

# JOHN ANTHONY PEREIRA

## Artist Statement



My work is an attempt to bring the past into the present through my paintings. My paintings serve as a visual documentation of Goa's natural beauty, its culture and traditions, all of which struggle to cope with modern life. Through my art, I want to create an awareness about the beauty around us, something which most people take for granted.

Goa has mostly been portrayed as a holiday destination with a focus on fun and beaches. Goa is more than just that, as my art tries to capture. It is also its people and their way of life.

Through my paintings, I hope to create an awareness for the people who have lived in "once upon a time" Goa, a place they knew long before the internet age. Equally, I want to provide future generations with something to reflect on, even if Goa no longer remains the same.

I strive to represent what is raw and unique about the place and try to depict it in my work.

Goa is diverse in many ways and, with changing times, I would also like to create works that will have a bit more of the present. I want my art to be a link between the past, present, and future and to reveal how I experience life.