

RATNA GANDHI

Sculptor

Ratna is an award winning sculptor, art curator and an art instructor with over two decades of experience of creating varied artworks using different materials - stone, metal, wood, fiberglass, paper mache, ceramics, fabric, plaster and clay. She has been collaborating with prominent arts and design institutes, artists and resident communities across the globe for executing theme based art works.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- 2001 **National Award**
For the sculpture **Family Fun**, in the field of Visual Arts.
Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi, India.
- 2004 **Outstanding Young Indian Award**
Awarded in the field of Cultural Achievement at Zone level and at National level.
Indian Jaycees (Worldwide Federation of Young Leaders and Entrepreneurs).
- 2008 **State Award**
For the sculpture **Interface-I**, in the field of Visual Arts.
Lalit Kala Academy, Gujarat, India.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2001 – Now **Freelance Sculptor**
- 2015 – Now **Art curator**
- 2021 – Now **Art Instructor**
The ACT Arts Centre, British Columbia, Canada.
- 2020 – Now **Ceramics Instructor**
Port Moody Art Centre, British Columbia, Canada.
- 2016 – 2019 **Visiting Faculty**
School of Engineering and Applied Science, Ahmedabad University, India.
- 2016 – 2018 **Visiting Faculty**
National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, India.
- 2015 – 2018 **Visiting Associate Professor**
School of Architecture, CEPT University, Ahmedabad, India.
- 2015 – 2016 **Visiting Faculty**
Kanoria Center for Arts, Ahmedabad, India.
- 2013 – 2015 **Visiting Clay Art Teacher**
Anandniketan Pre-School, Ahmedabad, India.
- 2002 – 2005 **Art Teacher**
Swaminarayan Vidyapith High School, Karamsad, India.

FELLOWSHIP & SCHOLARSHIP

- 2020 - 2021 **Artist in Residence Fellowship (Ceramics)**
Leigh Square, Port Coquitlam, Canada.
- 2009 **Resident Fellow (Sculpture)**
Connaught Place: Why not Place? Religare Art.i, New Delhi, India.
- 2006 - 2009 **Residency Fellowship (Sculpture)**
Kanoria Centre for Arts, Ahmedabad, India.
- 2001 - 2002 **National Scholarship**
For Sculpture in the field of Visual Arts.
Department of Culture, Government of India.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 2000 - 2002 **Master of Fine Arts - Creative Sculpture**
Thesis: Marcel Duchamp - Changing Perceptions
Faculty of Fine Arts, M.S.University, Vadodara, Gujarat, India.
- 1996 - 2000 **Bachelor of Fine Arts - Sculpture**
Faculty of Fine Arts, M.S.University, Vadodara, Gujarat, India.

CAMPS & WORKSHOPS

- 2020 - 2021 **Public Clay Workshops (Ceramics)**
Leigh Square, Port Coquitlam, Canada.
- 2013 **Art Workshop – Embassy of India, Israel**
Clay modeling.
Kfar- Saba, Israel.
- 2007 **Regional Camp (Sculpture Discipline)**
Lalit Kala Akademi, Regional Centre, Lucknow, India.
- Print Making Workshop**
Linocut, Color Print.
Kanoria Centre for Arts, Ahmedabad, India.
- 2004 **National Sculptor's Camp**
Stone Carving Camp.
Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi and Chandigarh Tourism Dept.

PARTICIPATION BY INVITATION IN ART EXHIBITIONS OUTSIDE INDIA

- 'Art 4 Life', Group art exhibition, Canada – 2021
- 'Desert Minimal', International Exhibition of Artists and Architects inspired by Sol LeWitt – 2020 and 2021 (Exhibition will be shown in Israel and Venice)
- 'Beyond Veil', Women's art from five continents at Venice Biennale – 2019 to 2021 (Exhibition will be shown in Poland, Israel, France and United States)
- 'Messengers of Peace' – The Dr.Fischer Art for Peace collection from India and Israel in Israel – 2018
- 'Vanishing Lands', Group show of artists from Israel and India at International Artists' Museum, Venice Biennale, Venice – 2017
- 'Adama / Earth - A confluence of artists from India and Israel' at Paris and Israel - 2016

- 'Celebrating India in Israel' by the Embassy of India, Israel – 2013
- 'Contemporary Indian Art', Exhibition in Belgrade, Yugoslavia organized by Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi – 2005
- 'Jugalbandi', 6 artists from India and United States of America by Paperwasp Studio, New York - 2004
- 'Kunst Aus Indien', Group show, Germany – 2000

PARTICIPATION BY INVITATION IN ART EXHIBITIONS IN INDIA

- Post-Age, A group show by Artist Centre and Navjivan Trust, Ahmedabad – 2018
- Sabarmati Festival, Ahmedabad – 2018
- 'Messengers of Peace' – The Dr.Fischer Art collection from India and Israel in Goa, Ahmedabad - 2017
- 'Chota bat Badaa score', Mantra Art Gallery, Ahmedabad -2017
- 'Dalet Amot', Projective Art group show of artists from India and Israel, Jaipur - 2016
- 'Anubhav', Group show at Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Vadodara - 2016
- 'Sanctity – An experiment with wood', Ahmedabad - 2015
- 'Chhotti rickshaw Baddi savari', Mantra Art Gallery, Ahmedabad, Mumbai (Kala Ghoda Festival) – 2015
- 'Earth – A confluence of artists from India and Israel' at Baroda, Ahmedabad – 2015
- 'Back to College – Sculpture' at Vadfest – Vadodara International Art & Cultural festival – 2015
- Jasuben Shilpi Art Foundation Tribute show, Ahmedabad – 2013
- Lotus Art Show, Woman Art Foundation, Mumbai – 2011, 2012
- Annual Art Exhibition, Lalitkala Akademi, Lucknow - 2010
- 'HUB', Artists from Faculty of Fine Arts, M.S.University, Vadodara – 2009, 2017
- '17th Ravi Jain Annual Art Exhibition' Dhoomimal Art Gallery, New Delhi – 2008
- 'New Gujarat Contemporaries' at Gallery OED, Cochin - 2008
- 'Art and Soul', Artists from India at Udaipur -2008
- Annual Art Exhibition, Kanoria Centre for Arts, Ahmedabad – 2007,2008
- Annual Art Exhibition, Ahmedabad Art Society, Ahmedabad – 2007 to 2016
- 'Art Diverse' and 'Amdavad etle Amdavad' by Karma Art Gallery, Ahmedabad – 2007, 2008
- 'The Female Hero' by Lemon Grass Hopper Gallery, Ahmedabad – 2006
- 'Swarnrekha', Exhibition of National & Triennale Awardees by Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi - 2004
- 'Feb Show', Alumni artists from Faculty of Fine Arts, M.S. University, Vadodara – 2003
- National Exhibition of Art, Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi at Ahmedabad – 2001
- Gujarat State Lalit Kala Exhibition, Ahmedabad – 2001, 2008
- 6 Artists from Vadodara at Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai – 2001

CURATED ART PROJECTS

- **Messengers of Peace** - The Dr.Fischer Art collection from India and Israel in Goa, Ahmedabad - 2017
- **Dalet Amot** - Group show of artists from India and Israel in Jaipur – 2016
- **Adama** - A confluence of artists from India and Israel in Paris – 2016
- **Earth** - A confluence of artists from India and Israel in Baroda, Ahmedabad, Israel – 2015

PUBLIC PROJECTS

- **Wall of Interactions** - Mural at Hyde Creek Community Centre, Port Coquitlam, BC, Canada.
- **Sardar Patel - The Iron Man** - Mural at Sardar Patel National Memorial, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- **Murals** - Torrent Research Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

WORKS IN COLLECTION

- Religare Arts.i, New Delhi.
- JSW Foundation, Mumbai.
- Sarjan Art Gallery, Vadodara.
- Kanoria Centre for Arts, Ahmedabad.
- Rashtriya Lalit Kala Kendra, Lucknow.
- Department of Chandigarh Tourism, Chandigarh.
- Private collections at New York, Germany, Singapore, Israel, India.