: A search through self" at WindspielGallery, Vienna, Austria.
2004	"Archetypes: A search through self" at Alliance Francaise de Chennai.
2000	"Congreso International Sobre Asia", Fundacion Segundo Y Santiago Montes, Valladolid, Spain.
2000	One month exhibition, Wort und Bild Gallery, Bochum, Germany
2000	October Gallery, London
2000	"Beyond the finale..." Alliance Francaise Gallery, Chennai.
1999	"Searching from self" Queens Hall Arts Centre, Hexham, UK.
1998	Katsuyama City Centre, Japan.
1998	WerkstattWort und Bild, Bochum, Germany.
1998	Freud Art Cafe, Oxford, UK.
1997	"Three decades of search within" Die Galerie, Essen, Germany.
1996	"Beauty by Mistake", The Easel Art Gallery, Chennai.
1996	"Beauty by Mistake", Werkstatt WORT und BILD, Bochum, Germany.
1996	"Artist of the Month", Max Mueller Bhavan, Chennai.
1996	"Frauen und Wirklichkeit", KunstseminarGalerie, Metzingen, Germany.
1996	Saras Albano muller's Gallery, Schwelm, Germany.
1995	"Frauen und Wirklichkeit", Elsa Brandstrom Gymnasium, Oberhausen, Germany.
1995	Queen's Hall Art Centre, Hexam, Northemberland, UK.
1995	Women and Reality", Woodlands Gallery, Cochin, Kerala.
1995	Alliance Francaise de Chennai, organized by Sarala's Art Centre and Alliance Francaise.
1987	College of Arts Gallery, Trivandrum. Sponsored by Lalit Kala Academy, Kerala.

## GROUP SHOWS

2012	"Speaking house" Durbar Hall Art Gallery, Cochin, Kerala.
2012	Lalit Kala Gallery, Rabindrabhan, New Delhi.
2011	'TRAYATY' at Gallery the Creant. Trivandrum.
2010	MY STORY...NIV Art Centre. New Delhi.
2010	British Council, New Delhi. Charles Wallace Scholars show.
2007	Women artists show at Regional Center, Chennai.
2006	Women artists show at Dakshinachithra, Chennai.
2006	'ENTRUSTED' an exhibition of 25 Charles Wallace India Trust Arts Scholars, British Council, New Delhi
2005	100th Birthday Celebration of Pablo Neruda(Poet) at Wort Und Bild, Germany
2005	'Double Enders' Travelling show - Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai - Vadehra Art Gallery, New Delhi - Durbar Hall, Cochin.
2005	'Women@rt' at Forum Art Gallery, Chennai.
2004	'Contemplations' an exhibition of paintings by eminent women artists, Habiart Foundation, New Delhi.
2004	'Contemplations' an exhibition of paintings by eminent women artists, Gallerie Sara Arackal, Bangalore.
2003	'Viswakarma' Publiekscentrum Voor BeeldendeKunstEnschede, Netherland.
2002	'Viswakarma' Kulturforum Rheine, Germany.
2002	State Exhibition of Kerala, Lalit Kala Akademi, Cochin.
2002	Women artists from India, Art World, Chennai.
2001	44th National Exhibition, Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi
2001	"Silence and Violence" black and white Drawing and Painting show, Two women artists, Lalit Kala Akademi Regional Centre, Chennai.
2000	Dreams, questions and struggles, three women artists, October Gallery, London.
2000	Woodcut Prints Exhibition at Wort und Bild, Bohum, Germany.
2000	Three artists - at Lalit Kala Academy, Regional Centre Galleries, Chennai.
1999	Four artists - at Vinyasa Art Gallery, Chennai.
1999	Three women artists - at Art World, Chennai.
1999	Group Show of Madras artists, Vinyasa Art Gallery, Chennai.

1998	"Begegnungen" - with H.D. Golzenleuchter (German Artist print-maker & Poet), Germany.
1998	"Alchemy show", The Apparao Gallery, Chennai.
1998	"Nomad Project, International exhibition, Durbar Hall, Cochin, Kerala.
1998	"Nudes" The Apparao Gallery, Chennai.
1998	"Nomad Project shows" Austria cultural centre, London, Contemporary art gallery, Sweden and Katsuyama city centre, Japan.
1998	"Southern Stars" exhibition organised by The Art World, Chennai.
1997	Seven contemporary women artists from different countries. Alliance Francaise De Chennai.
1997	Human Form and Art, Lalit Kala Academy, New Delhi.
1997	Gallery 47, London, UK.
1996	"Faces and Figures", Quay Side Gallery, U.K.
1996	12th Cleveland International Drawing Biennial, U.K.
1996	"Chennai: an Emotion. 1996", Exhibition of Contemporary Indian Art
1995	"Contemporary Miniatures", Easel Gallery, Chennai
1995	"Women Painters Show", Kottayam, Kerala
1995	"Second Annual Exhibition", Chithram Art Gallery, Cochin, Kerala
1995	"23rd State Exhibition", Lalit Kala Academy, Kerala.
1993-94	"Research Awardees" Travelling Exhibition, L.K.A, Lucknow, Bhubaneswar, Calcutta, Chennai.
1993	"Two women artists", Sarala's Art Centre, Chennai.
1993	"Two women artists", Chithram Art Gallery, Cochin, Kerala.
1990-93	National Exhibition of Art, New Delhi.
1989-92	Lalit Kala Academy, Chennai.
1987,90,92	Regional Art Exhibition, Lalit Kala Academy, Chennai.
1984	Women Painters Show, Trichur (first exhibition).

## **CAMPS, WORKSHOPS AND RESIDENCIES**

2015	National Painter's Camp At Malampuzha. Organised by the Kerala Lalit Kala Academi.
2015	Hidden Art Project. Malmo . Sweden.

2014	State Awardees Of Kerala At Kasargode Organised by the Kerala Lalit Kala Academi.
2013	Print making camp by Regional L.K.A.at Trissur College of Art.
2012	"Speaking house" International artists camp at Marari Beach, Alleppey, Kerala.
2012	Women artists camp at Kozhikode, Genderfest, Government of Kerala.
2012	State camp at MAHI, Kalagramam, organized by Kerala Lalit Kala Academy.
2011	National camp at Quilon, Kerala.
2009	Terracotta camp, Bhopal. Rabindrabhan.
2006	All India women artists camp at Dakshinachithra, Chennai.
2006	All India painters Camp in connection with Roerich Centenary Celebration organized by Directorate of Kannada and Culture, Bangalore
2003	Artist Residency at Faculty of Fine arts, Salamanca University, Spain
2000	The International artists camp. "The Village" Habarana, George Keyt Foundation, Srilanka invited through ICCR
2000	Wood cut workshop with German artist, Golzenleuchter, at Wort und Bild, Bochum, Germany.
1999	National painters camp at Moonnar, organised by Kerala State Lalit Kala Academy.
1999	Painters camp at Venkatappa, Bangalore
1998	"Painting camp" organised by Tamil Nadu Ovia NunkalaiKuzhu, at Chennai
1998	"Nomads Project" International workshop at Kerala Kalamandalam, Trichur, Kerala
1998	"Painting camp" Venkatappa Art Gallery, Bangalore
1998	"Nomads Project" International workshop at Katsuyama beautiful mountains, Japan
1997	Ninth Trinnale International camp, organised by Lalit Kala Academy, New Delhi
1997	Kerala state camp organised by State Academy at Kila, Trichur
1996	Print-making Workshop under Prof. H.D. Golzenleuchter, Bochum, Germany
1996	One month Studio Residency at the KunstseminarMetzingen, Germany
1996	Three months Studio Residency at Queen's Hall Art Centre, U.K.
1994	"Women Painters Camp, organized by Lalit Kala Academy, Kerala
1992	"Ceramic Sculpture Camp", Lalit Kala Academy, Regional Centre, Chennai
1985	"Painting Camp" at Trivandrum (Kerala) with Prof. N.S. Bendre
1983	Sculptors Camp" (Stone Carving) with Prof. Hiroshi Mikami from Japan

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

2012	Outstanding contribution in the field of arts (painting) by Ministry of Culture, Kerala.
2009-11	Senior Fellowship, Ministry of Culture, New Delhi.
2008-14	Leading Women Artist of India Felicitated by National Legal Service Authority of India New Delhi (on March 8th International Womens Day)
2006-07	French Scholarship for Artist Residency in Cite-des arts Paris France
2003	Travel grant from Salamanca University, Spain.
1999	Travel grant from Queens Hall Arts Centre - UK
1999	Travel grant from Nomad Project (European Union) for England and Japan
1997	50th Golden Jubilee of Independence of India exhibition, Senior Award, Organised by Tamil Nadu state Academy (Tamil Nadu Ovia, Nun KalaiKuzhu, Chennai).
1996	Grand Prize, 12th Cleveland International Drawing Biennial, U.K.
1995	“Charles Wallace Award” through British Council, U.K.
1994	“Kerala State Award” for Painting.
1993-95	Scholarship from Shantidevi Mansinghka Trust (Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta).
1992-93	Research Grant for Painting, Lalit Kala Academy, New Delhi.
1992	Lions Club Award.

## ORGANISATIONAL WORKS

2008	Directed an Art camp for Tribal students at Vyloppilly Samskrity Bhavan, Trivandrum, Kerala.
2007	Founder and Director of Gowry Art Institute, Trivandrum, Kerala.
2002	Conducted a camp at Kottayam district, Organised by Kerala State Lalit Kala Akademi, Trichur.
2002	Conducted an art camp for tribal children, Attapadi, Palghat, Kerala, Organised by AHADS.
2000	Directed painting workshop for children at Max Mueller Bhavan, Chennai.
1998	“Nomads Project” International workshop at Kerala Kala Mandalam, Trichur, Kerala.
1997	7 contemporary women artists from different countries at Alliance Francaise de Chennai, through networking of artists while travelling.
1996	Woodcut prints of H.D. Golzenleuchter (German Artist print-maker & Poet), at Easel Art Gallery, Chennai.

1995-05	Conducted many art therapy workshops for women and children.(for mentally ill kids).
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## PUBLICATIONS

Designed cover for literary books.  
Illustrated fiction published in India Today.  
Illustrated Malayalam, Tamil, German poems.

## COLLECTIONS

National gallery of modern art Bangalore.  
Delhi art gallery. New delhi.  
National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi.  
Alliance Francaise de Chennai.  
Lalit Kala Academy, New Delhi.  
Malayala Kala Gramam, Mahi, Kerala.  
Madras Museum, Chennai  
Katsuyama City centre, Japan  
MSSRF, Chennai  
Cleveland art Gallery, Middlesbrough, UK  
Many private collections in India and abroad.

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