

AMIT SRIVASTAVA

Amit Srivastava (b. 1977) loves to paint and has been drawing portraits since the age of nine. An IIT-Delhi alumnus, he quit his rewarding career in IT in pursuit of his long-standing passion for Arts. His artistic yearnings took him to The Ryder Studio (USA), where he studied under master painter Anthony Ryder, with classical realistic style of painting and life drawing as the focal points of his learning. His works have been selected at some of the most prestigious National and International Art Competitions, featuring amongst some of the best contemporary realists in the world.

His work is a synthesis of keen, careful observation and classical painting techniques; stemming from his belief that when you pay enough attention to something, it opens up to you. He likes to experiment with his style as he moves on to becoming more narrative in his artwork. Figurative works are his forte but he loves doing still life and landscapes as well. His works hang in private collections in India and the US.

He has been painting full time for more than a decade and currently works out of his studio in New Delhi.

Education

- **Life Drawing and Painting Atelier at The Ryder Studio, 2014 – 2016:** Attended the Full-Time atelier program at the **The Ryder Studio, Santa Fe, New Mexico (USA)** founded by master painter **Anthony Ryder**. The studio focuses on the classical realistic style of drawing and painting from life.
- **Drawing and Painting Workshops:** Attended several painting workshops on Portrait / Figure painting, Still Life and Landscape painting with several eminent artists across the US.
- **B. Tech. & M. Tech.** from IIT – Delhi, 1996 – 2001

Awards/Achievements

- **Finalist in Art Renewal Center International Competitions for the last three years 2017 - 2020** – The Art Renewal Center International Salon is one the biggest and most prestigious competitions for Contemporary realism with participation from some of the best realists from over 80 countries. My portrait works have been selected as a finalist

and published in their catalogue titled 'International Realism' for the last three years in a row.

- **Selected for 62nd National Art Exhibition by the Lalit Kala Akademi**, organized by Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, 2021
- **Won Delhi State Award in National level Art competition - Kalanand**, organized by Prafulla Dahanukar Art Foundation, Mumbai, 2019
- **Awarded Gold Award for Best Drawing (Figure)** by Nippon Art Gallery, Mumbai
- **Awarded Critic's Choice Award by World University of Design (WUD), 2020**
- **Awarded Rashtriya Yuva Puraskar by National Institute of Fine Arts (NIFA)**
- **Selected for Annual Exhibition of The Art Society of India, 2019, 2021 and 2022.**
- **Selected for The Bombay Art Society's 129th All India Annual Art Exhibition, 2021.**
- **Selected for Annual All India Art Exhibition held by AIFACS, 2019, 2022.**
- **Selected for 10th Annual Portrait Exhibition held by AIFACS, 2018.**
- **Selected among the top 50 finalists at ORA, an Art Contest by Mojarto, 2020**

Teachings/Workshops conducted

- **5 Day Portrait Painting Workshop – Venkatappa Art Gallery, Bangalore, April 2017, May 2018**
- **3 Day Portrait Painting Workshop – Uchaan Art Gallery, Gurgaon, April 2018, May 2024**
- **Drawing and Painting Workshops at Isha Foundation** – regularly conduct drawing and painting workshops for art students at Isha Home School and Samskriti School at Isha Yoga Center, Coimbatore.
- **Drawing Course – Conducted a 7 week drawing course in Bangalore, April – May 2016.**

Solo Show

- **UNFETTERED:** Solo show at **Gallery Time and Space**, Bangalore, Jan 2024

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- **Realism Revisited:** A two- person show at the MKF Museum of Art, Bangalore, curated by **Artenblu**, Jan 2023

Group Shows

- **Harvest:** Annual show of Arushi Arts Gallery, curated by - Suneet Chopra. Stainless Gallery, Delhi, 2020, 2019, 2018
- **Transcend:** A show by Masters and Emerging masters at Lexicon Art Gallery, New Delhi, September 2019.

- **Art Society of India:** Annual Exhibition, Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai, 2022, 2021, 2019
- **Bombay Art Society:** Annual Exhibition, 2021
- **All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society (AIFACS):** Annual Exhibition, 2018, 2019, 2022
- **World Art Dubai:** Dubai World Trade Center, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022,
- **HT Imagine Fest 2020:** Nehru Park, New Delhi, February 2020
- **India Art Festival Mumbai:** Nehru Centre, Mumbai, 2018, 2019, 2020
- **India Art Festival Delhi:** Thyagaraj Stadium, New Delhi, 2017, 2018, 2019
- **Collectively Independent** – A group show at Visual Arts Gallery, India Habitat Center, 2017, 2018, 2019
- **Artistagram** – A show by Uchaan Foundation at Visual Arts Gallery, India Habitat Center, 2017, 2019, 2021
- **The Ryder Studio Show** - Argos Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico (USA), April 2015.
- **In Quest of Virtuosity** – Group show at Lacuna Galleries, Santa Fe, New Mexico (USA), Dec 2014.

ART CAMPS

- Varnika II - National Art Camp in association with Kannada University, Hampi, Nov 2022
- National Art Camp by VI Element Foundation, Sonmarg, Kashmir, Oct 2021
- Monsoon Muse - Art Camp organised by Uchaan Art Gallery, July 2024.