

RAJAN KRISHNAN

Born 1967, Kerala

Rajan Krishnan's art is very sensitive to his immediate natural environment. The fields and villages of the Kerala of his youth play the role of 'principal protagonist' in most of his works, expressing his deepest aesthetic proclivities. His early works are slightly sentimental in their depiction of childhood memories of home, but this phase seems to have given way to a more assertive cynicism that unflinchingly records the sudden and sweeping changes wrought on the landscapes he has known and loved. Rajan Krishnan passed away in 2016.

Education

1996	Master of Fine Arts in Painting, M. S. University, Baroda
1994	Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting, Govt. College of Fine Arts, Thiruvananthapuram
1989	Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Calicut University, Kerala

Solo Exhibitions

2018	<i>Rajan Krishnan / A Retrospective</i> , Aicon Gallery, New York <i>Retrospective</i> , Durbar Hall Art Centre, Ernakulam, Kochi
2011	<i>Ancestry</i> , Aicon Gallery, New York
2009	<i>Four Paintings</i> , Bombay Art Gallery, Mumbai
2008	<i>RE-VISIT</i> , OED Basement, Kochi <i>Ore / Substances of Earth-I</i> , Bodhi Space, Mumbai
2007	<i>Memoir</i> , Bodhi Art, New York
2006	Art Singapore 2006, Bodhi Art, Singapore <i>Enroute</i> , Bombay Art Gallery, Mumbai
2004	<i>Little Black Drawings</i> , Kashi Art Gallery, Kochi

Group Exhibitions

2017	<i>Land Forms</i> , Curated by Kathleen Wyma, Gallery OED, Kochi
2016	<i>Delicate Bond of Steel</i> , Aicon Gallery, Mumbai
2014	<i>The Contemporary Walk III</i> , Gallery Ragini, New Delhi
2013	<i>Arrival & Departures: The Story of Indian Modern Art</i> , San Francisco, by Aicon Gallery, New York <i>In the Colours of India</i> , J. Bastien Art, Brussels, Belgium <i>Revisit</i> , at the Lalitha Kala Akademy, Thrissur by Gallery OED, Kochi <i>It Matters</i> , Seher, India International Centre, New Delhi <i>Quad</i> , curated by Niten Mehta, Visual Arts Gallery, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

- Remaking the Modern*, London Summer Exhibition, Aicon Gallery, New York
Up to the Nines, Gallery Beyond, Mumbai
Card-O-Logy, Curated by Jasmine Shah Varma, Samsara Art, Mumbai
Between Darkness & Magic, CIMA Gallery at Visual Arts Gallery, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
- 2012
- The Embedded Landscape*, Religare Art Gallery, Delhi
Between Darkness & Magic, CIMA Gallery Kolkata
Concrescence, Gallery Beyond, Mumbai
Big is Small, Miniature art show, Curated by Anoop Kamath, Durbar Hall Art Centre, Kochi
1341 AD, Gallery OED, Kochi
Art for Humanity, curated by Pranali Daundker, in aid of citizens for justice and peace, Mumbai
- 2011
- Video Wednesday II*, curated by Gayatri Sinha, Gallery Espace, Delhi
Lateral Insertions, Gallery Bluespade, Bangalore
Palimpsests, Gallery Beyond, Mumbai
Reprise 2011, Aicon Gallery, New York
Adbhutam: Rasa in Indian Art, Centre of International Modern Art(CIMA), Kolkata
The Lost Sparrow, presented by Gallery Threshold at Visual Art Gallery, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
Between Seasons, Gallery Beyond, Mumbai
At Walden Pond, Gallery Beyond, Mumbai
Space-Untitled, David Hall, Kochi
 Art Chennai, Gallery OED, Kochi
 Art Dubai, Aicon Gallery, London
 India Art Summit, Delhi
- 2010
- The Silk Road*, Saatchi Gallery, Lille (Lille 3000), France
Earth, Gallery OED at Indigo and Labernum Galleries, Chennai
Earth, Gallery OED, Kochi
Alt+Refresh, Pigment Art, Delhi
Who has seen Gandhi, Tangerine Art Space, Bangalore
Creating CommonWealth, Gallery Ragini, Delhi
Nature Revisited, Gallery Sanskriti, Kolkata
The Empire Strikes Back: Indian Art Today, Saatchi Gallery, London
- 2009
- Vicissitudes of the Constructed Images*, Tangerine Art Space, Bangalore
Evidentia, Gallery Sumukha, Bangalore
RE-CLAIM / RE-CITE / RE-CYCLE, Latitude 28, New Delhi & Bose Pacia, Kolkata
 Group Show, Threshold Art Gallery, New Delhi
 Group Show, Gallery Kolkata, Kolkata
 Group Show, Gallery Beyond, Mumbai
 Group Show, Triva Contemporary, Thiruvananthapuram
Facets of A People, Gallery OED, Kochi
Metamorphosis – Change and Continuity in Indian Contemporary Art, Phyllis Weston Annie Bolling Gallery, Cincinnati, USA
- 2008
- The Hot Shots*, The Viewing Room, Mumbai
Works by Various Artists, Bodhi Art, New York
Video Wednesday, Gallery Espace, New Delhi
The Drawing Show, Gallery Beyond, Mumbai
Keep Drawing, Gallery Espace, New Delhi
Triva 2008, Triva Contemporary, Thiruvananthapuram
Art Beat, The Shrine Gallery, New Delhi

- Hong Kong International Art Fair, Bombay Art Gallery
 Art Chicago, Bodhi Art
 Art Cologne, Italy, Bodhi Art
 2007 *Kashi – 10 Light Years*, Kashi Art Gallery, Kochi
Representation, Triva Contemporary, Thiruvananthapuram
 Gulf Art Fair, Dubai, Bodhi Art
 2006 *A Compensation for what has been lost*, Travancore Art Gallery, New Delhi
Take Two - The Chennai Chapter' Group Show, Gallery Sumukha
Real, mattersofart.com, New Delhi
Summer Rites, Gallery Beyond, Mumbai
 Group show, *Open Eyed Dreams*, Durbar Hall Art Centre, Kochi
Four by Four, Kashi Art Gallery, Kochi
 Group show, Shrishti Art Gallery, Hyderabad
 Group show, Visual Arts Gallery, Hong Kong, presented by Gallery Sumukha
 2005 *New Colours of Sumukha*, Gallery Sumukha, Bangalore
Double Enders, at Jehangir Art Gallery & Museum Gallery, Mumbai, Vadehra Art
 Gallery, New Delhi, Gallery Sumukha, Bangalore, and Durbar Hall Art Centre,
 Kochi
 2003 *Remembering Bhupen*, Kashi Art Café, Fort Kochi
Regional Art Exhibition, Lalit Kala Akademi Regional Centre, Chennai
 2002 *Monsoon Show*, Daira Centre for Art & Culture, Hyderabad
Tree Festival, Kashi Art Cafe, Fort Kochi
An Album of Drawings, Draavidia, Fort Kochi
Cross Currents, Daira Centre for Art & Culture, Hyderabad
 2001 *Annual show*, Kerala Lalithakala Akademi, Durbar Hall Art Centre, Kochi
 2000 *Chingamela*, Kerala Kalapeetom, Kochi
 1999 *An Album of Drawings and Paintings*, Draavidia Gallery, Kochi
 1998 *Substances on Black Moon*, Galleria Mareechika, Kochi
Miniature Format Show, Gallery Sans Tache, Mumbai
 1997 *Gift for India*, SAHMAT, Ravindra Bhavan, New Delhi

Related Experience

- 2010 Curator, *Earth*, Gallery OED, Kochi. Artists: Gulam Mohammed Sheikh, Sudhir Patwardhan, N Rimzon, Rajan Krishnan and Sujith S N
 2009 Curator, *Let It Happen*, OED, Kochi. Artists: N Rimzon, Reghunadhan K, and Rajan Krishnan