

Amitabh Sengupta



- Born in Kolkata, in 1941.
- Graduated in Painting from Govt. College of Arts and Crafts, Calcutta, 1963.
- Received French Govt. Scholarship in Printmaking and Painting studied at Ecole des Beaux-Arts, Paris, 1966-69.
- Ed.M. from the State University of New York, Buffalo, under the AICE-UNESCO Fellowship, 1979-81.
- Received award in painting from the Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata, 1961.
- Received President's award in painting, All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society, New Delhi, 1975.
- Received West Bengal state honour, Shilpi Maha Samman, in November 2022.
- Worked in Nigeria as the Head of Visual Arts in two Universities, 1977-87. Listed as Art Advisor with the Federal Universities in Nigeria and with the UNESCO in Paris, for the period 1986-87.
- Returned to Kolkata in 1988.

#### **Selected List of Solo Shows in India, abroad and International Participations**

1967 : Galerie des Beaux-Arts, Paris.

1968: Selected in an International show of the Salon d'Automn, Paris and the Cité International de Paris

1986: Owerri, Enugu, Lagos, and Port Harcourt in Nigeria

1988 – "Interiors" at The Gallery, Chennai.

1989 - "Walls" at the Galerie '88, Kolkata. 1990 - "Interiors" at the Gallery Katayun, Kolkata.

1991 - "Interiors" at the Art Heritage, New Delhi.

1992 - "Split Wall" at the Center Art Gallery, Kolkata.

1993 - "Surface of Time" at Sarala's Art Centre, Chennai and Art Heritage, New Delhi.

1995 - "Surface of Time" at CrimsonGallery, Bangalore.

1996 - Jahangir Art Gallery, Mumbai. 1997 - Paintings and Digital Graphics, Artworld Gallery, Chennai.

2000 – Paintings and digital graphics, Artworld Gallery, Chennai.

2003 – 'Surface of Time', Habitat Centre, New Delhi; Artworld, Chennai.

2004 – Sumukha Gallery, Bangalore. 'Mythscape Series'. 2005 – Artworld, Chennai, October. 'Inscription Series',

2006 – Artmosaic Gallery, Singapore Paintings and Digital Graphics, at Singapore and Kolkata, Birla Academy of Art & Culture, Kolkata.

2007 - American Centre, Singapore.

2007 – Time & Space Gallery, Bangalore. 'Inscription Series',

2008 – Artworld Gallery, Chennai, Paintings and Video Art.

2010 – 'Inscription Series' and Video Art, BA-Gallery, Queens, New York.

2015 - Espace Segur, Paris.

2017 – Artworld Gallery, Chennai.

2019 – Conducted workshop with contemporary young artists, sponsored by Birla Academy of Art & Culture, Kolkata, in March.

2020 – Solo show, October 14-23, Akademie Graz, Austria.

2021 – Jungle Series show, Artworld Gallery, Chennai.

2022-23- Retrospective at Auroville Kala Kendra, Pondicherry.

#### **Selected Group shows/Art Camps:**

1990 – Bharat Bhavan Biennale, Bhopal. 'Bengal Arts', shown by Gallerie'88 in Mumbai.

1992 - Indo-French Confluence art camp & show in Kolkata and New Delhi.

1993 - "Two Bengals", Art Camp and Show at Bangladesh Mission, Kolkata.

1994 - "Indian Contemporary Art" at Pao Gallery, Hong Kong Art Centre, in collaboration with Maya Gallery and Artworld, Chennai.

1995 - "25 Indian Painters" at Art Museum Ginza, Tokyo, Gallery Nagai in collaboration with Artworld; "Bombay- show" organized by H. V. Goenka at Jehangir Gallery, Mumbai.

Art Camp and show at CCMB organized by Surya Prakash, I.V Prasad Eye Research Institute, and CCMB, Hyderabad. 1997 - "4 Indian Painters" at Gallery Quadrivium, Sydney, in collaboration with Artworld Gallery.

1999 - "Indian Contemporary Art" at the University Gallery at Penang and the National

Gallery of Modern Art at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in collaboration with Artworld, Chennai.

2000 - Art camps and shows in Kolkata, New Delhi organized by Taj Hotel and Artworld Gallery.

2001 - "Indian Contemporary Art" Show at Oberoi, New Delhi, by Kalyani Chawla and Aloka Saha; "Creative Passageway" Show, USA and Israel, organized by Shari Davis Ferdman.

2002 - Indo-Korean Show, New Delhi, sponsored by Montage Gallery; "The Magical Mystery Tour", works of five artists at Crimson Gallery, Bangalore; ArtCamp and Show in Nepal, organized by Sangeeta Thapa.

Art Camp and Show organized by Artmosaic Gallery, Singapore; Art Camp at Taj Hotel, Chennai, organized by Artworld.

2006 - Conducted the UBCHEA-sponsored artist-in-residence workshop on 'Digital Art', at the Dept. of Fine Arts in Stella Maris College, Chennai.

2007 - Workshop in Sri Lanka; Workshop in Bali; Workshop in Maldives,

2008 – Group Show in Singapore.

Art Trust shows 'Kolkata-Dhaka', at Birla Academy, Kolkata; 10 Indian Painters, Tamarind Art Gallery, New York, June 2008; Workshop & tour in Thailand, organized by Ishvatham Gallery.

2009 - 'Dhaka-Kolkata show', Bengal Fine Arts Gallery, Dhaka, in collaboration with Art Trust, Kolkata.

'Calcutta Painters' – 49 Year' show at Birla Academy of Art & Culture, Kolkata; and 'Bengal Fine Arts Gallery, Dhaka; 'Indian Contemporary Art', show at Nehru Center, London.

2010 – 'Deep within Souls', group show of Indian contemporary painters, Suruchi Art Gallery, New Delhi;

Agora Gallery, New York, July 23 till August 13; Art Camp at 'Silent Hills Resort', Mumbai Organized by Kanu Nayek Art Foundation, Mumbai.

2011 – Two-Man Show, at Time & Space Gallery in Bangalore, November.

2012 – Taj Camp at Fisherman's Cove, Chennai.

2012 – Ganges Gallery, Curatorial show by Sunil Das: 22 Artists.

2013 – Invitation to Paris by Artmosaic Gallery followed by a major tour of museums & art galleries in Amsterdam, Munich, Austria, Prague, Hungary and the UK.

2013 - Participated at the International ArtCamp at Bereckfurdo, Hungary, April.

2014 – International Show, "Neverland", Culture Inside Gallery, Luxembourg, May. 2015-16, Invited as Artist-in-residence program at IIT Kanpur.

2017 – Invited by the Bihar Govt. to participate in '100 years of Gandhi's Champaran Movement', Bihar Museum, Patna.

2016 - Art Camp at ITC Kakatiya, Hyderabad, December.

2018 – Curator for Bengal's 'Pat' of Gold: An Exposition on Bengal's Pat Paintings at the Kolkata Centre for Creativity, December 2-23, 2018. 2019 – Conducted art workshop with award-winner young artists, invited by Birla Academy of Art & Culture, Kolkata, March. 2020. Residency in Kodaikanal, Sama Farm, 2022, 2024.

### **Video Art Presentation**

2007 - Presented 'Creative Journey' with video art and Poetry at Bangalore International Centre, 6th November.

2009 - Presented 6 Video-art at Goethe Institute, Max Mueller Bhavan, Kolkata.

2013 – Presented at the International Art Camp at Bereckfurdo, Hungary.

### **Publications: Books Written**

'Scroll Paintings of Bengal - Art in the Village', Authorhouse, UK, 2012.

'Memoir of an Artist, Partridge Publishing, UK, 2014.

'A History of Modernism in India', Swati Publications, Agam Kala, New Delhi, 2020.

### **Works in Collections:**

National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi; Lalit Kala Akademy, New Delhi; Bharat Bhavan, Bhopal; President's Museum, Lagos; Taj Group of Hotels, Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkata and New Delhi; Park Hotel, Kolkata; Kakatya Hotel, Hyderabad; World Tel; Pradip Bothra; Kirloskar and Bicon India, Bangalore; ITC Kolkata; H V Goenka; L V Prasad Eye Research Institute, Hyderabad; CCMB, Hyderabad; Moti and Soli Daruwalla, Chennai; Sanjay Tulsyan, Chennai; Alkazi Collection, Art Heritage, New Delhi; Saroj Poddar, Kolkata; Ashok Vijay, Texmaco Ltd., Kolkata; Suresh Krishnan, Zuari Industries, New York; TATA Cummins; ACC India; and in many private collections in Dhaka, Japan, France, Germany, Turkey, and the USA.