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Immigrant Indian woman artist, creating paintings and ceramics at the intersection of culture & math. My Indian inspired acrylic paintings are textured in the style of henna body art - I combine my love for ephemeral art forms, biology and geometry in creating one of a kind Mandalas & organic paintings. More than 800 original artworks are in collections in the USA, India, Germany, Hong Kong, Mexico, Chile, Costa Rica.

Awards

World Cultures, MCL Grand Main Gallery (2021) - Second Place
Lewisville Visual Art League (2021) - Artist of the Month
Southport Arts Festival (2019) - Best in Show
Addison Artists Guild, IL (2018) - First Place
Addison Artists Guild, IL (2017) - Best in Show
East Lansing Art Festival, MI (2016) - Award of Excellence
Art Fair, Park Ridge Art League, IL (2014) - Best in Show
Wisconsin Regional Art Program - Madison, WI (2013) - State Exhibit Award
Trees Exhibit, Elk Grove Village Public Library (2014) - Honorable Mention

Books

Meditative Mandalas Volume 1, 2017, ISBN: 978-1979988605, Kindle Publishing
Meditative Mandalas Vol 2, 2022, ISBN: 979-8354072507, Kindle Publishing

Galleries

Aspen and Evergreen Gallery, Estes Park, CO
Garden Gallery, Midlothian, TX (2020-2021)

Board

Vice- President & Programs Chairperson, Elmhurst Artists Guild, IL (2019-2020)

Selected Gallery & Solo Shows (2015 - 2022)

Fresh Ideas, MCL Grand Theater Main Gallery, Lewisville, TX (2021)
Fused, Compassion Art Factory, Brookfield, IL (2019)
Infinite Symmetry, McLean County Arts Center, Bloomington, IL (2019)
Taubman Gallery North, University of Michigan Medicine, Ann Arbor, MI (2019)
Art Center of Burlington, Burlington, IA (2019)
Fleeting Fragrances, West Suburban Medical Center, Oak Park (Feb 2018)
Garden Dreams, Prairie Title, Oak Park (Dec 2017 - Feb 2018)
Dots & Lines, Addison Center for the Arts, Addison, IL (Feb - Mar 2017)
Rising Colors, Side Street Studios, Elgin, IL (Nov - Dec 2015)

Recent Juried Art Fairs

Saint Louis Arts Festival, St. Louis, MO (2022)
Art Fair on the Square, Madison, WI (2021)
Crested Butte Arts Festival, Crested Butte, CO (2021)
Main St. Fort Worth Arts Festival, Fort Worth, TX (2019 - Poster / T-shirt Artist)
Des Moines Arts Festival, Des Moines, IA (2018)
Columbus Arts Festival, Columbus, OH (2017, 2018)
Ann Arbor Art Fair, Ann Arbor, MI (2016 - 2019)
Uptown Art Fair, Minneapolis, MN (2017, 2018)
Krasl Art Fair, St. Joseph, MI (2016 - 2018)
57th Street Art Fair, Chicago, IL (2016 - 2019)
One of a Kind Holiday Show, Chicago, IL (2015 - 2018)

Live Painting / Demo

Lemont Artists Guild, IL (2021)
Rittenhouse Square Fine Arts Festival, PA (2020)
Elmhurst Artists Guild, IL (2019)
Addison Artists Guild, IL (2019)
Des Moines Arts Festival, IA (2018)
Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, the Original, MI (2017)
Ayre in the Square, Historic Third Ward, Milwaukee, WI (2012, 2013)

Workshops - Mandala Painting

Garden Gallery, Midlothian, TX
House of Ayurveda, Northbrook, IL
Blue Lotus Buddhist Temple, Woodstock, IL
Art by Bala Studio, Wood Dale, IL

Lectures

Ephemeral Art from India, Edgerton Arts Council, Edgerton, WI

Memberships

Boulder Art Association, CO (2022 -)
Foothills Art Center, CO (2022 -)
NoBo Art District, CO (2022 -)
40 West Arts (2022 -)
Irving Artists Association, TX (2020 - 2022)
Lewisville Visual Art League, TX (2020 - 2021)
Oak Park Art League, Oak Park, IL (2017 - 2020)
Elmhurst Artist Guild, Elmhurst, IL (2016 - 2020)
Addison Art Guild, Addison, IL (2015 - 2020)