

# SAJITHA R. SHANKHAR

- 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.  
1989-04 Lived and worked at Cholamandal Artists' Village, Chennai.  
1995-06 Travelled to U.K., Germany, Sweden, Holland, Scotland, Japan, Sri Lanka, Austria, Spain & France.  
2002-11 Member, Kerala State Lalitkala Akademi.  
2002 Jury, Kerala State Annual Art Exhibition & All India Fine Arts Society Art Exhibition (AIFACS), Kerala.  
2006-11 Governing body member of Vythipilly Samskriti Bhavan, Trivandrum.  
2007 Founder and Director of Gowri Art Institute, International Artist and Writers residency, Trivandrum.  
2007-10 Teaching art at south Delhi Polytechnic New Delhi.  
2014-15 Committee Member of Gender Justice in Campuses, Higher Education, Kerala Govt.  
2007-13 GARHI Studios, New Delhi.  
2014 Treasurer of Trivandrum Chapter (Association of British Scholars).  
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.  
2016 Council Member, Kerala State Lalitkala Akademi.  
2016 Selected for British Council's WOW – World of Women Fest 2018.  
2017 Executive Member, Kerala State Lalitkala Akademi.  
2017 Pollock Krasner award from New-York

**Permanent display of 'Archetype' series 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 Women's Day).  
2013 'Alterbodies' at Alliance Francaise de Trivandrum.  
2013 'Archetypes Alterbodies' at IGNSA, New Delhi - (on International Women's 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 Windspiel Gallery, Vienna, Austria.  
2004 "Archetypes: A search through self" at Alliance Francaise de Chennai.  
2000 "Congreso Internacional 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", Kunstseminar Galerie, 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, Northumberland, 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

- 2016 Durbar Hall Art Gallery, Cochin.  
2015 "Hidden Art", Malmö, Sweden.

- 2012 "Speaking house" Durbar Hall Art Gallery, Cochin, Kerala.  
 2012 Lalit Kala Gallery, Rabindra Bhavan, 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 Art' 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, Netherlands.  
 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.  
 1997 Seven contemporary women artists from different countries. Alliance Francaise De Chennai.  
 1998 "Southern Stars" exhibition organised by The Art World, 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**

- 2018 International Artist's camp at chitrakala parishath Bangalore, Karnataka.  
 2017 Krishnakumar memorial camp at Vaikhary, Mavelikara, Kerala.  
 2015 National Painter's Camp at Malampuzha, organised by the Kerala Lalit Kala Akademi.  
 2015 Hidden Art Project, Malmo, Sweden.  
 2014 State Awardees Of Kerala at Kasargode, organised by the Kerala Lalit Kala Akademi.  
 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 at Rabindrabhavan.
- 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, Sri Lanka invited through ICCR.
- 2000 Wood cut workshop with German artist, Golzenleuchter, at Wort und Bild, Bochum, Germany.
- 1999 National painters camp at Munnar, organised by Kerala State Lalit Kala Academy.
- 1999 Painters camp at Venkatappa, Bangalore.
- 1998 "Painting camp" organised by Tamil Nadu Ovia NunkalaiKuzhu, 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 Triennale 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 Kunstseminar Metzingen, 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**

- 2017 Pollock Krasner award from New-York
- 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 Women's 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 Samskirty 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), Easel Art Gallery, Chennai.
- 1995-05 Conducted many art therapy workshops for women and children(for mentally ill kids).

#### **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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