

## **ARTIST BIO FOR THE TORPEDO FACTORY ARTIST ASSOCIATION 2021**

Art has been my passion ever since I was a young girl in Mumbai, India. I continued my interest upon arriving in the United States and it led to my graduating from Wellesley College with a degree in Art History. This was followed by an MFA in oil painting from American University. Always motivated, I work daily in my studio and now am privileged to be able to share with students what I have gained through years of practice. I teach for the Smithsonian and the Art League, and have exhibited widely both here in the States and in India. It fills me with delight that my life revolves around art.

## **ARTIST RESUME**

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## **EDUCATION**

M.F.A – Painting, The American University, Washington DC, Full Scholarship  
B.A. – Art History, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA, Full Scholarship  
B.A. – English major, French minor, University of Bombay, India

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2006 - Present, Faculty - Smithsonian Associates , Washington DC  
2002 - Present, Faculty - The Art League, Alexandria, VA  
2018 – Curator, Washington Abstract Artist Group Exhibition, Friendship Heights, MD  
2017 – Virginia Center for the Creative Arts – Residency, Amherst, VA  
2016 – Visiting Faculty, Mumbai International School, Mumbai, India  
2009 – Juror, Capitol Hill Art League, Washington DC  
2008 – Prince of Wales Museum, Mumbai, India, invited lecturer on Appreciating Abstract Art

## **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2011 – Esperanza Education Fund Exhibit, Washington DC  
2010 - Gallery Art Motif, New Delhi, India  
2005 – Greater Reston Art Center, VA  
2005 – The Pierce School, Washington DC  
2003 – Heritage India Gallery, Washington D.C  
2002 – *Growth*, The Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts, Wilmington, DE  
2000 – The Art League, Alexandria, VA

## **TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS**

2019 – *Intention, Invention*, McLean Project for the Arts, McLean, VA  
2011 – Gallery Plan b, Washington DC  
2009 - Capital One, The Corporate Art Program, McLean, VA

## **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2021 – *Contemporary Indian Art*, Gallery Art Motif 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibit, New Delhi, India  
2021 – *Garden Party*, Latela Curatorial, Washington DC  
2020 – *Teeny Tiny Trifecta*, Charlottesville, VA  
2020 – *Riverfront*, Delaware Contemporary Art Museum, Wilmington, DE  
2020 – *By the People*, Monochrome Collective, Washington DC  
2020 – *The Human Condition*, The Atheneum, Alexandria, VA  
2019 – *Petite December*, The Art League, Alexandria, VA  
2019 – *'Board' Out Of Our Minds*, The Atheneum, Alexandria, VA  
2019 – *Artist's Choice*, Foundry Gallery, Washington DC

2019 – *Teeny Tiny Trifecta*, Second Street Gallery, Charlottesville, VA  
2019 – *Habitat*, Target Gallery, Alexandria, VA  
2019 – *Art on the Vine*, The Art League, Alexandria, VA  
2018 – *Too Much of Too Much*, Laura Roulet, curator, McLean Project for the Arts, McLean, VA  
2018 – *Faculty Exhibition*, The Art League, Alexandria, VA  
2017 – *Summerford Legacy Exhibition*, American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center, Washington DC  
2017 – *Alchemical Vessels Exhibition*, Joan Hisaoka Healing Arts Gallery, Washington DC  
2017 – *Strictly Painting 11*, Anne Reeve, Curator, McLean Project for the Arts, McLean, VA

### **PRESS**

2019 – *In the Galleries*, The Washington Post review of *Habitat*, Target Gallery, Alexandria, VA  
2019 - *In the Galleries*, The Washington Post review of *Intention/Invention*, McLean Project for the Arts, McLean, VA  
2018 – *Studio Visit*, volume forty-one, The Open Studio Press, A Juried Selection of International Visual Artists, Lisa Crossman, Curator, Fitchburg Art Museum, Fitchburg, MA  
2014 – *In the Galleries*, The Washington Post review of *Influence and Inspiration*, The Atheneum, Alexandria, VA

### **COLLECTIONS**

State Bank of India, New York, NY  
Hilton Hotel Worldwide Headquarters, VA • Astra Zeneca, Wilmington, DE • PRTM, Washington DC  
Private collections in the United States, London, Hong Kong and India